

1/1/2023 AllUnit: Four actions for fair contracts starting TODAY

Dear colleagues:

1) Thanks to more than 800 MSP members who already signed the statewide letter asking the Governor to provide salary parameters that meet the true cost of living. If you haven't signed yet, sign now – TODAY is the deadline. **Sign if you think we deserve a good raise!**

[\[https://forms.office.com/r/xEYSqFe9h6\]](https://forms.office.com/r/xEYSqFe9h6)

2) **Our colleagues in the Professional Staff Union are holding a rally at NOON TODAY – please come!** As we get ready to start negotiating our next contract, all of the UMass unions are united in demanding fair salary increases and full staffing, including the staff and faculty we need to do our work and to provide students with an excellent education. **Meet at the parking lot side of Whitmore at noon sharp. Support our staff and our programs!**

3) The Amherst Pelham Education Association (APEA) represents teachers, clerical staff, and paraprofessionals in the Amherst regional schools. They have been working towards a fair contract after years of raises under 2%. Some paras earn only \$18,000 per year. **Please come support them on Thursday 2/2 at 6:30 pm at Amherst Regional Middle School.** [More information here.](#)

4) **SAVE THE DATE:** On February 28, the MSP will join colleagues from around the state at a Higher Education for All Lobby Day at the State House in Boston. Buses will take us to Boston, with coffee and snacks and lunches for everyone – and we will have a chance to speak directly with legislative leaders about what we need at UMass. Your students are welcome too! **Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 28.** [Register here.](#)

In solidarity,

Eve and Marc