

# The union we will build:

from the campaign to elect **Barbara Madeloni**

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- 1) I will spend at least one day each week on the road speaking with education workers, hearing about their concerns and their ideas for action.
  - 2) The public face of the union will be one of naming the corporate assault on public education for what it is and taking strong stands for teachers and all education workers.
  - 3) The assault on our work and public education is well funded and national. We cannot ask individual locals to fight this on their own. We need to be more coordinated in our bargaining to support all education workers and their students across the state. I will work with local presidents to re-imagine collective bargaining strategy that responds to the current conditions.
  - 4) I will work with presidents to re-invigorate active membership at the local level so that members are leaders and activists, and we are addressing issues critical to their working lives, the schools we want for our children and the communities in which we teach and live.
  - 5) I will initiate a series of conversations across the commonwealth with teachers, parents, students and administrators about the assault on public education. These conversations will speak to how high stakes testing, charters, hyper-accountability, etc. are part of a national attack on public education. They will also be a space to discuss our hopes for the schools we want and actions we can take to get there.
  - 6) The MTA will take leadership in securing a ballot referendum for a progressive tax system in Massachusetts.
  - 7) Our organizing efforts and resources will shift to grass roots, connecting with allies in labor and community organizing to identify shared concerns and coordinated actions to fight for racial and economic justice.
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