



## **Education Justice is Racial Justice – Care-A-Van**

**Education Justice IS Racial Justice. Reverse the cuts to staff and services!**

**No layoffs - fully fund our schools now!**

The Public Schools of Brookline was told by the Town to cut \$6.3 million from the FY21 budget. In response they sent out 362 layoff notices with additional layoffs threatened. Partial recalls are not enough. Cuts have and will disproportionately affect educators of color as well as our most vulnerable students. Students of color need to see themselves reflected in their schools and educators of color need other educators of color to feel less isolated within their workplace. Threatened cuts to paraprofessionals, a large number of whom are people of color, threaten to remove vital student supports from our most vulnerable students. Many of our most vulnerable students are also students of color. The extensive cuts have made our schools less diverse and have stripped away students' access to vitally important parts of educating the whole child such as the Arts and Wellness. This is taking public schools in exactly the wrong direction and sending the wrong message about our values as a community. The School Committee must immediately rescind these notices to ensure that the commitment Brookline has made to enrich the diversity of our schools is not abandoned.

Each and every one of Brookline's educators are essential and committed to preserving and protecting both our educators and students of color. Our collective action is needed now more than ever! There can be no true racial justice until there is deep change within ourselves and deep systemic change in every facet of our institutions, private and public, including public education. It is time for us to rise up collectively in defense of the schools our educators and students deserve. Education Justice is Racial Justice.

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#### **All Educators Are Essential!**

The Brookline Educators Union, MTA, and locals throughout greater Boston are asking members to rally.

**When: Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Assemble at 2:45PM** Please be punctual, we will depart **at 3:30PM**

**Where: Larz Anderson Park, Brookline, MA.** Arrive at **Brookline High School for 4:00pm rally**

**Bring:** a mask, signs with your messages of support and a phone to take pictures or video.

**Provided:** BEU will be providing: blank signs and washable car markers for us to write our messages.

**If there are any encounters with police or police ask you any questions, please refer them to Bob Miller at 617-828-8100.**

Take lots of pictures and tag:

**#BlackLivesMatter #EducationJusticeisRacialJustice #AllEducatorsAreEssential.**

**@BrooklineEducatorsUnion and @MassachusettsTeachersAssociation. WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!**

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