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RE: PS-21-8947 & 21-8948 Brookline School Committee and Brookline Educators Union

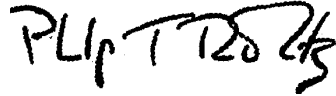
Dear Ms. Freeling and Ms. Valerio:

Having reviewed the parties' written submissions, the Department has determined that it will continue to retain jurisdiction of these matters. It is apparent from the parties' submissions however, that there are unresolved issues that would benefit from continued face to face negotiations prior to commencing the mediation process. As such, the parties are directed to schedule face to face bargaining sessions to narrow the number and scope of the issues open for mediation.

Once the parties have bargained and narrowed the focus of their differences, they can report back to the Department their progress towards resolution of their differences and a decision will be made on the appropriateness of mediation at that time. It is in the parties' best interest to resolve

as many core issues as possible prior to mediation. Please report on your progress by January 21, 2022.

Very truly yours,
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATIONS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip T. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Philip T. Roberts
Director