

**NBI #04**

**2024 FORM FOR NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

Encouraging districts to apply for IRA funds for greener schools

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NBI Name			Date and Time
Ferd Wulkan		Retired	
Delegate Making the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired
Michael Kozuch			Newton Teachers Association
Delegate Seconding the Motion	Cell	Email	Association Represented or Retired

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According to the MTA Standing/Special Rules:  
With the exception of items on the agenda, all substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer.

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**MOTION**

MOVED:

Whereas, Massachusetts has 1,840 schools with 186 million square feet of building area responsible for an estimated 880,000 metric tons of carbon emissions annually, and

Whereas students spend over 15,000 hours inside a school by the time they graduate high school, and

Whereas, schools can fulfill their educational mission only when students and staff are provided with safe and healthful learning environments, and

Whereas, schools are increasingly subject to the impacts of extreme weather events that threaten the well-being of students, families, teachers and staff, and

Whereas, Massachusetts has set ambitious targets for the reduction of greenhouse gasses, and

Whereas, modifications to infrastructure, buildings and vehicles can decrease schools' greenhouse gas emissions, and

Whereas, the MTA belongs to the Climate Resilient Schools Coalition whose focus is to protect students from, and prepare students for, the effects of climate change, and

Whereas, the Inflation Reduction Act has allocated unlimited funds for the next ten years for the installation of ground source heat pumps to heat and cool schools, and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency has allocated large sums of money for the transition from diesel to electric school buses,

Therefore be it resolved that the MTA will disseminate to all members, committees and local presidents easily understood and easily used resources to encourage school districts to apply for these funds, and

Therefore be it further resolved that MTA will actively support members organizing in their schools and communities for their districts to apply for these funds and to take other steps to reduce the use of fossil fuels in their schools.

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SUBMITTER'S RATIONALE:

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DUES IMPACT: \$0

SUBMITTER'S COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE:

MTA COST & STAFF TIME ESTIMATE **(For MTA use only):**

MTA Cost Estimate: \$0

MTA Staff Time Estimate: 100 hours