

## *MTA Day of Action 8/19/20*

Action in the streets is an important way to get our message across. All around the state and country educators are doing just that. *This Wednesday is a Statewide Day of Action in Massachusetts.* In Western Mass -- 8/19 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM -- educators will be convening up and down Route 5 from Greenfield to Springfield with signs, lawn chairs, and boomboxes. We want everyone to understand that we miss our kids and want to teach in person but #OnlyWhenItsSafe! Along with the public, the governor needs to get the message that we need a statewide approach based on public health benchmarks with safety as a priority. Having a large turnout of educators will help carry that message.

APEA has staked out a prime spot on Route 5 in Northampton, where Conz Street intersects with Route 5. We have permission from Spare Time Bowling Alley to park in their lot. The traffic circle there is very spacious, allowing for lots of social distancing with high visibility to rush hour traffic heading to 91. There are also sidewalks all around and a few medians around the traffic circle to stand on too. Or to put your lawn chair! Remember to bring a mask or face covering.

Wear an APEA t shirt if you have one, and otherwise wear something #RedforEd! Messages for your signs could include "We miss you!," "Back in buildings [#OnlyWhenItsSafe](#)," "Remote Return for ALL," "Tell Gov. Baker Remote is the right choice" ... or any other positive message our community needs to see. We'll have some materials for making signs and hand sanitizer if you don't have time to make one beforehand.

Let's get a great turnout for Amherst! (You know NASE is going to have a lot of people! ; ) ) Let's show Western Massachusetts that educators care about our students and want to be back with them in the best way we can to keep us all safe! Please spread the word!!!! [Here's the Facebook event to share](#). (Sometime soon our Amherst details will be added to it.)

