

School District Process Guide



On May 1, 2025, the Brookline School Committee passed a **resolution** “strongly cautioning” against the use of the biased Israel-Gaza materials recommended by the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Marblehead, Bedford, and Natick have since followed suit. Do you want yours to be next? Here’s how it’s done:

Suggested Steps for Passing a **Resolution** to Address the MTA’s Antisemitic Curricular Materials on the Israel/Gaza Conflict

- **Identify** a School Committee member to lead the effort
- **Craft** a version of the Resolution that fits your District
 - Include a mention of the danger of some of the material
 - Reference the Commission on Combating Antisemitism
 - Respect teacher autonomy in materials selection
 - Highlight that the material may not have even been used in your District
 - Instructional Materials Policy alignment
 - The recommended materials are hurtful to Israelis and Jews in a way that would not be tolerated for any other minority
 - Point out the Civil Rights Discrimination element
- **Share** the Draft Resolution with your Committee Chair
 - Discuss potential roadblocks
 - Discuss the teacher union position
- Share the plans with supportive parents
- Share the plans with supportive residents
- **Docket** draft Resolution on Committee Agenda
- Ensure there is supportive Public Comment from parents and residents at each of your meetings
- **Clarify** to fellow Committee members that the MTA content has already been vetted by experts in the field of identifying antisemitic materials and that the MTA has refused to remove it
- **Manage** the Committee discussion to the point of getting a majority vote



These resolutions, which are quickly growing into a movement, provide a means for parents, rank-and-file teachers, and school leaders to express to the union leadership that most well-meaning individuals disagree with the MTA’s attempt to politicize the classroom.

Need any help?

- We can help get the word out in your school community.
- We can meet with you to talk through the process
- We can help you address challenges that arise
- We can attend your Committee meetings

More resources about the Resolution can be accessed at:
<https://jessehefter.com/schoolcommittee/resolution>