**Talking Points for Presenting a *Now More Than Ever* Resolution in Support of Education Funding in the COVID-19 Era**

* Introduce yourself and your role in education, in your association and/or in the community.
* Inform them that you are asking them to support the Resolution urging the following:
	+ Congress should approve New Deal-level funding for state and local governments.
	+ Our state Legislature and Governor Charlie Baker should fund public education — preK through higher education — at the level needed to maintain current staffing and services, fully fund the first year of the *Student Opportunity Act*, and enable students and our state's economy to thrive as we begin recovering from the pandemic.
	+ This city/town should maintain its commitment to fully fund our public schools.
* Describe why your district needs additional funding, both in normal times and to enhance educational, health and safety, and guidance services in the Covid-19 era.

READ THE FULL RESOLUTION TO THEM.

* Close by asking them to vote in favor of the Resolution and to transmit a letter expressing their support to their state legislators, the speaker of the House, the Senate president, the governor and any members of Congress representing the district. Ask them to also send notice of their approval to the local media and to let the MTA know that the resolution was passed.