

# W.A.N.T.E Bulletin Please Post

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## VICE-PRESIDENT LETTER

Hello Members of W.A.N.T.E.

I hope you are all doing well and are visualizing the end of another Covid school year!!

I am writing to update you on what is really happening with MGEU since their social media accounts are talking more about us than their own union. W.A.N.T.E. did meet with MGEU to hear what they had to offer. We had a lengthy meeting, and much was discussed. To be clear, this was an information gathering meeting only.

Every member needs to make his/her own decision about W.A.N.T.E. What we are advocating is that the decision be an informed one. Do not allow anyone else to bully you into their way of thinking. Knowing **ALL** the facts is the only way to make an educated decision. MGEU says they only want to help our members. Is that the truth or is it a fact that MGEU needs our members and their dues to fill their coffers that are dwindling because of all the groups that have left them. MGEU says they can represent our members better. The question you should be asking is, how can they better represent education workers when they are hoping to learn everything they need to know about this kind of representation from us? They have no idea what our job descriptions are or how vital we are to the education system.

W.A.N.T.E. represents the members that have called to complain about being intimidated to sign a card as well as those members that have exercised their right to sign a card. It has been the President and me at your side, not anyone from outside the Division when you have needed assistance. MGEU has not been in the meetings defending those that have been reprimanded for conducted union business during school hours on school property when the Administration has not given authorization to be on school grounds. This is an actionable offense, and it is W.A.N.T.E. that you will need. This is not intimidation; this is a fact.

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If you are one of the members that have called to complain about MGEU calling your private home line or receiving a message on a private social media account; please know that W.A.N.T.E. has begun looking into this private information breach. W.A.N.T.E. takes membership privacy very seriously. If legal action needs to be taken, we will do so.

It is also important to know that if you have exercised your right to sign a card, but feel it was under false pretenses, or you were coerced into signing one, please know that you can correct this but emailing [breigh.kusmack@mgeu.ca](mailto:breigh.kusmack@mgeu.ca) and stating that you rescind your signature and will not be counted in their drive. If you wish to state a reason why, feel free to be utterly truthful. Please 'cc' me at [wantevicepres@mymts.net](mailto:wantevicepres@mymts.net) so that we may support your decision.

Members say that W.A.N.T.E. is using intimidation tactics when we are stating the facts as we receive them and passing them on. In becoming more communicative and transparent with our members, W.A.N.T.E. has made considerable efforts in being more forthcoming with information. We want our members to be informed. This does not mean that everything we have to say is going to be well received by every member, but it is always in the best interest of the entire membership.

There are a lot of untruths out there and I would ask that you do your own research to discover what the truth is for you!

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please email me at [wantevicepres@mymts.net](mailto:wantevicepres@mymts.net)

Thanks for your time,

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