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Dear MTEA members,

Times have changed.

We need to **re-imagine**  
and **re-invent** the MTEA.

Our unions, schools and  
communities are in crisis.

Educators and public workers  
are being scapegoated.

Too many families don't have  
quality jobs, healthcare or  
housing.

The very survival of public  
education is threatened.

What the MTEA did in the  
past worked fairly well in  
the past.

But now, the MTEA must do things differently and smarter.

We need to take ownership of  
teaching and learning in our  
schools.

We need to build alliances  
with parents and  
community groups.

We need to work with all  
those who support public  
education.

We need to rebuild both our  
schools and our community.

Education is political.

We need to be advocates of  
democracy and social  
justice.

To do these things ...

We need to **re-imagine**  
and **re-invent** the MTEA.

We need to engage **ALL**  
members in this process to  
**Re-imagine** and **Re-invent**  
the MTEA.

**Our members' talents are  
our strength.**

Together, we can succeed.

We are the MTEA!

Sincerely,

Bob Peterson, MTEA President