



## **Statement of Worcester NAACP President Fred Taylor regarding the departure of Worcester Chief Diversity Officer Stefanie Williams**

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The Worcester Chapter of the NAACP joins the EAW endorsing the Educational Support Professionals (ESP) Bill of Rights demanding a living wage, affordable life insurance, health and safety, paid family and medical leave, job security, recognition as educators, and affordable education to strengthen careers as outlined in the ESP Bill of Rights <https://massteacher.org/about-the-mta/who-we-are/esp/esp-bill-of-rights> We support the right of all people to a living wage and decent working conditions and are particularly concerned about the large percentage of BIPOC ESPs in the Worcester Public Schools who are disproportionately harmed by low wages, few or no benefits, few training opportunities, little job security and more. We urge the Worcester Public Schools to address these inequities and reduce the hardships endured by the ESPs.

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