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**Update on Negotiations Between the Burlington School Board and the  
Burlington Education Association**

On Monday, representatives from the Burlington School District and the Burlington Education Association (BEA) met to discuss the last remaining contract issue on which there is disagreement: operational changes designed to help reduce the academic achievement gap. The achievement gap is the challenge faced by school districts across the country where low-income, traditionally marginalized students, and those with disabilities are not achieving the same levels of academic success as their white and middle-income peers.

The BEA has repeatedly said it's not about the money, it's about respect for teachers and input.

During the meeting on Monday, the District made a proposal to the BEA that provides meaningful teacher input into how the high school can best address the achievement gap. The proposal was well received and the BEA asked for time to respond.

The BEA is also seeking a path to ending the contract imposition. In response, the School Board is cancelling tonight's board meeting and have invited the BEA to meet at 6pm to complete a multi-year contract that rescinds the imposition.

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