



Mass Teacher Resources Hosts Shop ‘n Talk with Making the Grade Project

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Mass Teacher Resources partnered with Making the Grade Project to present a “Shop ‘n Talk” event at the MTR Free Store. Making the Grade Project provides support to teachers to help them excel in their professional journeys. Founders Georgia O’Keefe, M.Ed and Christine Zuppa, M.Ed were on hand at the MTR Free Store on during shopping hours on Tuesday, January 28th, to connect with local teachers in need of mentoring, MTEL licensing support and/or professional development.

“Making the Grade Project shares our commitment to supporting local teachers and providing them with the tools they need to succeed,” explains MTR Executive Director Maureen Willis. “Our Shop ‘n Talk events are designed to connect local teachers with a community of support - one that goes beyond providing tangible supplies. We are grateful to Georgia and Christine for joining us in this important work.”

Making the Grade Project gives all educators the support that they need to be successful from day one. Services include professional development and consulting for K-12 districts, Educator Preparation Programs, as well as personalized support for aspiring teachers, current educators, and coaches. Making the Grade Project is on a mission to close critical gaps in traditional teacher preparation programs to equip all educators and students with the tools they need to thrive in the classroom. Learn more at www.makingthegradeproject.com

Mass Teacher Resources recognizes that teachers need support beyond the tangible supplies provided by the MTR Free Store. MTR Shop ‘n Talk events are designed to provide teachers with the supplies, encouragement, advice and knowledge they need for success.

The MTR Free Store serves full-time classroom teachers at Title 1 public elementary schools in 70 communities in Greater Boston. Our mission is to help teachers at economically disadvantaged schools access the resources needed to create welcoming, inclusive, and safe learning environments for students. Our goal is to help relieve the financial burden many teachers take on to ensure that their students have the tools they need to learn. Learn more about Mass Teacher Resources and the MTR Free Store online at www.massteacherresources.org

Picture: (l-r) Georgia O’Keefe, M.Ed and Christine Zuppa, M.Ed, founders of Making the Grade Project at the MTR Shop ‘n Talk Event on January 28, 2025