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Dropkicks to headline Longwood labor rally

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Not that traffic doesn't already come to a standstill late afternoons in the **Longwood Medical Area**, but on Thursday a labor rally orchestrated by the union seeking to organize Boston hospital workers will feature a real showstopper.

The **Dropkick Murphys**, the Boston band made almost mainstream by **Red Sox** fans, will play a few tunes before a 4 p.m. rally at the corner of Avenue Louis Pasteur and Longwood Avenue, the heart of a neighborhood that includes hospitals, clinics, colleges, and **Harvard Medical School**.

The **Service Employees International Union 1199** said members of the **Area Trades Council** will also be on hand to lend support to the rally, which will be followed by a march.

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