

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, March 3, 2017!

Catching Up.....

The MSEA Elections ended on February 24th. MSEA elections results can be found at:
<http://marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

EACC knocked the voter turnout percentage out of the park with 38.3% voter turnout- we are highest percentage in the state!

The school/site with the highest percentage of members who voted, and who will receive a Chick-Fil-A breakfast for their members is **Arthur Middleton Elementary School with 100% voter turnout!** **Way to get your members to vote, EACC reps Debbie Haan and Jessica Brechbiel!**

What's New?

1. **March 13-17 is the MSEA Week of Action**

Monday, March 13th - March to Protect Our Schools

Tuesday, March 14th – Wear Red for Public Ed, share your pics with #ProtectMDSchools

Wednesday, March 15th – Call your legislators—888/520-6732. It's not just Trump and DeVos. Ask your legislators to stop Gov. Hogan from redirecting public school funding to vouchers for private and religious schools, and giving more funding to charters than other schools.

Thursday, March 16th – Email your legislators! Ask your legislators to support the Protect Our Schools Act. Email them at bit.ly/emailprotectMDSchools

Friday, March 16th - Second Annual Twitter Storm! Soak legislators with tweets and tell them to #ProtectMDSchools. Find your legislators on Twitter at ProtectMDSchools.com.

Every member will receive a flyer about the MSEA Week of Action- see your rep with any questions!

1. **Monday March 13th- MSEA Statewide Lobby Night- we want to PACK Annapolis with our educators!**

On March 13th, MSEA is hosting a **Statewide Lobby Night** and March, beginning at MSEA Headquarters. Join EACC in standing with other educators from across the state to protect education! Our message is very simple: **Protect Our Schools!**

NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia will be joining us in Annapolis and speaking at our March to Protect Our Schools on March 13! Lily is showing up for us; now we need to show up for her.

The **march begins at MSEA Headquarters** (140 Main Street in Annapolis) at **5 p.m.** on March 13. After a short speaking program, we'll begin the March around 5:45 p.m. and head up to the State House to see legislators and ask them to protect our schools.

There will be TWO buses heading up to Annapolis from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park&Ride in Waldorf – one leaving at **3:30 PM** and one leaving at **5:00 PM**. We need 30 people to commit to riding the bus to charter the bus. A boxed lunch/dinner will be served. The 3:30 PM bus will take you to the rally and march up to lobby, and the 5:00 PM bus will take you to meet those of us who are already there to lobby.

Even if you have registered on the regular Lobby Night wufoo form(or the MSEA RSVP form), please re-register so that we know if you want to ride a bus, or drive yourself. To register, go to: <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>

And click on the link for: [MSEA STATEWIDE LOBBY NIGHT – SIGN UP HERE](#)

Incentives:

- We will have a Lobby Night drawing for a \$25 gift card for everyone who attends the March 13th Lobby Night, AND
- ***In addition***, for every additional member a rep or member brings to the March 13th Lobby Night, we will put an additional ticket for the rep or member in the drawing (the more people you bring with you, the more chances you have to win!)

Please contact Veronica McFadden, EACC Government Relations Chair at vmcfadden@ccboe.com with any questions about Lobby Nights.

4. Coffee and Chat with Linda

Come see me at “Coffee and Chat with Linda!” I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me.

Sunday, March 12th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, Waldorf

5. Negotiations Committee Meetings

Every member in the EACC is part of the Negotiation Committee- we want YOUR input and ideas! The EACC Bargaining Team will be having 2 Negotiation Committee meetings to hear your input and concerns for the upcoming Negotiations. All members are invited to attend (you can come to one meeting or both!). The 2 meetings are:

- Wednesday, March 15th, 4:30-5:30 PM, Gwynn Center cafeteria
- Thursday, March 23rd, 5:00-6:00 PM, Mattawoman MS

6. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:

Thinking about retiring? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

The EACC Retirement Seminar will be held on **March 21, 2017**, Mattawoman MS Cafeteria, 5:00 PM. Please sign up on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, under “Register for Events.”

7. SAVE THE DATES!!!!

A. The IPD Committee has created even more opportunities for members!

EACC Wellness Day, 3/25/17, 8:00 AM- 12 noon, NPHS- Please sign up on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org, under “Register for Events.”

B. The EACC Membership Committee is hosting an **EACC Trivia Night, 3/30/17**, 5:00-7:00 PM in the Gwynn Center cafeteria. Sign up your team of 2-4 people on www.teameacc.org under “Register for Events”. Prizes for the top-scoring teams, FREE for EACC members, \$5 non-members.

C. **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1st-5th** and the Membership Committee has already made plans for activities all week (beginning with a Family Picnic and Scavenger Hunt on April 30th)!

8. EACC MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!

We have created a form called “EACC Member Highlights” which can be found on our EACC website, www.teameacc.org. On that form, you can describe the fantastic feats of your school friends and colleagues that you feel should be celebrated! You will be able to tell about the amazing awards you and your colleagues are receiving!

Please visit this link <http://teameacc.org/eacc-member-highlights/> today (or visit our EACC website), and any day to let us know about positive achievements going on for you and around you!

Opportunities/Action Items from MSEA:

1. Important links

NEW LINK: Email your legislators on Less Testing, More Learning Act (2% cap): <http://e-activist.com/page/6710/action/1>

Email your legislators on Protect Our Schools Act (ESSA bill): <http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1791&ea.campaign.id=64214>

MSEA legislative hotline: 1-888-520-6732

To get MSEA text alerts: text MSEA to 84693

2. MSEA MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZING WORKSHOP: REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The 2017 Membership Organizing Workshop is on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the DoubleTree Annapolis from 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The training will include sessions covering the following: examples of successful membership organizing campaigns and building representative engagement, incorporating membership recruitment into issue campaigns, engaging new employees, utilizing available resources for a strong local plan, and an overview of the current opportunities and challenges for our union. **The registration deadline is March 10, 2017.**

To be eligible for a 2017-2018 membership grant from MSEA, each local affiliate is required to send at least two members to the workshop. ***If you are interested in attending, please contact Linda at lmclaughlin@mseanea.org***

3. INSTRUCTIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The MSEA Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee invites members to attend the 2017 IPD Conference. This conference has workshops designed to assist locals build professional development programs and events to meet their members' needs as well as offer workshops that will benefit members in their personal workplace. Workshop offerings include:

- How locals can plan successful events, featuring the MSEA Communications Dept.
- Yes You Can! for classroom management modules on communication, building home/school relationships and teacher/para collaborations.
- Hot Topics: Restorative Practices, Cybersafety for students, Smart use of Smart devices by educators, workplace bullying and more!

Date: April 29, 2017

Place: BWI Hilton

The online registration is now open and can be found on our website that includes workshop descriptions and more details. Go to: <https://marylandeducators.wufoo.com/forms/ipd-conference/>

PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited this year! Registration closes on April 12 OR WHEN WORKSHOPS ARE FULL!

EACC Committees

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining.

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Next meeting: TBD March ??, 2017, 5:00PM

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office.

Next meeting: April 6, 2017, 5:30 PM

Come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Save these dates during the next legislative session!

Lobby Nights 2017-

1. 03/13 – **Statewide Lobby night**
2. 03/27
3. 04/03(if needed)

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Next meeting: March 9, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair Kathy Reamy

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Next meeting: March 16, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority and Human Affairs – Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union

December meeting has been cancelled.

Next meeting is April 27, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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