

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, October 13, 2017.

Happy Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Let's review September....**

- EACC was well-represented by members at Health Partner's Annual Dessert Fest Gala on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Health Partners is a non-profit health based organization that serves our community and many of our students. This year we were honored to meet the 2 Sisters who founded Health Partners in Charles County in 1992, Sisters Michaeleen and Gladys Marie of the Sisters of Holy Cross.
- On September 23<sup>rd</sup> EACC hosted our first Wellness Day at North Point High School. We had CareFirst representatives, the Charles County Department of Emergency Services, local gyms, yoga studios, Pilates instructors, as well as other health and wellness vendors who attended and provided short presentations and timed services. We look forward to our next Wellness Day on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week!
- On September 26<sup>th</sup>, EACC hosted "Innocence Stolen", a Department of Justice presentation by Mr. Vincent DeVivo. The presentation discussed how best to protect young people from negative and criminal influences online. If you missed the presentation, he will be presenting "Innocence Stolen" at the MSEA Convention in Ocean City on Friday from 10:15AM- 11:45 AM, and again at 12:00PM- 1:30 PM.

**What's New?**

1. EACC is pleased to announce that we have **22 additional newly certified reps** in our buildings!

**2. MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention : October 20-21, Ocean City Maryland**

The 150<sup>th</sup> annual MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention is October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Ocean City, Maryland. There will be 34 free professional development workshops for members and non-members on Friday and Saturday mornings.

General information about the MSEA convention can be found here:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/msea-convention-1>

Descriptions of the workshops can be found here:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/2017-msea-convention-workshops>

Although CCPS made MSEA Convention day a student day, educators can request to go and take advantage of the wealth of information that will be presented, as our contract allows for that.

Many people have asked if they can get CPD credits for attending MSEA workshops.

- In Charles County, teachers have to hold an APC before they can accumulate hours toward credit.
- People with standard certificates must take courses, and cannot accumulate hours toward credit.
- For CPD credits, usually 15 hours equals one credit.
- The workshops at the MSEA convention are not enough for 1 CPD, but they can be accumulated hours towards a credit.

- Teachers who attend these workshops should submit their proof of attendance/certificates to their CCPS Certification Specialist (Barbara Simmons and Teresa Cook) and they will evaluate it according to the rules in CCPS.

### **3. MSEA Elections- Nominations are open!**

In January and February 2018, MSEA members will vote for a new president, vice-president, one NEA director, and four MSEA directors to lead MSEA through an uncertain time for public education. MSEA members will also elect nearly 70 MSEA Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly and Convention.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate, you can find more information here:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

4. Experts say that we have a \$3 billion shortfall statewide in school funding, which works out to be a \$2 million shortfall per school. Think for a moment what we could do with that kind of an infusion of funds? Last year the Maryland Legislature created the **Kirwan Commission** to develop recommendations on how to make school funding meet our students' needs. With the new Kirwan Commission, we have an opportunity to change things to get what our students and educators need! By the end of 2017 the Kirwan Commission will make recommendations to the General Assembly that may become law.

The Kirwan Commission is holding public hearings for parents, students, educators, and other interested individuals to share their views on improving the public education system in Maryland. The commission's recommendations are due to Governor Hogan in December and expected to be in legislation before the General Assembly in January.

More information at:

<http://www.marylandeducators.org/public-sessions-kirwan-commission>

Last public hearing: **Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Largo High School**, 505 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, 20774

### **5. EACC Ice Cream Social, Oct. 30, 2017, Cold Stone Creamery, Waldorf, MD, 3:00-7:00PM**

I scream, You Scream, We all scream for Ice Cream!

Come get your ice cream "treat" the day before Trick-or-Treat! On October 30, from 3:00-7:00 PM, **EACC members** will receive a free "Like It!" size ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery in Waldorf. If an EACC member has a family member with them, they can get the same size ice cream for the discounted price of \$3.

### **6. Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see Linda 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, October 15, 2017, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.**

### **7. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

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

**EACC Committees – Want to know how YOU can get involved?**

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.

*Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: November 9, 2017, 4:30 PM, EACC Office**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: November 2, 2017, 5:30 PM, EACC Office**

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

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

*Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: December 14, 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.

*Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: December 21, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Minority and Human Civil Rights** – Chair: Margot Savoy

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

*Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: October 26, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**EACC Organizing Committee**

This committee is a special committee open to ALL members who are interested in organizing to support our negotiations goals and elections 2018.

**Next meeting: November 16, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

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