

## EACC Reps - please forward this email to all members!

Dear EACC Members,  
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, February 14, 2020  
Happy Valentine's Day!

### Breaking News....

**Blueprint for Maryland's Future Bill Hearing on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020- come with us to Annapolis!**  
The Blueprint for Maryland's Future bill dropped last week. There is a hearing on this bill scheduled on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. Along with our coalition partners and friends, we want to pack the hearing room to send a strong signal of support for the Blueprint because...as you've heard...#OurKidsCantWait. *Any chance you could join us in Annapolis on that day??*

The basic plan of the day: we will gather at **10am** in Annapolis to receive blue "Our Kids Can't Wait" t-shirts and to take a group picture, followed by a mini pep rally, which will then be followed by the quad committee (both the House & Senate committees with authority over this bill) hearing on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. The hearing is currently scheduled from roughly **12-5pm**. We know that your schedule may not be able to accommodate a full day of participation, but any time you're able to be in Annapolis in the 10am-5pm window would certainly be helpful!

Interested? Sign up now at <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/come-with-us-to-annapolis-on-february-17th/>

**We'll be carpooling from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park & Ride in Waldorf at 8:30 AM on Monday. We hope you can join us!**

### What's new?

#### 1. Understanding Your Retirement Workshop

The EACC-Retired group is sponsoring a workshop again called "Understanding Your Retirement" on March 10 at 5:00 PM at the EACC office. It is for members who are thinking of retiring within 5 years, but anyone is welcome. Please send to your members. We'll send out a printed out flyer via the pony to hang on your bulletin board. Sign up via the wufoo link: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-understanding-your-retirement-workshop/>

#### 2. Spotlight on Unit II/Administration and Supervision Units

A. The link below takes you to a short article in MSEA's most recent **Action Line** publication (which goes out to all members) **highlighting A&S units**. Take a few minutes to read about the awesome MSEA A&S groups across the state!

<https://mseanewsfeed.com/msea-builds-administrator-units-c2216b5ee8a2>

#### B. 2 EACC-funded registration scholarships to the National Principals' Conference

*"The National Principals Conference (by NASSP) is an unrivaled opportunity for K-12 school leaders to collaborate across all levels to mold the course of student success. From authentic peer-to-peer conversations, innovative learning opportunities, and access to world-class thought leaders, gain the resources needed to positively impact the lives of all students."*

(from <https://www.principalsconference.org/>)

This year's conference is being held July 7-9, 2020 at the National Harbor, MD. The EACC is thrilled to offer two (2) sponsorships for registration (at \$495 each) to 2 Unit II members. If you are interested in applying to be chosen for one of these 2 registration sponsorships, please fill out this wufoo form linked below. Deadline to fill out the form is March 2, 2020

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/national-principals-conference-2-sponsorships/>

### 3. **EACC Re-Ignite**

- **Are you a 7 + year veteran educator?** Do you want to put some spark back into your profession? We want to help you relax, rejuvenate, recreate and rekindle your passion for education!
- To this end, EACC would like to invite you to our Re-Ignite Retreat on March 27-28, 2020! Re-Ignite? What's that, you ask?
- Re-Ignite is a 2-day Association-sponsored retreat for mid-career EACC members. Day 1 will include a field trip to MSEA Headquarters in Annapolis. Day 2 will be held in our newly refurbished EACC office in La Plata!
- The goal of Re-Ignite is to re-energize members through a shared learning and bonding experience. Re-Ignite will allow you to see your Association as a true partner in your school setting.
- Re-Ignite is only open to EACC members. It requires a commitment to spend 2 days learning new strategies to be successful in your profession and engaging with fellow association members. EACC will provide Association Leave for Friday, March 27, 2020.

**If you are interested, click on the link below.** Filling out the form is not an official acceptance (that will come later), but it is "priority notification." Space is limited to 30 participants, so sign up early. **Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.**

**Link to express interest in EACC's Re-Ignite Retreat:**

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-eacc-reignite-retreat/>

### 4. **EACC Lobby Nights -come with us to Annapolis!**

Do you want to have your voice heard by the elected legislators in Annapolis? The 2020 Legislative Session will be extremely important as our elected officials address the new funding formula recommendations made by the Kirwan Commission. **Come with us on EACC Lobby Nights and add your voice to the room!!!!**

Sign up here: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-eacc-lobby-nights-in-annapolis/>

### 5. **MSEA 2020 Elections end on February 21, 2020!**

Online voting for MSEA's 2020 elections will run from January 27-February 21; the link to vote will be posted on the MSEA page at <https://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations> during the election window.

Members may vote for candidates for National Education Association (NEA) Director (1 seat), MSEA Board of Directors (4 seats), MSEA Treasurer, and delegates to the 2020 NEA RA in Atlanta. Retired members may also vote in the election for the Retired Advisory Council (2 seats).

The candidates for MSEA offices are:

#### **Treasurer**

Joe Coughlin, Baltimore

#### **MSEA Board of Directors**

Michelle Alexander, Montgomery

Neil Becker, Washington

Robin Beers, Anne Arundel

Donna Christy, Prince George's

Linda Firman, Howard

Heather Goodhart, Carroll

Averill Malone, Prince George's

Jennifer Martin, Montgomery  
Colleen Morris, Howard  
Katherine Mullen, Baltimore  
Philimena Owona, Prince George's

**NEA Director**

Erika Strauss Chavarria, Howard  
Matthew Gresick, Howard  
Maleeta Kitchen, Howard  
Linda McLaughlin, Charles  
Robin Szymanski, Carroll

Candidate videos can be seen at: <https://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>

**Please see your Rep for your MSEA ID number to vote (if you don't have it handy)!**

**Reminders:**

**Voting incentives:**

- As we have done in the past, **the schools with the highest percentage of members voting will get a breakfast/lunch for their members-**
- we will have **3 winning schools-** an elementary, a middle and a high school.
- **New incentive:** The school with the highest percentage of improvement from the last election (MSEA's 2019 elections) percentage will receive a breakfast/lunch for their members.

FYI: At the January 15<sup>th</sup> RA, the EACC Rep Assembly voted to endorse the following people in the following races:

- Linda McLaughlin for NEA Director
- Robin Beers for MSEA Board of Directors
- Dwayne Hancock for MSEA Delegate to NEA Convention

6. **EACC Elections are 02/21-03/20- the email will be sent to your ccboe.com email**

**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: Kimberly Williams/Tina Pagel

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

**Next meeting: February 27, 2020, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Government Relations (GR) Committee-** Chair: Veronica Golden

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

**Next meeting: Feb 20, 2020, 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.

**Next meeting: April 09, 2020, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Public Relations Committee**- Chair: Denise Pratt

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 26, 2020, 5:30 PM, EACC Office**

**Minority Affairs/ Human and Civil Rights** – Chair: Marissa Baker

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

**Next meeting: April 02, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

***“Let the nation and the world know the meaning of our numbers.”***

-A. Philip Randolph

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