

Dear EACC Members,  
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, January 26, 2018:

### Let's review.....

- ❖ Thanks to Carrie Lamb from Craik ES and Jo'Nel Barnes from Lackey HS for coming out with me to Cheltenham Veterans' Cemetery to lay wreaths on veterans' graves on December 16<sup>th</sup>! There were so many volunteers there they had to close the entrance! In the laying of wreaths, we Remember our fallen U.S. veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach the value of freedom.
- ❖ The EACC Legislative Reception on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> was a success! From the Board of Education, we had then Board Chairman Lukas, then Vice Chair Palko, and Board members Virginia McGraw and Margaret Marshall. We also had State Senate President Mike Miller, Senator Mac Middleton, Delegates CT Wilson, Susie Proctor and Edith Patterson, Charles County Commissioner President Peter Murphy, Commissioner Ken Robinson, as well as Sheriff Berry with us that evening. Topics of the evening included the Kirwan Commission, discipline in our schools, and regaining Charles County's competitive edge with regards to budget and salaries. Building reps were sent notes from the reception to share with members.
- ❖ EACC was well-represented on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the 2018 MSEA Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration by EACC Secretary Margot Savoy, EACC Executive Board member Cheryl Ervin and EACC-Retired member Liz Brown. This year's theme was "Own Y(our) Story: What the Movement Looks Like Today."
- ❖ EACC was well-represented as well on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast at North Point High School by EACC president, Linda McLaughlin, EACC Secretary Margot Savoy, EACC Executive Board members Cheryl Ervin and Veronica Golden and EACC member Kimberly Stackhouse. The keynote speaker was April Ryan, CNN Correspondent and author.
- ❖ Our Early Career Educators had their first Monthly Meet Up (M&M) on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Green Turtle. We had 22 Early Career Educators join us, wrote valentines to the County Commissioners and School Board, ate great food, learned how to "Reboot Your Classroom for 2018!" We look forward to the monthly M&M's for the rest of the year!

### What's New?

#### **1. EACC Social/Happy Hour at Martini's on Friday 1/26, 3:00-7:00 PM!**

*Join Us at Martini's in White Plains on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 3:00-7:00 PM for an EACC Social and Happy Hour! There will be light fare provided and hourly door prizes!*

2. EACC is proud to be sponsoring an **EdCamp**, or "Unconference" on **January 30<sup>th</sup> at Stoddert Middle School from 5:00-7:00 PM**. *What is an EdCamp? An EdCamp is a type of collaborative conference that is guided by the interests of the participants to share ideas. YOU, the attendees, will "drive" the presentations at the EdCamp, because they will be YOUR ideas and the conversations will be led by YOU and YOUR COLLEAGUES. Interested? Find out more and sign up to attend at: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-edcamp-unconference-january-30th/>*

#### **3. Screenagers Movie: Open to the public!**

*On January 31st, the EACC is presenting a special screening of the movie "Screenagers" at St. Charles High School in the Auditorium at 6:30PM. Screenagers asks the question "How does social media*

affect our relationships?” The movie “probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director’s own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video game, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists’ solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world.” (from [www.screenagemovie.com](http://www.screenagemovie.com))  
<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-screenagers-presentation-january-31st/>

#### 4. **SAVE THE DATE!!!! EACC EDUCATION TOWN HALL 02/21/18**

Please mark your calendars and RSVP for EACC’s Education Town Hall on 02/21/18, which is devoted to discussing education concerns with our Charles County Commissioners. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00PM at the La Plata Firehouse Hall at 911 Washington Ave, La Plata, MD. Please RSVP at:

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2018-eacc-education-town-hall-february-21st/>

5. Maryland’s General Assembly began its 2018 Legislative Session on January 10, 2018. **EACC** will begin our **Lobby Nights** on **January 29<sup>th</sup>** to lobby our elected officials. Other Lobby Nights will be:

- 02/05/18 (snow date 02/12)
- 02/26/18 (snow date 03/05)
- 03/12/18 (snow date 03/19)
- 03/26/18

Sign up to Lobby with us on the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under “Register for Events” – we carpool from the Mattawoman-Beantown Rd Park&Ride in Waldorf at 4:30PM.

5. **MSEA Elections** are coming up! Voting is 01/29/18-2/23/18 - Open positions are: MSEA President, MSEA Vice-president, four MSEA Directors, and one NEA Director to three-year terms, as well as MSEA Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly and Convention. Look for an email from MSEA so you can vote!

6. **EACC Elections** are also approaching! EACC Elections will be 02/22/18- 03/23/18.

Vacant positions are:

- July 2018 local NEA Delegate (number of delegates to be funded as EACC budget allows)
- Fall 2018 MSEA Convention Delegate (number of delegates to be funded as EACC budget allows),
- EACC President (3-year term)
- EACC Treasurer (3-year term)
- 3 Executive Board members-at-large (3-year term)
- 1 Executive Board member at large, Unit II (3-year term)
- MSEA PAC Representative (1-year term)

See the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) for information and forms to run!

7. **EACC** has LOTS of great **events** planned for members! See our website [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) for details and sign up! **Mark your calendars:**

- EACC Paint Night, 2/20, Martini’s, 5-7PM (sign up open 02/03, 2PM)
- EACC Education Town Hall, 2/21/18, La Plata Fire House, 6-8 PM
- “Conquering Teacher Burnout”, 2/23, Mattawoman MS, 5 – 7:30 PM
- EACC Trivia Night, 03/20, Stone HS media, 6:00 PM, sign up for teams on [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org)

#### 8. **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, January 28, 2018, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.*

**9. 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: March 8, 2018, 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 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office*

**Next meeting: February 1, 2018, 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: February 8, 2018, 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: March 15, 2018, 5:00 PM, EACC Office**

**Minority Affairs/Human and Civil Rights Committee** – 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: January 22, 2018, 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: February 15, 2018, 5:00 PM, La Plata HS media center**

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