

EACC Bi weekly update 03.16.15

On **March 9, 2015**, we had a great **Lobby Night** in Annapolis. We had 7 members come to talk to our legislators. We got to talk to Senator Mac Middleton and Delegate Edith Patterson together about testing, opposing the BOAST bill, and the budget. It was a very insightful and productive meeting for both the members present and the legislators.

In light of the very positive Lobbying experience on 3/09/15, and in hopes of also meeting with some of our other legislators before the end of legislative session, we are scheduling another March **Lobby Night on Monday, March 23, 2015**.

The La Plata High School Warriors are throwing down the Gauntlet, as all Good Knights did in tales of chivalric glory! The LPHS EACC members have boldly stated that they **WILL BE** the school with the largest percentage of their EACC members to come to the **Lobby Night on 3/23/15**. So...

- If you would like your voice to be heard...
- If you would like to tell your story to your elected officials in Annapolis...
- If you would like your school to be the have the bragging rights as the school that had the largest percentage of members that stood up and spoke out in Annapolis...

Please email Aimee Cox at acox@mseanea.org with your name and school, and that you will be there on 3/23/15 to lobby with us. We meet at 4:30 PM at the Mattawoman-Beantown Park-and-ride in Waldorf to carpool. If we have enough people commit to going, we will rent a bus to take us to Annapolis.

Your reps have received rosters with each building's members on it, with a signature line and **t-shirt** size. We have created a t-shirt that we will be giving to every member. Having a common message on the same color t-shirt will help create unity within our membership. We want members to wear when stand together at the Commissioners' Budget Hearing on April 22, 2015. It will help get our message out to the public as people seen them worn out in the community. The EACC is ALL of us, not just Linda, Courtney, Dan and Aimee, not just the reps. It is everyone.

"Coffee and Chat with Linda" dates:

In order to be as available as possible to my members, I (Linda) will be at the Waldorf Panera on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2 - 4 PM for "Coffee and Chat with Linda". I will send my April dates in the next update.

Thank you to everyone who came to the EACC Public Town Hall at St. Charles High School on March 11, 2015. We had a great presentation from Paul Balides about the Superintendent's Proposed budget. MSEA President Betty Weller and MSEA VP Cheryl Bost gave us an update on legislative issues in Annapolis. We had a number of members ask questions of our Q&A panel. We finished with a Call to Action- how YOU can help. We had 95 people at the Town hall, including Dr. Lawson, Ms. Hollstein, Mr. Hettel, and Mr. Balides from the Superintendent's staff. Mr. Ken Robinson represented the County Commissioners. From the Board of Education we had Mr. Lukas, Ms. Palko, and Ms. Marshall. We also had parents, students, representation from the Democratic Central Committee and the NAACP.

MSEA Elections results

Congratulations to Joe McMahan, Veronica McFadden, and Kathy Reamy for being elected NEA Region 2 Delegates! There are only 6 delegates from region 2 that are elected, and Charles County holds 50% of those spots! This year MSEA introduced a new system for electing

delegates to the NEA convention. There are still At-Large State Delegates to NEA, but there are now delegates that elected by regions of the state. This gives the smaller counties the possibility of more equal representation at NEA.

Charles County nominees did not get elected as At – Large State Delegates in the first results. As has happened in the past, if people who are no elected as State delegates cannot attend and drop out, those State delegate spots will be offered to the next person on the list.

Your elected officials at the local and state level need to hear from you!

If you want to **communicate your concerns directly** to the members of the Board of Education, to the County Commissioners, or your legislators in Annapolis, we have created a list of all those addresses for you. It's on our website at this link: <http://teameacc.org/contact-information-for-elected-officials/>

If you are unsure how to construct an effective email to an elected/appointed official, we have created a template to help you! It is at: <http://teameacc.org/template-for-emailing-electedappointed-officials/>

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