

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, March 4, 2016

### **Recap of past events:**

We had almost 40 members attend our **“Saving and Investing” workshop** for new and mid-career teachers on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Stoddert Middle School. Damion Dengler, CFP, CPA of Integrated Financial Solutions, Inc. did a great job explaining investment options and answering basic questions about the retirement system. If you are within 5 years of retirement don't miss the next workshop, **“Understanding Your Retirement”** on Thursday, April 7, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM, Stoddert MS Cafeteria. To register, please go to: <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>

We had an AWESOME turnout at our **Lobby Night in Annapolis** on Monday, February 22, 2016 with 12 educators who came to speak with our legislators! We spoke with Delegates CT Wilson, Susie Proctor and Edith Patterson. Do you want to have your voice and your story heard by the legislators in Annapolis? Come with us to a Lobby Night! Future Lobby Dates are: 3/7, 3/21 and 4/4. Sign up to come lobby at <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>. If we have enough people sign up, we'll rent a bus!

### **What's new?**

Happy 112th birthday to Dr. Seuss and **Read Across Charles County Day!** We at EACC are preparing for our annual donation of books to the birthing Center at the University of Maryland Regional Medical Center in La Plata. We are partnering again this year with Forever Free Books to donate a bag for each child born during the month at the La Plata hospital. Each bag has a Dr. Seuss-style poem in it and a book for them to take home and keep. Literacy begins at home, and EACC supports reading at all levels. The presentation will be later in March.

**EACC ELECTIONS-** Ballots have been sent to schools for members to vote. For the EACC Election Schedule and candidates' biographical information, please visit the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org) under “EACC Portal”, click on “2016 EACC elections”.

**EACC Elections ballots are due on March 9th** before 4:00 pm at EACC office or at the RA by 5:00 pm. Ballots received after 5:00 pm time will not be counted.

**Coffee and Chat with Linda-** come visit with Linda at the **La Plata Panera** on **Sunday, March 6th from 2-4 PM**. Bring your concerns and questions, get an update on MSEA's “Less Testing More Learning” campaign and March's Week of Action, and get a rundown on all the education bills that are being discussed in Maryland's General Assembly right now that will affect you as an educator.

Next week, March 7-11, is **MSEA's Week of Action:** You said students need more time to learn. Now you can make your voice heard when it matters most—as legislators in the General Assembly debate five bills all designed to reduce testing and boost instructional time. Take action March 7–11 during MSEA's week of action.

Visit [marylandeducators.org/seeingred](http://marylandeducators.org/seeingred) to learn more.

- **Monday, 3/7 – Social Media Day** - JOIN THE FACEBOOK RALLY for common-sense testing with posts to your page! Tip: Find great shareables at [facebook.com/marylandeducators](https://www.facebook.com/marylandeducators) and use #lesstesting.
- **Tuesday, 3/8 - Wear Red and Call-In Day** WEAR RED and post your photo to social media with #lesstesting. Then dial up your legislators and ask them to support less testing and more learning. Call 888/520-6732 for a direct connection.
- **Wednesday, 3/9- Email Day** – Send an Email! Check your inbox! With a number of bills in the works, we'll let you know where to throw your weight- and your emails. Visit [bit.ly/weekof-action16](http://bit.ly/weekof-action16) to take action.
- **Thursday, 3/10 -Tele-town Hall** – Dial in to the Less testing Teletown Hall at 7:30 PM for an update on our progress across the state. Find out how you can help! Call 410-999-6259 to join.
- **Friday, 3/11 - Twitter Storm:** There is a Twitter Storm expected to last all day long. Use our rainmaker tool and soak your legislators with tweets! Visit

**Come to the EACC Rep Assembly!** All members are welcome at any of our Rep Assemblies. Our next RA is March 9, 2016, at 5PM at the Gwynn Center. Come hear the latest updates from EACC, ask questions, and see how the EACC is working for you! Talk to your building rep to come to the RA!

**EACC's Got Talent!** Do you have a well-known or hidden talent? Then ***EACC's Got Talent*** is looking for YOU! Auditions for *EACC's Got Talent* are open to all CCPS employees on 4/27 and 4/28, 4:30-7:00 PM in the John Hanson Middle School Chorus Room. Email Beth Ullmann at [bullmann@ccboe.com](mailto:bullmann@ccboe.com) or Peter Ullmann at [pullmann@ccboe.com](mailto:pullmann@ccboe.com) to schedule your audition. If your audition is accepted, competing in EACC's Got Talent is FREE to members, and \$10 for non-members. EACC's Got Talent will be held on May 3, 2016 at La Plata High School. Prizes will be awarded.

**The EACC Government Relations Committee has met and has been making plans:**

- We want you to come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Your stories will resonate with your elected officials! Our **Lobbying Dates** are:
  - March 7, 2016
  - March 21, 2016
  - April 4, 2016

**Lobby Night incentives:**

- Gift card drawing each Lobby Night
- If you attend 4 of 5 of the Lobby Nights, you will put in a drawing for a Kindle
- If you attend 5 of 5 Lobby Nights, you will be put in a drawing for dinner with MSEA President Betty Weller

**Future Coffee and Chat with Linda**

- Sunday, March 6, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- Sunday, March 20, 2016, 2:00-4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

**VOLUNTEER AT THE NEA RA!**

This year Maryland and Virginia will be co-hosting the NEA RA in Washington, D.C. More than 200 volunteers are needed to ensure a great experience for delegates and attendees. We need volunteers.

Contact: [Mary Fenton](mailto:Mary.Fenton@neavolunteers.com), 301/751-4435; [Liz Brown](mailto:Liz.Brown@neavolunteers.com), 301/452-2102

To register as a volunteer, request committee assignments, and learn more about the various committees, just go to <https://tinyurl.com/hostcommittee2016>.

**It is never too early to start thinking about the financial future and retirement.**

The EACC-Retired committee is sponsoring a financial workshop for those teachers who are within 5 years of retiring. The workshop is "Understanding Your Retirement" on Thursday, **April 7, 2016, 5:00-6:30 PM**, Stoddert MS Cafeteria

The workshop will be presented by Damion N. Dengler, CFP, CPA of Integrated Financial Solutions, Inc.

To register for this workshop, please go to: <http://teameacc.org/register-for-events/>

**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. Committee notes will be posted after each meeting on the EACC website, [www.teameacc.org](http://www.teameacc.org)

**Membership – Chair: Kathy Reamy**

**Next meeting date March 29, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC office**

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

Happy Hour Dates: March 17, and May 5.

Teacher Appreciation Week (05/1-05/07) events planned:

1. Picnic at Gilbert Run Park, 1-5 PM, 05/01
2. Cold Stone Creamery, Waldorf- 05/02
3. "EACC's Got Talent", 05/03
4. Happy Hour at Martini's- 05/05
5. Sweet Frog, La Plata – 05/06

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

**Next meeting- Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 5:00 PM, EACC office**

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5:00PM, EACC office.

Future meeting dates: March 8, 2016, April 12, 2016, and May 10, 2016

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

**Next meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 5PM, EACC Office**

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

Public Relations (PR) Committee- Chair: Joe McMahan

**Next meeting – TBA**

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

Minority and Human Civil Rights Committee – Margot Savoy

**Next meeting- March 21, 2016- 5 PM, Mattawoman MS Cafeteria**

The Minority and Human Civil Rights Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union.

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