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Dear EACC Members,

Enclosed you will find a bulleted update of what is happening and what has been going on with the EACC. As always, if you have any questions, please call us at 301.392.0150 or email us.

- ❖ **The EACC Instructional Professional Development (IPD) survey** is open and waiting for YOUR input. It closes Friday, February 13, 2015. Find the survey at: <http://goo.gl/SP9zpU>

- ❖ **MSEA Voting** ends February 20, 2015. To see Candidate Bios, visit <http://marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>
Visit this link to see the Executive Board's suggestions and the list of Charles County educators who are running for MSEA and Regional Delegates to NEA <http://teameacc.org/msea-elections-eacc-endorsed-candidates/> Please vote for all Charles County candidates!

- ❖ We had a **Common Core Workshop** on Thursday, February 6, 2015. The participants learned about Common Core-friendly websites, and had time to work on lessons using those websites. Thank you to Leslie Schroeck and Mary Bailey for facilitating! The handout is on our website at <http://teameacc.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/02/Common-Core-Workshop-2.5.15.pdf>

- ❖ **Governor Hogan's budget cuts to education** mean \$4,671,157 in cuts in Charles County. That's \$126,247.49 less per school, \$3,575.68 less per classroom, 83 teacher positions at risk, and 139 support staff positions at risk. We need YOU to step up and let the governor and your legislators hear your opinion and your story. There are 2 ways you can help right now:
 1. Go to www.DontShortchangeMaryland.com Click the "take action" button and email the Governor and legislators.
 2. Come Lobby with the EACC on Monday, February 9, 2015. We leave at about 4:30 PM from the Mattawoman-Beantown Road Park and Ride. We carpool, we make sure you have dinner, we'll give you talking points, and all you have to do is tell your story to the legislators we meet. Please call the EACC office at 301-392-0150 or email Aimee Cox at acox@mseanea.org if you want to come with us. Our next lobby night is March 9, 2015.

- ❖ **EACC elections** begin February 13, 2015. Nominations are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 to either Richard Kelly at rkelly@ccboe.com or Aimee Cox at acox@mseanea.org. See our website (www.teameacc.org) for information about open positions, forms and timelines.

- ❖ We are having an **EACC Member Town Hall** on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at North Point High School. At this Town Hall MSEA's Chief Lobbyist, Sean

Johnson, will explain what Governor Hogan's budget cuts mean for education across the state and here in Charles County. Then members will have the opportunity to sign up to speak for 3 minutes to discuss how the budgets cuts are affecting their classrooms. We hope to see you there!

- ❖ There will be an **A&S Town Hall for all Unit II personnel** on Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Location TBA.
- ❖ In our continuing efforts to hear from our members, and the realization that sometimes one does not have time to send an email or call during the already jam - packed school day, I am announcing **"Coffee and Chat with Linda"**. I will be at the following locations on the following dates, sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me.
 - Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 6:00-8:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
 - Sunday, February 15, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, Waldorf
 - Sunday, February 22, 2015, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata
- ❖ The **EACC newsletter, The Beacon**, has re-appeared on the scene! It can be found on the EACC website, and there will be two copies sent to each school for the teacher's lounge/EACC bulletin board. The newsletter can be found at: <http://teameacc.org/beacon-newsletter/>
- ❖ **Negotiations:** Look for an email to be coming from Courtney Dowling, EACC/MSEA UniServ Director and Chief Negotiator. Also, the negotiations survey will be coming out to members soon!

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