

Dear EACC Members,
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, January 25, 2019

We at the EACC wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Let's review...

- The EACC was well-represented at the annual **MSEA Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration** on Saturday, 1/19. There was a dance troupe from Wise High School, student winners of the annual art contest, and guest speaker Dr. Kaye Whitehead.
- The EACC was also at the **Charles County NAACP Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast** on Monday, 1/21 at North Point High School. There were over 700 people gathered to celebrate and remember the legacy and teachings of Dr. King. Thanks to Cheryl Ervin (Diggs ES), Lisa Williams (Stethem Center), Ruby Lacy (Stone HS) and Sean Heyl (McDonough HS) for attending with me to hear the powerful words of the guest speaker, Joe Madison, "The Black Eagle." The theme was "Defeat Hate/Stay Woke!"
- The EACC had a well-attended **EACC Legislative Reception** for our elected officials on 1/16. Delegate CT Wilson came down from Annapolis to attend. Commissioner President Collins attended as well as Commissioners Bowling, Stewart and Coates. We had 6 of our 7 Board of Education members- Board Chair Ginny McGraw, Board Vice-Chair Tina Wilson, and Board members Lukas, Brown, Battle-Lockhart and Hancock. Board member Abell had planned to attend but sent her regrets as work and beltway traffic kept her from attending. Discussions centered on Kirwan, funding, discipline, and supporting all educators (veteran and Early Career Educators).
- Thanks to the 28 people who came out to the **EACC Organizing meeting on Discipline** on 1/23. We came up with some great possible solutions and action items and will be meeting again in February. The meeting is currently set for Feb. 14th, but we are investigating other dates.

What's New?

1. **SAVE THE DATE: MSEA STATEWIDE SCHOOL FUNDING RALLY ON MARCH 11**

Circle Monday, March 11, 2019 on your calendar!!!!!! That's the date for MSEA's big statewide school funding rally at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis. We'll need thousands of members and friends of education there to urge the General Assembly to pass a new and improved school funding formula as they respond to the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

Showing up at the march on March 11 would send a clear message to legislators and could yield very important policy and funding decisions for us, to include:

- Significant raises for teachers
- A living wage for support staff
- More planning time and more staff
- Universal pre-K and
- Expanded career technical education

...just to name a few things....

The EACC has buses to take as many people as we can get signed up to Annapolis on March 11. This March is for everyone who has a stake in the success of our students and our school system- teachers, administrators, support professionals, Board of Education members, parents, community members, just to name a few. We cannot keep waiting for the schools our kids deserve- we need to speak up NOW.

Go to the EACC website, www.teameacc.org or MarchForOurSchools.com to RSVP and ride the bus with us to Annapolis! Join us. Our kids can't wait.

2. The EACC Early Career Educator Team invites all Early Career Educators (5 or less years of experience in the education profession in Charles County) to our **February Monthly Meet up (M&M) on Tuesday, February 12, 2019** at the **Martini's Restaurant and Lounge in White Plains from 5-7 PM.**

We will be discussing:

- **Lobby Tips 101**-how to let your voices be heard by our elected officials! Tell YOUR stories!
- **Portfolio Happy Hour**- bring what you have already and we'll help you organize what you need to do!
- the **MSEA March on Annapolis on March 11, 2019**

Come enjoy free food and spend time collaborating with other Early Career Educators!

Space is limited! Please RSVP to let us know you're coming!

To Register: Go to www.teameacc.org and click on the "Register for Events" tab or go to

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/eacc-mm-february-martinis-restaurant/>

3. Coffee and Chat with Linda

Come see Linda at "Coffee and Chat with Linda!" Linda will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to her: **Sunday, January 27, 2019, Panera, La Plata, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.**

4. **EACC Budget Committee**

If you are interested in having input into the 2019-2020 EACC budget, please make plans to attend the EACC Budget Committee meeting on February 27, 2019, from 5-7:00 PM at the EACC Office. Chair: Leslie Schroeck.

5. **From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:**

Are you 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.

6. **School Lounge Makeover from NEA Member Benefits!**

Educators give so much, we're giving something back! We've seen your remarkable dedication firsthand and we're proud to show our appreciation. So we'd like to help you transform your school lounge from ordinary to extraordinary! Enter today for a chance to win for your school www.yourschoollounge.com/nea

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/Keah Mason

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

Meetings are the 1st Thursday every other month, 4:30PM, EACC office

Next meeting: February 7, 2019, 5:30 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.

Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month, 5:00PM, EACC office

Next meeting: February 21, 2019, 5:00 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 2nd Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACCoffice

Next meeting: March 14, 2019, 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 4th Thursday every month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: February 28, 2019, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority Affairs/ Human and Civil Rights – Chair: Margot Savoy

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

Meetings are the 1st Thursday every other month, 5:00 PM, EACC office

Next meeting: March 7, 2019, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Organizing Committee – Chair: Denise Pratt

The Organizing Committee works with the GR and PR Committee when we are organizing members for action.

Next meeting: February 14, 2019(subject to change), 5:00 PM, Location TBD

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

-A. Philip Randolph

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