

Dear EACC Members,
Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, November 15, 2019

HOT TOPIC : Election for a Teacher on the State Board of Education

TEACHER ON THE STATE BOARD: VOTING DEADLINE EXTENDED

MSDE has extended the deadline to vote in the election for a teacher on the State Board of Education to next Friday, November 22 at 12:00 p.m. The original deadline had been Sunday, November 17 at 11:59 p.m.

Rachel McCusker is MSEA's endorsed candidate for the state board election.

As a reminder, here's how to vote:

- Go to this webpage: <https://vote.yeselections.com/msde>
- Enter your first initial, the first four characters of your last name, the last four digits of your social security number, your two-digit month of birth, and your four-digit year of birth
- Click on Continue and follow the voting instructions.

Below is the FAQ on voting in case there are questions:

If I teach in Maryland yet live in a different state, am I eligible to vote?

Yes.

I'm a retiree/support staff/administrator/certificated specialist (i.e. psychologist, speech language pathologist, etc) and it's not letting me vote. What gives?

The election is only open to those with an active Maryland teaching certificate as of October 1, 2019. Many administrators hold a teaching certificate and maintain an active Maryland teaching certificate so you should have access to vote. Many school counselors, psychologists, and other specialists hold a certificate in their specialty, and not an active Maryland teaching certificate. You must hold a Maryland teaching certificate to vote.

After entering my information, the system says that I'm ineligible to vote. What do I do?

1. Try again. Several teachers have reported the need to try several times to enter their personal information before the system granted them access.
2. Email Help+MSDE@yeselections.com or call [\(866\) 384-9978](tel:8663849978).
3. If you're still told you're ineligible to vote and you believe that is not the case, email Sarah Spross at MSDE (sarah.spross@mayland.gov) and copy MSEA President Cheryl Bost (cbost@mseane.org).

I didn't get an email from MSDE announcing the opening of the election. Can I still vote?

Yes! MSDE sent communication pertaining to the election to the email indicated in the individual's certification record in the Educator Information System (EIS). For some people, that email address may no longer be in use. You do not need this email to vote! Just visit <https://vote.yeselections.com/msde> and you can cast your ballot. In some school systems the email was blocked and might be in your junk mail inbox. You can use the link above.

How long will the person who wins the election serve on the board?

Approximately two and a half years.

Let's Review...

I. MSEA Convention recap

Charles County was well-represented by 32 EACC delegates at the annual MSEA Representative Assembly and Convention on 10/18-10/19 in Ocean City, Maryland. Delegates

- deliberated in regional caucuses,
- discussed and voted on statewide issues brought forward on the floor of the RA,
- served on MSEA committees,
- raised funds to support the Fund for Children and Public Education, and were recognized as members of the MSEA Grassroots Organizing Team. The GO Teams' charge across the state was to build support for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future recommendations by hosting Community Forums. 15 New Business Items were filed at the Representative Assembly, and EACC members were the authors of 3 of them. 2 of the NBIs passed, one on Restorative Practices Implementation and the other on engaging and supporting our Administrative and Supervisory members.

2. **American Education Week** is next week!!!!

- In honor of American Education Week, AFSCME and the EACC are partnering to celebrate with an **Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, November 20th at Cold Stone Creamery in the Waldorf Marketplace from 3-7PM.** Both EACC and AFSCME members will receive a free ice cream. November 20th is also National Education Support Professionals' Day. The EACC stands in solidarity with AFSCME in support of our mutual goals in education.
- EACC and AFSCME members may purchase extra ice cream for family for \$3.25 each. Please bring cash.)

What's new?

I. **MSEA EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS CONFERENCE: NEXT WEEKEND!**

MSEA will hold its annual Early Career Educator Summit on Saturday, November 23. Although there will be some general sessions, most of the summit will be in a roundtable format where new teachers can ask questions and join the discussion with colleagues from around the state.

Agenda highlights include:

- Roundtable sessions on building classroom culture and management, delivering differentiated instruction strategies, becoming a trauma-informed educator, teaching English Language Learners, and students receiving special education services, developing home/school relationships and more.
- General sessions —Maryland State Department of Education Certification requirements; New Federal Student Loan Forgiveness Tool
- Opportunities to network and build a professional community

DATE: Saturday, November 23, 2019

PLACE: Sheraton Columbia Town Center Hotel, Wincopin Circle, Columbia MD

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Lunch is included.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required as space is limited. MSEA members with less than 5 years of experience* are encouraged to attend by registering at <https://marylandeducators.wufoo.com/forms/msea-early-career-educators-summit-2019/>.

DEADLINE: Pre-registration is open until November 15, 2019 or until all spaces are filled.

*NOTE: Please note this does not mean new to a school, district or Maryland – this summit is for those new to the profession.

II. **NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 MSEA ELECTIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 22**

Nominations for MSEA Treasurer, NEA Director (1 seat), MSEA Board of Directors (4 seats), as well as state delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly are open.

The link to the nomination form may be found at <https://www.marylandeducators.org/elections-nominations>.

The deadline to submit nomination forms is November 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m

III. NEA Leadership Summit 2020- March 13-15, 2020, Orlando, FL

Are you interested in attending the NEA Leadership Summit on March 13-15, 2020. The link for information about the summit is <http://www.nea.org/grants/64714.htm>

The EACC Executive Board has voted to fund 2 EACC members to attend. Any EACC member who is interested should complete the Wufoo form below.

<https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-nea-leadership-summit/>

Interested members will be asked to identify which competency interests you the most and what you hope to bring back to the county from your attendance at the NEA Leadership Summit.

The EACC Executive Board will choose the 2 EACC-funded members at the December Executive Board meeting. Deadline to fill out the form to express interest is Dec 3, 2019 at 5PM.

- IV.** Do you want to have your voice heard by the elected legislators in Annapolis? The 2020 Legislative Session will be extremely important as our elected officials address the new funding formula recommendations made by the Kirwan Commission. **Come with us on EACC Lobby Nights and add your voice to the room!!!!**
Sign up here: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2020-eacc-lobby-nights-in-annapolis/>

- V.** Do you need a break before your break? Come to the **EACC IPD Art & Relaxation Night on Dec 16th**
Sign up: <https://teameacc.wufoo.com/forms/2019-eacc-ipd-preholiday-art/>

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/Tina Pagel

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

Next meeting: January 2, 2020, 5:00 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.

Next meeting: December 19, 2019, 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.

Next meeting: December 12, 2019, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair: Denise Pratt

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

Next meeting: January 23, 2020, 5:30 PM, EACC Office

Minority Affairs/ Human and Civil Rights – Chair: Marissa Baker

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

Next meeting: December 5, 2019, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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

-A. Philip Randolph

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