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Did You Know??? Healthcare

- Dawn Tyler is the new Benefits Analyst for ACPS, replacing Becky Lewis.
- Several new health insurance laws went into effect on January 1, 2019 requiring benefits for patients with certain health conditions such as prediabetes, lymphoma, and some services related to fertility treatments.

Congratulations to our ACEA Members!

National Board Certification

Megan Robinson Cash Valley

Retiring

Richard Krauss Mountain Ridge
Jo Ann Whetzel Fort Hill

New Members

Daniel Snyder South Penn
Maggie Drew South Penn

Happy New Year!

Resolve to be Involved

As you consider your priorities for this year, make your profession one of them, and resolve to be involved with the biggest opportunity to enhance our profession in over a decade!

It's 2019. Hard to believe! I remember when the year 2000 sounded like something in a science fiction movie. Okay, yes, I am dating myself, but that is not point. The point is that time really does fly by, and many unrealized opportunities with it. So, there is no time to lose regarding the needs of our students and those of us working in education in Maryland. Here's your first opportunity this year.

"Get on the bus" to Annapolis on March 11 for the *March for Our Schools*. Join thousands of your colleagues to tell our legislators loud and clear that we're tired of waiting for the promised funding and support for education! Our kids can't wait!!

If you commit to attend, ACEA will make all the arrangements, including the bus, dinner, and leave if needed. You just bring the signs and the passion.

"What happens in Annapolis DOESN'T stay in Annapolis!"

Why? Key decisions about education are made by our state. 69.4% of our 2018 funding for ACPS came from the state. ACPS must also comply with the state's COMAR for policies and actions such as discipline.

What happens in Annapolis DOESN'T stay in Annapolis! It plays out in your classroom each day. In solidarity and service,

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ACEA Calendar >>>

January 2-31 – Ten Minute Meetings of ACEA Members – watch for yours!

January 3 – ACEA Board of Directors Training 4 p.m.

January 8 – BOE Meeting - 4:00 p.m. – CCTE*

January 14 – ACEA Board of Directors and Representative Assembly- 4 p.m.

January 28 – West COBC Meeting in Hagerstown

January 28 - BOE Meeting – 6 p.m. – Central Office*

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 11 – March for Our Schools! in Annapolis

***The times and locations of BOE Meetings are subject to change.**

The Allegany County Board of Education voted four to one at its emergency meeting in January to petition the Maryland State Board of Education for the removal of Board member Wayne Foote. ACEA leadership has no opinion on the merits of the charges against Mr. Foote, though we certainly understand and appreciate the serious nature of them.

Though Mr. Foote chose not to participate in ACEA’s candidate recommendation process and therefore could not receive our recommendation, the voters of Allegany County voted overwhelmingly to elect Mr. Foote for another term. ACEA is an organization that deeply values the democratic process in our own operations and as part of the voting constituencies of Allegany County. To that end, we have serious concerns with the nature and timing of these charges.

We understand clearly that the members of the previous Board felt morally compelled to bring the charges against Mr. Foote and we respect that they felt compelled to act. ACEA has no intention of being involved in Mr. Foote’s situation beyond that which we may be compelled by law to do. We must, as an organization, respect the process that is now underway.

However, ACEA must and is committed to working with the current Board to achieve the best possible outcomes for our educators, students and schools. In as much as Mr. Foote is a duly elected member of the Board, we are committed to working with him individually toward the same goals.
