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# Advocate

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Have you heard?!?!? **WE WON!**

## ACEA Members Ratification Meeting

When: *Thursday, June 6, 2019*  
Time: *4:15 p.m.*  
Where: *CCTE*

### What is Ratification?

- *Ratification is the process required to formally accept the tentative agreement between the bargaining teams of ACEA and those of the ACPS BOE.*
- *A letter explaining the tentative agreements, as well as a ballot and an addressed envelope for each member has been sent to your school representative for distribution.*
- *ACEA bylaws require there be an informational meeting of the membership prior to conducting the vote (see above).*
- *Members then vote and return the completed ballot to their school representatives by June 11, or directly to ACEA arriving no later than noon on Friday, June 14, 2019.*

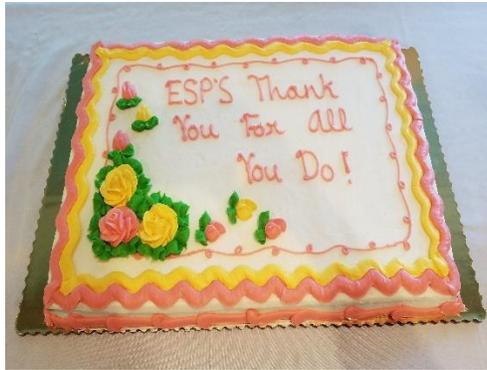


It has been a long time in coming, but **WE** did it! For the first time since The Thornton Act in 2002, the General Assembly passed the first phase of educational funding measures called *The Blueprint for Maryland's Future*. The governor has decided to let it pass into law without his signature, as well as to release the funds required to meet the directives of the law. As a result, there is increased funding for public schools in several critical areas such as special education, mental health, struggling learners, and teacher salaries and retention in Maryland. Allegany County Public Schools is to receive nearly \$3.25 Million in 2019-2020 as a result. Of course, the 8,500 of us at the MSEA *March for Our Schools*, the many emails and phone calls to our representatives, and social media activity all helped and made a huge impact. **This is what WE can do together ACEA...CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** In solidarity and service,

*Kim*

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# A Gathering of *Extra Special People*



*Pictured above are some of the 34 ACEA members of the Unit 4 Educational Support Professionals who gathered for their annual negotiations update and dinner held on Thursday, May 9 at the Cumberland Country Club.*

## HELP WANTED

ACEA is looking for qualified individuals to provide the following services:

1. A **HANDYMAN** to complete various small jobs in and around the office that may arise.
2. **LAWN SERVICES** for the regular mowing of the grassy area on the property.

Please call or email the office if interested.

## ACEA Calendar >>>

- June 3 – ACEA Board of Directors Meeting 4 p.m.
  - ACEA Building Rededication Reception and Ceremony 6 p.m.
- June 8 – MSEA Educator Appreciation Day in Annapolis 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- June 11 – BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Savage Elementary/M.S.
- July 16 – BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m. at BOE Central Office
- July 16-19 – MSEA Summer Leadership Conference in Salsbury
- July 22 – Discipline 101: Diving into Comar - 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at ACEA
- August 13 – BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m. at BOE Central Office

## DISCIPLINE 101:

*A Dive Into Comar*

Come join MSEA President, Cheryl Bost, ACEA President, Kim Sloane, and UniServ, Evan West as we take you on a summer dive into Comar regulations about DISCIPLINE and EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS – you will be so amazed at what you discover!

**WHEN:**

**Monday, July 22, 2019**

**TIME:**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

**ACEA Office**

Due to limited space, we can only accommodate 30 people. So, if you are interested, please call the ACEA office at 301-729-8280 to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

**Thank You  
and  
Happy Retirement!**

Congratulations to the 22 ACEA members who have decided to retire this year. Some have already started to enjoy the fruits of their labor, while a few are waiting for the end of this school year. Regardless of when you start the next chapter in your life, please know that your colleagues have appreciated your commitment to education and our association, and wish you all the best in retirement!