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President's Message >>>

Did you know???

- *A few of our ACEA Members used their NEA Benefits last month to purchase a new automobile, and to book a trip, at the best rates! There are so many ways that your membership can save you money. To find out more, go to <https://www.neamb.com/>*
- *Among our current contract benefits is free online will preparation, as well as other legal, financial, and personal aids. To access, go to <https://www.guidanceresources.com> ACPS Web ID: ONEAMERICA3*

Welcome new ACEA Members!

Unit 1

Sara Glasbrenner	WM
Whitney Hartsock	SP
Olivia Wood	SP

A Chance for Change

Our Season of Opportunity

As we anticipate a spectacular display of fall foliage this year, may we seize the spirit of essential change to transform education in our classrooms, county and state.

Anyone who knows me probably knows that my philosophy for life is based on the words of Mohandas Gandhi: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." That is why I became a teacher and leader.

Since the school year has started, Evan and I have been conducting membership meetings in the schools. To date we have completed 21 of 24, and will try to meet with the remainder in the first few weeks of October.

Our presentation, called *Educators Together: Our Schools, Our Profession, Our Union*, but which the government teacher in me likes to call "The State of the Union", was designed to educate you about the opportunities this election season offers us to make transforming decisions on the ballot. This is particularly important at the local level with four of five Allegany County

Board of Education seats to be filled.

Thank you to the members who attended our presentations. I was exhilarated to meet so many of you at these meetings! Your encouragement

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and positive feedback have helped me as I have transitioned into this new role as our leader. But remember: It takes "u" and "i" to make a "union". So, with due diligence, exercise your right and responsibility to vote in the forthcoming election, and...be the change.

In solidarity and service,

Kim

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QUESTION 1— A Ballot Referendum to Support Public Schools



QUESTION 1 IS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Question 1 will appear on the Maryland statewide ballot on November 6. A YES vote by Marylanders on Question 1 means that the revenues from casino gambling will, by law, be used to increase the state's education budget, with an additional \$500 million annually for schools.

Since 2008, the money voters believed would add badly needed funding for public schools was redirected elsewhere. It's a \$500 million annual shell game using Maryland schools and students as the pawns.



Casino revenues, now \$500 million annually, were meant to increase education funding. Instead, they have been re-directed to the general budget. How much did education lose? More than \$1 billion.

Every county wins Find out how much your county schools could gain by voting YES on Question 1 at VoteYesOnOne.org.



Yes, schools are underfunded An independent analysis confirmed in 2016 that Maryland schools are underfunded by \$2.9 billion. Passing Question 1 is the right first step to close the funding gap by adding \$500 million annually in casino revenues.



Spread the word Referendums like Question 1 are at the bottom of the ballot and often overlooked. Make sure Marylanders understand the issue and look for Question 1 on their ballot, and **vote YES!**

Send a strong message to elected leaders They need to know voters want to increase school funding and close the \$2.9 billion funding gap.



**VOTE YES
ON QUESTION 1**

www.VoteYesOnOne.org

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ACEA Calendar >>>

October 5 and 6 – MSEA Local Officers Advance

October 9 – BOE Meeting 3:00 p.m.

October 10 – ACEA Convention Delegates Meeting 4:30 p.m.

October 13 – ACEA Candidates Reception at Allegany Museum 2-4 p.m.

October 15 – ACEA Board of Directors and Representative Assembly 4 p.m.

October 19 and 20 – MSEA Convention in Ocean City

October 22 - BOE Meeting 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 11 – MSEA School Funding Rally in Annapolis



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ACEA Candidate Reception

By the time you get this newsletter, the election will be only weeks away. ACEA members have already been working for *real* change in November, not the noisy, petty kind. ACEA's recommended candidates for Board of Education have shown that they truly care about our students, educators and schools. They don't have personal agendas or axes to grind.

They want:

- Schools where students are truly safe- physically and emotionally.
- Professional respect for educators from administration and our community.
- A meaningful voice for educators in decisions that affect their jobs.
- Full and equitable resources for every school.

If you'd like to get to know the candidates yourself, **ACEA is holding a Candidate Reception on October 13th at the Allegany Museum from 2pm-4pm.** Light refreshments will be served and children are welcome.

Also remember that early voting starts on October 25th and runs to November 1st at the Allegany County Government Building on Kelly Drive in Cumberland from 10am to 8pm.