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Sick Leave Bank

If you have not become a member of the Sick Leave Bank and would like to do so, now is the time to enroll.

Forms can be found and downloaded from our website

www.aceamsea.org. Once completed, send them to the ACEA office by courier. Please do so before September 21, 2018.

Welcome new ACEA Members!

Unit 4

Tawnia Austin	BR
Ashley Bothast	CA
Mindy Brailer	MS
Tiffany Buskirk	CA
Alison Davis	CA
Joan McCoy	MR
Yvette Mujica	JD
Tysen Ott	CCTE
Spencer Remson	MR

Welcome Back!

An exciting start to a great year!

From conventions to classrooms, the excitement of the new school year is undeniable, as we began a year full of promise for public education and our profession.

My year began on July 1 while I was attending the NEA Convention in Minneapolis. It was amazing to be with over 8,000 educators in one room, passionately representing 3,000,000 members nationwide!

This was followed by the MSEA Summer Leadership Conference in Salisbury, Maryland from July 17-20, which I attended along with Amy Duncan (First V.P.), Peggy Bass (Second V.P.), and Debbie Weisenmiller (Treasurer).

During that same week, ACEA and MSEA sponsored a professional development at West Side Elementary called "Yes, You Can!". Twenty-nine of our members took advantage of this opportunity to add two MSDE credits towards APC Renewal with no tuition cost!

The excitement continued in August as the largest class of new hires in recent years joined our ranks!

Our ACEA Government Relations Committee has also been continuing the work of vetting candidates to recommend those that support and respect public education and the experienced professionals that we are. For

these recommendations and more, please visit our website at www.aceamsea.org and our Facebook page.

Remember: It takes "u" and "i" to make a "union". So, please attend the fall Ten Minute Meeting in your building to be informed and ready to make the best choices

for education and our profession. In solidarity and service,

Kim

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ACEA President

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It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking About November

All elections are important, but this year's election is vitally important for public education in Allegany County.



Photo: Fellow ACEA members joined with our MSEA family at the Kirwan Rally on March 19 at the Maryland State House. That night, the Maryland Senate UNANIMOUSLY approved the Fix The Fund Act which called for a constitutional amendment to be placed on the November ballot. **VOTE YES ON QUESTION 1!**

First, the Fix the Fund-Question 1, that our members fought so hard to have on the ballot this November is in the balance and will determine whether or not Allegany County Public Schools receives more than \$7 million in new state funding over the next four years.

We need you to spread the word that **voting yes on Question 1 means more resources for public education in Allegany County.** That vote will decide whether we have more funding for smaller class sizes, better compensation and more opportunities for our students.

Passing Question 1 will have less impact if we don't have friends of public education on the Board of Education. For more information about ACEA's recommended candidates, check out-

www.aceamsea.org

Early voting for the general election runs from October 25th to November 1st from 10-8 at the Allegany County Government Building on Kelly Drive in Cumberland. Election Day is November 6th and polling places are open from 7-8.



Welcome new ACEA Members!

Unit 1

Baily Lutton	PA
Brody Mackert	CCTE
Keri Parks	PA
Canyon Lohnas	GC
Audriana Beckman	FL
Jensen Mullan	SP
Kayla Jackson	GC
Andrew Shively	BR
Taylor Eirich	FO
Kristen Maust	SP
Joan Welsh	PA
Jodie Sweeney	CW
Todd Logsdon	MR
Michael Shockey	CCTE
Brian Davis	BR
Elaine Davis	WM
Erin Dettinburn	MS
Heather Williams	WM
Christopher Kellermeyer	WM
Nicole Lewis	WM
Sean Courtemanche	BM
Sarah Knieriem	SP
Breana Grove	JD
Allison Perkins	FL
Larissa Seifarth	CW
Melanie Delozier	SP
Megan McKenzie	GC
Kara Breedlove	BR
Jessica Durr	ECK
Leanne Dashiell	SP
Yanyan Jiang	AL/MR
Susan Defibaugh	PA
Mary Sibley	WS
Madeline Thomas	AL
Hannah Twigg	NE

ACEA Calendar >>>

September 3 – Labor Day

September 11 and 24 – BOE Meetings

September 17 – ACEA Board of Directors and Representative Assembly

September 24 – West COBC

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

If you **love your calendars**, take a picture of you and your colleagues with your calendars, then post it with a special thank you to the **Act 1st FCU Facebook page** for their gracious support of our calendar project!



A full color electronic version of this newsletter can be found at www.aceamsea.org.