



Justin Heid

Position: Teacher

School: Tuscarora ES

Local Association: FCTA

Member: MSEA 13 years/NEA 13 years

My name is Justin Heid, and I am running for the three year seat on our MSEA Board of Directors. Recently, at the 2017 MSEA Convention I was elected to fill the seated vacated by MSEA's Treasurer, a term that ends in July. The RA voted and believed I would be a strong member on the Board and I want to have opportunity to continue serving educators and ESP's beyond July. As an educator in Frederick County, I have been elected to serve as the treasurer. Also, I have worked as the chair of our local Membership committee for the last eight years, and have co-chaired the MSEA Membership committee for the past two years. Know that if I am elected to represent you I will listen to what you are passionate about and advocate at the state level to move us to where we need to be, so that our voice, as educators is heard. Unified together, so that when we step forward, our movement becomes our voice.



Veronica Henderson

Position: ESP

School: Baltimore County Public Schools

Local Association: ESPBC

Member: MSEA 25 years/NEA 25 years

“Osiyo*, My name is Veronica Henderson and I am asking you to once again elect me to the MSEA Board of Directors. I have previously served on my local, state, and national Association boards, and am honored to represent Maryland as the NEA 2007 Education Support Professional of the Year. Public education is in a war for survival, and we must remain vigilant to keep public education public! Fighting for our members, our students, and our profession are all compelling reasons for me to stand and deliver for you. As a public education advocate of more than 25 years, I have been speaking out on behalf of public educators, public education, and the students we serve. I have lobbied on the local, state, and national levels to make sure our elected officials support what is important to us as educators, and for our students. Please support my candidacy to be your ‘voice for the voiceless’, and one who will make every effort to stand and deliver for you. REMEMBER: I don’t kiss up! I don’t suck up, and I won’t sell you out! Elect me to once again serve you on the MSEA Board to truly REPRESENT!!!” *(Cherokee for Hello)



Linda McLaughlin

Position: Teacher

School: Local President

Local Association: EACC

Member: MSEA 12 years/NEA 29 years

I currently serve as the local president of Charles County. I wish to be on the MSEA Board of Directors to speak for all members across the state, and to be the voice from a smaller county/Southern Maryland at the state level. I have served locally and at a state level to include: local PAC and GR chair, local VP/Executive Board member, delegate to MSEA and NEA, MSEA Legislation and Citizenship Committee, MSEA PAC Steering Committee, co-chair of the MSEA elections committee at NEA – but no matter what I am doing, I am a passionate educator and a relentless advocate. I am an advocate for all students, for all educators, and will boldly champion what is right for our profession. I want educators' voices to have an impact on how Maryland views and treats education, educators and support staff. If you are asking yourself what impact one voice from one small county can have, ask yourself instead the impact one small rock can have on a windshield? I want to be that voice, that rock, that impact that makes a difference. I am asking for your support and your vote for MSEA Board of Directors.



Toni Mejias

Position: ESP

School: Prince George's County Board of Education

Local Association: ACE-AFSCME Local 2250

Member: MSEA 15 years/NEA 15 years

I want to be that voice on the board for you. I want to be the voice at the table when the board is discussing staffing, committees and priorities. I will be a voice to help move MSEA towards truly carrying out NEA issues and priorities. I will be a voice of inclusivity and purpose. I will be a voice for us and for our students. MSEA we need to make decisions that are strong. Decisions that are good for us, but more importantly good for our students. How many of you became dedicated to something in high school? How many of you became motivated because of a teacher? We need to be providing opportunities for our students to let their voices be heard, especially those students who are incredibly marginalized. We sway, we fight for social justice in our schools and for our students. But many of our students have no platform or venue to let their voices be heard. Many of our students have no way to impact the change they are capable of. We, MSEA, need to be that platform!



Bill Reamy

Position: Teacher

School: Mitchell ES

Local Association: EACC

Member: MSEA 23 years/NEA 23 years

As a member of the MSEA board of directors I would work to bring the issue of institutional misogyny to the forefront. Under current pension rules teachers can work nine years, leave employment and receive absolutely nothing. These people are paying their dues, but they're not getting their due. I checked with a well known fast food restaurant chain, and even they contribute about \$2,000 a year for their employees' retirement well being. MSEA has a female president, a female vice-president, and a preponderance of female members, and yet MSEA is silent on this issue. Women as a group have been historically disadvantaged when it comes to retirement savings. It's time to use the influence of MSEA to right this wrong. Vote for me, and I will work to restore justice to our members who are walking away empty handed.



Bryan Trueblood Sr.

Position: Teacher

School: Central HS

Local Association: PGCEA

Member: MSEA 7 years/NEA 7 years

It only takes one drop of water to cause a ripple across the entire ocean. I want to be that drop that represents educators across the state of Maryland to get their message heard. My name is Bryan Trueblood Sr. and I would love to take the opportunity to sit with educators across the state, no matter the district size or location and listen to the concerns they are dealing with on a daily basis. As well as replicating accomplishments achieved over the years in surrounding districts with similar obstacles. If elected to represent you on the state board, I would strive to build stronger relationships with our communities to empower individuals that may feel they have no voice or a place at the table. I would challenge the members of my team to consider listening to the other side to better understand the battle; and work towards establishing practices that accommodate the needs of all stakeholders. I want to join the board to assist in modifying a system that works towards building equity amongst all districts in Maryland to achieve one goal, students graduating high school with the necessary tools to fulfill their own dreams in life.



Helen Wilkerson

Position: ESP

School: Van Bokkelen ES

Local Association: SAAAAC

Member: MSEA 10 years/NEA 10 years

Presently: President of the Secretaries and Assistants Association of Anne Arundel County (SAAAAC) • Serve on the Labor Management Committee. • Delegate at the MSEA and NEA Convention • Graduate of the Emergent Leader Program Generation XI Certified: BA Human Growth Development - Early Childhood Education Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA). My goal is to seek policy development in response to major issues that are or will in the future have significant impact on our members and community. While serving as a board member, I will give of my time unconditionally and be a voice for all Education Support Professionals. I am a perfect candidate for the Board because, I will bring new visions, insight and passion for the ESP's. I will advocate on political issues which will improve working conditions and unions to create a future for all.



Jeannette Young

Position: ESP

School: Pulaski Park HS

Local Association: ESPBC

Member: MSEA 21 years/NEA 21 years

Since I began my education career I have been advocating for educators and uniting members. I will continue my quest to improve, sustain, and enhance working conditions for all members. As Vice-President for 6 years I had the capacity to build an alliance with my local school board. I have met with success efforts to enhance members working conditions by composing a team to design and implement a continual of professional developments, enriching our career choice. As a MSEA Board of Directors member I will use my voice to advocate for better working conditions, better wages, a fair evaluation system and a solvent retirement system, while combating endless testing, privatizing and/or outsourcing. I experienced many opportunities to work with policy makers as well as communities leaders who influence public education. I believe with your support and strong advocacy we will lead the movement to advance public education. Please allow me the opportunity to represent you on the MSEA Board Directors. I promise to use my experience and knowledge to carry on the fight to move education by advocating and organizing on issues that are important to you. Please vote Jeannette Young for MSEA Board of Directors.
