



PRESIDENT'S ONLINE UPDATE

April 28, 2017

Good Morning CEA Members:

Some items of interest in the Past and Week ahead:

RESTORATIVE STEP STATUS UPDATE

The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education have reached a negotiated agreement that gives them a funding formula to be able to fund the Steps and Restorative Steps in our contract for the next three years. The formula was presented and approved at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 25, 2017. The Board of Education is supposed to approve the Formula at the May 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting. Thanks are due both the Commissioners and the BOE Members for working together to reach this goal.

Maryland comptroller: Casino money for schools was a 'lie':

(WBFF) -- Maryland Casinos are on pace to have a record year in 2017, generating nearly \$2 billion in revenue.

Maryland voters approved casinos thinking much of the revenue would go to educating our kids. So, if casinos are going gangbusters, why can't schools like Baltimore City pay their bills?

It's one of the main questions we get from viewers who call our hotline or send us an email. Project Baltimore looked into it and found out all the money is going to educate our kids. But there's a catch that Annapolis didn't tell you about.

In 2008, 58% of Maryland voters supported casinos, which were sold as a way to fund education.

But Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot says, "It was a crass, cynical effort to dupe people." He went on to say, "The governor back then. The legislative leaders. All of them knew this was fundamentally a lie."

In the six years since the first casino opened, they have pumped \$1.8 billion into the state's Education Trust Fund. What started as \$49 million in 2011 is expected to be \$546 million this year. But our investigation also found as casino money poured into education, Annapolis cut school funding from other places. In 2009, Maryland spent 21% of its General Fund Budget on education. This coming year, it will be 18%.

"We're bringing in much more money than we brought in, you can't keep the percentages the same," says State Delegate Frank Turner, of Howard County, who helped craft the state's casino law.

Turner does not believe the Maryland voters were lied to, because the money is going into the Education Trust Fund.

He told FOX45, the \$6.4 billion that Maryland spent on education this year, is the most the state has ever spent to fund schools. So while other states have cut education funding, Maryland has not. And Turner says the casino money is a big part of that.

“We’d still have to put in the kind of money that we’re putting in now. We’d just have to find some other source,” Turner says.

But Franchot says the voters were misled, “The clear understanding among the public is that it was supposed to be added to the budget. But it wasn’t.”

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1 -5, 2017, with Teacher Appreciation Day being May 2. Here are some events commemorating the occasion:

CEA Teacher Appreciation Social – Wednesday, May 3

MSEA Night at Camden Yards – Saturday, May 6

Nationals Teacher Appreciation Days – Friday, May 12; Tuesday, July 25, & Friday, September 29

MSEA Educator Appreciation Day – Saturday, June 10

Flyers are attached for all events.

THE ROAD TO RETIREMENT

CEA Retired Committee will be presenting a Road to Retirement Information Fair on Thursday, May 18.

CEA members considering retirement this year or in the near future, as well as our current CEA-R

Members can benefit from this Fair. Attached is a flyer with details. Please contact Pamela Mackall at

pmackall160@hotmail.com to reserve your spot!

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“CALVERT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CEA**

TEACHER APPRECIATION



Social

*at Brick Wood Fire Bistro Restaurant
Prince Frederick
Wednesday, May 3rd
4:00-7:00*

CEA would like to invite **ALL** teachers to join us, as we recognize the hard work and dedication, that you provide to the students of Calvert County throughout the year.

Gift
Cards

Free Appetizers
Free Soda and Iced Tea
Happy Hour Drink Specials
Giveaways every 15 minutes to CEA Members
Grand Finale Drawing at 7 pm

Movie & Bowling
Passes

Spa
Treatments

Great
Prizes



Maryland State Education Association Night

Saturday, May 6th at 7:05 p.m. vs. Chicago White Sox
Orioles Tote Bag presented by MLB Network (1st 20,000 Fans 15 and over)

Terrace Box Outside Bases (Sections 1-17, 55-65): \$25*

Left Field Lower Box (Sections 66-86): \$25*

Lower Reserve (Sections 7-17, 55-87): \$15*

Upper Reserve (Sections 306-364): \$13*

*There is an additional 10% service charge per ticket.

For any questions or accessible seating, please call 888.848.BIRD (2473) and ask for the Ticket Services team.

FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

1. Click on the link below
2. Select a quantity of tickets
3. Create a Baltimore Orioles ticket account
4. Purchase and print your tickets

<http://www.orioles.com/tix/msea>

Tickets posted for re-sale are subject to cancellation. Offer is NOT valid at the Box Office.



As a "thank you" for their hard work in the community, the Nationals welcome local teachers, administrators and school employees to the ballpark.

Teacher Appreciation Day

Games

Phillies

[Fri, May 12 @7:05 PM EDT](#)

Brewers

[Tue, Jul 25 @7:05 PM EDT](#)

Pirates

[Fri, Sep 29 @7:05 PM EDT](#)

<http://m.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/info/special-ticket-teachers-day>

VISIT ANNAPOLIS
FOR MSEA'S
EDUCATOR
APPRECIATION DAY!
JUNE 10, 2017

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 • 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Stop by MSEA for refreshments, your list of participating businesses, a wristband to receive discounts, and a chance to win great prizes!

Visit marylandeducators.org/2017EducatorAppreciation
for more information, directions, and parking tips.



ROAD TO RETIREMENT INFORMATION FAIR

Presented by CEA-Retired Committee
This event is **FREE** – another benefit of
membership!



WHO: CEA Members considering retirement this year or in the next few years, as well as current CEA-R Members.

WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 2107 from 4:00pm – 6:30pm

WHERE: Harriet E. Brown Community Center
901 Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick MD 20678

WHAT: Displays and information by these participants:

- Berman, Sobin, Gross, Feldman & Darby, LLP
- Calvert County Office on Aging
- College of Southern Maryland Continuing Education
- Educational Systems Federal Credit Union
- Old Wallville School
- Port Republic School #7
- Valic Financial Advisors, Inc.

Representatives from CEA will be in attendance to answer questions

PLUS... Refreshments and Door Prizes!

Questions? Contact Pamela Mackall, CEA –R Committee Chairperson
(pmackall160@hotmail.com)

Kindly detach and return this form to CEA, 865 Main Street, Prince Fredrick MD 20685 no later than
Thursday, May 11, 2017 to reserve your spot or email Adrienne Marshall
amarshall@mseanea.org

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School/Worksite: _____

() I am currently a CEA-Retired Member