



PRESIDENT'S ONLINE UPDATE

May 19, 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 four years. The formula was presented and approved at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 23, 2017. The Board of Education approved the Formula at the May 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting. Thanks are due both groups for working together to reach this goal, and to the hard work of all the teachers and community allies who organized around achieving the steps that we are due.

If you are available on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7pm, the final vote on the County budget will be held at the Calvert Pines Senior Center, 450 West Dares Beach Road, Prince Frederick, MD.

Summer Leadership Conference

As you know we've been recruiting members for a statewide network of Grassroots Organizing (GO) Teams by state legislative district. These member organizers will provide communications, political and legislative support. It's our goal that the training and resources they will receive will increase every local's capacity to win victories for your members and students at the local and state level. If any member would like to attend the SLC on their own the fee is \$225. Registration must be completed by Wednesday, June 7 at <http://www.marylandeducators.org/2016SLC>.

We are trying to organize an abbreviated 1-day training on the most updated research and skills training on community organizing, member mobilization, and campaign planning this summer for all GO Team members. Please let us know your availability using this link: <http://doodle.com/poll/c8kqh288mtx9k8ep>

Schoology Training

Mike Spahr and I have spoken to the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent and have been assured that this training will be offered to all employees over the next few months. The accounts are being set up at this time in Google. If you have an existing account and do not want to use it for school, all you have to do is let them know you would need a new account set up and they can do that for you.

If you are being told that it is an expectation that this is to be used for your job and have not received the adequate support, please let myself or Mike Spahr know.

Substitute Teachers

The Superintendent and Board of Education are aware that there are many issues with the availability and quality of substitutes. While no changes large in scale will take place before the end of the school year, this will be a continuing conversation over the summer.

Planning Time Committee Reports

After months of deliberations, the secondary education branch of the Planning Time Committee presented their findings to Dr. Curry on May 16, 2017. Dr. Curry was receptive to the idea of increased collaborative planning time within the school day and other recommendations made in the committee's report. The primary education branch of the committee will be presenting its findings and report on Tuesday, May 23.

Labor-Management Meetings

Starting this Fall we are looking to start school by school monthly meetings between CEA representatives and their principals to address local issues within the school. If you are interested in participating, or being involved in this evolving conversation, please contact the Uniserv, Mike Spahr at mspahr@mseanea.org.

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