



# Vote Michele Clarke For MSEA Board of Directors

## Union Experience:

- 6 Year Member of the PGCEA Board of Directors
- Member of Bargaining for the Common Good Bargaining Team and Contract Action Team.
- Chair of the PGCEA Grassroots Organizing (GO) Team.
- Active Member of Government Relations, Minority Affairs, and Special Education Committees.
- Member of Special Education Task Force.
- Member of Elementary Lesson Planning Task Force examining ways to increase planning time.
- Member of Principal and Teacher Evaluation Work Group.
- Testified at County Council budget hearings for increased teacher salaries, smaller class sizes, recovering the lost steps, fully funding the school system budget, etc. for the past 4 years.
- Testified on a variety of issues including – making up the lost steps, workplace bullying, restorative practices, community schools, trauma informed instruction, overcrowded schools, poor working conditions, etc. at Board of Education Meetings and Budget Hearings.
- Testified on County Bills in Delegation Hearings and Led Lobbying Teams to lobby Senators and Delegates on passing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, to Fix the Fund, Restorative Practices, Community Schools, etc. for more than 8 years.
- Collaborated with Strong Schools Maryland, the Alliance to Reclaim our Schools, Progressive Maryland, etc. to get the Blueprint passed.

As a member of MSEA I have been a Strong Advocate fighting to get improved salaries and working conditions for ALL Educators by establishing Strong and Respectful working relationships with state and local leaders. Prior to becoming a teacher 16 years ago, I was an Instructional Assistant working with special education students in Howard County for 5 ½ years, so I am very familiar with issues facing our ESP Members. I believe ALL our students should receive the best education possible and will continue to advocate for equity within our state.



*Michele M. Clarke*

## Elect Michele Clarke to the MSEA Board of Directors