

Region 2 Candidates



Abigail Bennett
Position: ESP
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I am a third year Para Educator in a pre-K classroom. I would appreciate your support in voting for me to be a NEA delegate! ESPs, early career educators, and early childhood are often underrepresented in leadership and I believe our work and voice is just as important as the rest of the education field.



Matthew Blaylock
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I believe that it is our job as educators to advocate for students, colleagues, and the surrounding community members in regards to inclusive, equitable, and safe learning environments. Together we can inspire change!



Leigh Bondrole
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I am a dedicated member of HCEA (Harford) and MSEA who has been honored to represent Maryland at previous RAs. I have 27 years of experience as an educator and a mind for seeing everything from multiple points of view to find a solution that works for everyone. I believe in service and working together.



Ryan Burbey
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I have served my students and our members in many capacities including serving as delegate and local president in Harford County. I have a wealth of organizational knowledge, political savvy and pedagogical knowledge. I have helped spearhead our equity agenda and hope to continue this work by advocating for multiple language students.



Melissa Carpenter
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I am a fifth-grade teacher in Charles County. I have actively participated in previous NEA Representative Assemblies and look forward to bringing my experience to the next one. I have been actively involved in both my local and MSEA through the ECE Committee at MSEA and as an Executive Board member for EACC.



Chrystie Crawford-Smick
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

As an NEA delegate, I will proudly represent MSEA and the interests of Maryland educators at the national level. As a member of the Maryland delegation, I will use my voice and vote to adopt new business that provides our students with a quality public education and supports the needs of educators.



Traci Davis
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I will like to be the voice of our members. I have been to several NEA/RA's and I want to provide my knowledge to our members.



Nate Davidson
Position: Teacher
Local Association: WCEA

I'm a social studies teacher from Wicomico County and have been actively involved in our local association, serving on the negotiations committee and board of directors. I look forward to giving voice to the interests of those on the Eastern Shore in our state delegation and working to strengthen our profession.

Michelle Gale
Position: ESP
Local Association: WCEA

Various experiences as an ESP, an Active WCEA Board of Director and Delegate to the MSEA RA has given voice to my colleagues and opportunities for positive changes locally and at the state level. As NEA Delegate, I will expand, strengthen and advocate for students, colleagues and the professions to advance our mission.



Veronica Golden
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I am a stronger public school advocate and would love your support to expand my local advocacy to the national level.



Brenda Greene Hinton
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

My name is Brenda Greene-Hinton, and I am a teacher in a Title I School in Harford County. I have been in the field of education and an active union member for 40+ years. It would be an honor to represent and advocate for our interest and concerns as your MSEA Delegate and NEARA Delegate.



Sean Heyl
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I want to continue to build on my local and state advocacy for educators on the national level. I want to make sure that smaller counties are reflected in the state voice. I also enjoy bringing what I learn on the national level back to Maryland and my local.



Karen Hopkins
Position: ESP
Local Association: DE

I would love to represent the ESP to bring new ideas and help make a difference.

Brenda Hughes
Position: ESP
Local Association: CESSA



Lisa Landrum-May
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I am an active, but recent, EACC representative. Previously I was a rep for PGCEA for 10 years. Currently, I am a co chair for the recently re-established EACC Minority and Human Rights committee. Additionally, I am a cohort member for MSEA's Minority Leadership Development cohort.

Will Lewis
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I have twice served as an elected Delegate to the NEA Convention. I again ask for your vote so I can advocate for the educators of Maryland at the NEA level. Our voices and experiences must be heard.



Linda McLaughlin
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

I have served as a state delegate to NEA for many years and would like to continue to bring YOUR voice to the NEA convention. I was elected to the NEA Resolutions Committee by the Maryland delegation in 2022 and I would like to serve both on that committee and as a delegate in 2023.



Kathy Myers
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EASMC

I have been an active member of MSEA since 1995. Supporting my local members is a top priority which is one reason I wish to be a delegate to this year's MSEA convention.



Karen Myers
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EASMC

I would like to gain a better understanding of MSEA's and NEA's decision-making processes. I would like to learn about MSEA and NEA and how they can best support EASMC in all of our needs. I would like to meet and share information with EASMC, MSEA, and NEA members.



Cynthia Poper

Position: ESP

Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I am passionate about our Association, its role in our lives and the lives of our students. I am a dogged advocate for our profession, our students, our schools and improvements to our working lives. I am a diligent and dedicated worker that will do my best to represent you at our National RA.

Bill Reamy

Position: Teacher

Local Association: EACC

As a thirty-year educator I humbly ask for your vote so that I can be a delegate to the NEA Convention. I will bring my experience, my dedication to students, and as always, my willingness to learn.



Kathleen Reamy

Position: Teacher

Local Association: EACC

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to be an advocate for my students. This has led to me also being an advocate for all educators in my roles with my local, state and national association. I would appreciate your vote to allow me to continue being a voice for others.



Linda Shackelford

Position: Teacher

Local Association: EACC

Dedicated. Responsible. Enthusiastic.

I am seeking your vote for the position as an NEA Convention Delegate.

Continuing to work at the national level is a responsibility I don't take lightly.

I want to continue to fight for our educators and students.



Peter Singleton
Position: ESP
Local Association: DE

My plans are to listen and actively participate in the discussion of issues and vote with our membership in mind. I am asking for a chance to serve our members. Please vote for Peter Singleton in both places on the ballot. Please and Thank you.

Joan Smith
Position: Teacher
Local Association: WCEA

As Delegate I work for solutions requiring greater respect for our professions through competitive pay, manageable workloads, better benefits and working conditions. I want that seat at the table to keep our voices heard and bring about needed changes. We must address educator shortages, safety in our schools, and elect pro-education responsible candidates.



Shawn Starcher
Position: Teacher
Local Association: EACC

Shawn Starcher has served the Association at the local, state and national level since 2007: EACC Senior Certified Rep. and Executive Board, GR/PR/GO Team Member, MSEA President's Council and Bylaws & Rules Committee, NEA-RA Host Committee Treasurer, Leadership Summit and Ed Activists Team. If elected, I'll continue to advocate on behalf of all members' concerns.



Stacy Tayman
Position: ESP
Local Association: CAESS

As an ESP local president, I understand the importance of having a seat at the table. I would be honored to represent MSEA and ESPs as a state delegate.



Robert Tucker
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

Local director, chair of MSEA membership Organizing Committee. As an NEA delegate last year, I introduced a housing amendment to the NEA legislative program which was accepted by the committee. I intend to continue my advocacy for early career educators at the convention in my final year as NEA ECE caucus treasurer. Thank you!

Allison Weedn-Hughes
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

It was an honor to attend the 2022 RA in person and I would like to continue the work of the association in 2023. I was hired in 2019 and have spent the last three year listening and learning virtually and would like to put that knowledge into action and increase my capacity to be a change maker within my local and at the state level because I see everyday how decisions made nationally eventually trickle down to the local level.



Andrea Weedn-Hughes
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I had the opportunity to attend the NEA RA for the first time last year, and it was an amazing experience. I would love the opportunity to attend again and continue the work of the committees I was a part of.



Jacob Zebley
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Harford)

I am a high school social studies teacher in my 15th year in education. I currently serve as the Treasurer of HCEA and have previously served on the Board of Directors of both MSEA and NEA. My experiences have prepared me to serve as a delegate to represent all educators throughout Maryland. Thank you!
