

Region 4 Candidates



Richard Benfer
Position: Teacher
Local Association: TAAAC

Having served MSEA members across the state as MSEA BOD, and MSEA and NEA delegate for many years has been very rewarding. The opportunity to continue to advocate and serve MSEA members as MSEA delegate to NEA allows me to bring a voice of experience to the issues we face together. I appreciate your vote.



Anna Gannon
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I am seeking re-election for delegate to the NEA convention. I pledge to continue to ask the hard questions and seek resolutions to the issues that you believe are important. Continuity, Commitment, Dedication and Action are needed to bring about collective change. VOTE ANNA GANNON for 2023 NEA delegate.



Sarai Gray
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I am the current HCEA Treasurer, chair of the HCEA Election Committee and have been the Co-Chair of the MSEA at NEA Elections for 4 RA's. I would be honored to represent Maryland as a NEA delegate in 2023. Thank you!



Elizabeth Greer

Position: ESP

Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I am currently an ESP and have been for 16 years, I have been your voice in prior years and would be honored to have the chance to be your voice again this year. Please consider me to represent you this year. Thank you in advance.



Bridget Holliday

Position: Teacher

Local Association: TAAAC

Bridget Holliday is in her 6th year teaching at Sunset Elementary School in Anne Arundel County. Bridget is an active member of TAAAC, serving as a building representative. Bridget is also politically active, elected as a delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention, representing MD's 2nd Congressional District.



Lauri Hornicek

Position: Teacher

Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I have held a variety of local positions: Board member, Membership chair, Ethics committee member, Bylaw chair, and Negotiations chair. Currently, I am a member of the Representative Council. I would like the opportunity to represent Maryland at the NEA convention. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



Danielle King-Beard
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I would love the opportunity to be your voice again, at the NEA Convention. I love doing the work to better our profession for our colleagues and for our students.

Paul Lemle
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

Orlando is a brutally hot place in July, but I'll give it 110% again if elected. I believe we can and should think big: let's empower our members to fight anti-education politicians everywhere.



Kathleen MacLaughlin
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

As an active building rep for 13 years, a regular delegate to the MSEA and NEA conventions, and an enthusiastic apple ballot volunteer, I know how important it is to be engaged in the union. I'd like to continue to grow my activism and support members by representing them at our state and national conventions.



Rebecca Otte
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I'm a 5th grade teacher and current HCEA Director. I've served as co-chair of HCEA's Government Relations committee since 2018 and been elected a delegate to MSEA RA five times and NEA RA three times. Advocacy is a passion of mine, with a particular interest in LGBTQIA+ rights and mental health.



Maxine Salah
Position: ESP
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I have been serving all Educators for the last 23 years and I would love to continue to be your voice! I have been through leadership training, been a building Rep, served on Membership committees and continue to do my part for the association. Please vote for me as your Representative to the NEA convention.



Melissa Schmitt
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

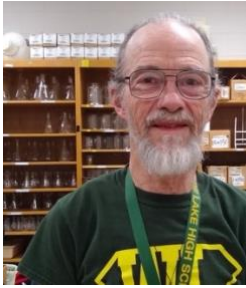
I am running for Delegate to MSEA and NEA. This is my second year as an HCEA Building Representative, a role I took on to support my colleagues during a difficult transition with new administration. I have been a teacher for twelve years. I look forward to representing members at the RA.



Benjamin Schmitt
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I've represented members at numerous MSEA and NEA Rep Councils and Leadership Trainings as a building rep, member of the local board of directors, and as an officer. Please vote for me to continue lending a hand and voice to other members across the state. Thank you.

Q Smith-Green
Position: Teacher
Local Association: HCEA (Howard)



Samuel Walters

Position: ESP

Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

WLHS(Howard) Science Paraeducator, Co-Chair MSEA ESP Organizing Committee which developed ESP Bill of Rights, NEARA 2020-22, NEAESP Conference 2019-2022, MSEA RAs 2020-22, Summer Leadership(SLC) 2019-22, Collective Bargaining(CBC) 2019-22.

Pay Equity/Living Wage presentations - CBC 20/21/22, SLC22, Civil/Human Rights 2022, NEAESP 2022 and 13 ESP BoR Organizing/Listening sessions.

HCEA- BoD since 2019, Committees-Negotiations 2019-22, Reopening MOU.



Jen Wilson

Position: Teacher

Local Association: HCEA (Howard)

I am committed to advocating for the members of NEA so they can support our students and other staff members. I am a Building Representative, a member of the GR and Organizing Committees, and a Delegate to the MSEA Rep Assembly & NEA Assembly. I ask for your vote to continue to serve our members.
