

## MSEA Board of Director Candidates



### **Neil Becker**

**Position: Teacher**

**Local Association: WCTA(Washington)**

I am proud to be a voice for Maryland's educators as an active MSEA member and a current member of the MSEA Board of Directors. Together, we have accomplished much, but our work isn't finished. As a member of the MSEA Board, I will continue to be a voice for educators throughout the state and an advocate for improved working conditions and salary packages.

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### **Sonia D'Urbano**

**Position: ESP**

**Local Association: HCEA(Howard)**

I am an active Education Support Professional and staying active is very important to me. I would like to serve as a Board Member as I believe it is crucial for ESP staff members have a voice at the table. I would like to be that voice for our union ESP members at the state level. Being a Representative for my local Association gives me an opportunity to learn and bring back information to our members. Currently I serve as Organizing Committee co-Chair for Howard CEA and a member of the MSEA ESP Committee. I am also working with fellow ESPs across the State as a Year Round Organizer in an effort to increase membership and in the process tell my story. A state delegate's position would allow me to continue to make sure our students receive the best education possible.

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### **Christopher Hill**

**Position: Teacher**

**Local Association: PGCEA**

Christopher's career in public education reflects a diverse and dedicated journey spanning two decades. Beginning as a fifth and sixth-grade teacher in a Baltimore City school, he laid the foundation for his career by engaging with your learners during their formative years.

After completing his tenure with Baltimore City schools, Christopher pursued further education, earning a master's degree in special education. Armed with this additional qualification, he transitioned to working with the DC Schools. In this capacity, he contributed to the development and education of middle school students, likely bringing his expertise in special education to bear on the unique challenges and opportunities presented at this level.

Christopher's commitment to shaping the educational landscape led him to the Prince George's school system, where he shifted his focus to high school students. Here, he likely played a crucial role in addressing a broader range of educational needs for older students.

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## **Felixberto Lazaro**

**Position: Teacher**

**Local Association: PGCEA**

I am running for MSEA Board of Directors because I want to advocate for our members on the state level. I want to expand my territory and meet our members statewide to find out how we can build an authentic community of educators. As a sitting board director, I want to continue organizing our members so that the membership will grow. I want to promote well-being and working conditions for our members. Finally, the office I am running for will help me mentor and support new educators.

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## **Tony Martinet**

**Position: Teacher**

**Local Association: PGCEA**

I am running for the MSEA Board because I want to help grow and activate our members. We need to change our members' perspectives from thinking of the union as a place to go for services to thinking THEY are the union. As a board member, my role is to support the structures and activities necessary for empowering our members to lead our profession. I am a service leader with a passion for seeing others succeed. This approach guided me in my role as a local president in South Dakota, and in my current roles as a co-chair for PGCEA and MSEA Committees, an NEA and MSEA RA delegate, and the Zone 1 Co-Director of the NEA LGBTQ+ Caucus. I have also engaged members by presenting at the NEA Leadership Summit, NEA Aspiring Educators Summer Conference, MSEA Convention, and MSEA Summer Leadership Conference. Let me work for you!

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## **Jim Politis**

**Position: Substitute Teacher**

**Local Association: MCEA**

I have represented and worked on behalf of MSEA. If elected I promise to do so again

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