



Donna Christy

Position: Teacher

Local Association: PGCEA

Donna Christy has been an educator for 27 years and is President of the Prince George's County Educators' Association. She believes the strength of our union lies in its members and that we build power by supporting local organizing efforts and fostering strong community alliances. In these challenging times, our union must rise to meet new obstacles and defend public education from threats that impact our schools and our democracy.

Donna's leadership extends to her work on the Consortium for Coordinated Community Supports, addressing students' behavioral and mental health needs, and her appointment to the Maryland Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform. These roles have deepened her understanding of how policy intersects with the real daily challenges facing educators and students.

Her service on the MSEA Board of Directors and various committees, including Budget, Women's Concerns, Resolutions, and the Management Bargaining Team, has equipped her with the knowledge and experience to be a disciplined and effective advocate for all members.

When elected, Donna will continue to fight for equity, justice, and the values that strengthen our union, ensuring that together, we build a brighter future for Maryland's educators and students.



Philimena Owona

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Hello MSEA Family. My name is Philimena Owona from PGCEA, asking for your vote for Region 5 board member. With over 24 years in education, I am committed to advancing the needs/voices of our profession. Together, we have achieved much, but there is still more work to be done.

I will continue fighting to reduce crushing workloads, amplify educators' voices and autonomy, and advocate for culturally responsive curriculums and restorative practices, smaller class sizes, and other resources/supports.

Currently serving as PGCEA's Treasurer and having served as an MSEA board member, I bring a wealth of leadership experience to the board that equips me to effectively advocate for our members and move our association forward. With your support, I will advocate for salary increases, educator-led professional development, and equitable resources for all. Because every educator matters, I support and advocate for our ESP bill of rights - everyone deserves a seat at the table, a liveable wage; and one job should be enough.

Let's build on our progress and ensure educators' voices lead the way! Together, we can build a stronger, more impactful union, that strengthens recruitment and retention, and leverages PTA partnerships.

VOTE Philimena Owona for MSEA Region 5.
