



## New MTEA leaders take office June 7

New MTEA officers and executive board representatives were elected by the membership last month. The newly elected leaders are:

### Officers

- President: Kim Schroeder
- Vice President: Amy Mizialko
- Secretary: Ingrid Walker-Henry
- Treasurer: Josh Jackson

### Executive Board Representatives:

- Kindergarten/Primary: Shari Redel
- Intermediate: Alaura Cook
- Middle School: Julie Meyer
- Senior High: Chris Fons
- Special Education: Eric Gullickson

These leaders will take office on June 7, 2017 at the end of the Representative Assembly.

Congratulations, and thank you to all members who ran for elected leader positions.

## Our students deserve healthy food & clean water in every school

We are looking for MTEA members, parents, students, and community members who want to drastically improve the quality and availability of healthy foods and clean water in our schools.

### Join the Food Justice Task Force

at the MTEA office on Tues., May 30, 4:30pm. To RSVP, please email Melissa Zombor at [zomborm@mtea.weac.org](mailto:zomborm@mtea.weac.org).



## Pack the May 16 MPS Budget Hearing Educators stand up for fair compensation!

As the MPS School Board considers the proposed 2017-18 budget this month, we know more money needs to be set aside for budget items—including compensation—that have an immediate impact on our students.

### The current proposed budget does NOT fund raises for any MPS educator.

We need to let the board know that without a clear path for career advancement, educators will seek higher earnings and stability elsewhere. We understand that budgets are tight, but the district must respect employees.

MPS states in the proposed budget that “While a pause in raises will not reverse the district’s competitive position, it can be a marginal discouragement for current and potential employees.” MPS needs to know that a “pause” in raises is more than a “marginal discouragement.” A pause in raises will reverse educators’ ability to buy classroom materials, pay student loans, and mortgages.

All MTEA members are strongly encouraged to attend the school board budget hearing on Tuesday, May 16. We will meet at the MTEA office at 6:00pm for a light dinner and to fill out comment cards. Together we will enter the board meeting before it begins at 7:00pm.

### We need a large showing of support and members who are willing to testify for a budget that prioritizes:

- A compensation schedule that attracts and retains quality educators
- Continued investment and support in our community schools
- Improved school safety and climate through an emphasis on social and emotional learning through restorative practices

Educators’ compensation cannot go backwards. Please let us know today if you will be attending the school board meeting.

### Register at [mtea.org/events](http://mtea.org/events).

**Please also call your school board director.** For a list of phone numbers and a sample script, visit: [bit.ly/2017ScriptMPS](http://bit.ly/2017ScriptMPS).



## Building Committees Build Power and Improve Teaching & Learning Conditions

Schools with strong MTEA building committees are successful because they can work collaboratively with administrators to solve problems and improve teaching and learning conditions for educators and students. Building committees are the front line of defense to solving problems in your building. Every school **must** have one.

If your building committee is meeting regularly with administrators, that's great!

It's never too late to start meeting regularly. All schools hold elections for building leaders in May. If your school needs help holding an election, please contact your regional staff person at 414-259-1990. Establishing a building committee now is imperative for a strong school year in 2017-2018.

### Building committees have successfully improved conditions in our schools by:

- Creating lunch and duty schedules that work for both students and educators
- Winning a second recess for elementary school students
- Expanding teacher directed time

Building committees work! Do you have a success story to share with us? Email [zomborm@mtea.weac.org](mailto:zomborm@mtea.weac.org).



## Summer Professional Development Opportunities for MTEA Members

MTEA members can take free professional development courses this summer (and all year long) at the Milwaukee Center for Teaching, Learning and Public Education.

The Center is located in the MTEA office at 5130 W. Vliet St.

Courses include a book study for three graduate credits, PDP assistance, budgeting and savings, degrees not debt, and more!

Courses for this summer are still being added, and a complete brochure will be available in early June.

For course descriptions and to register, visit [mtea.weac.org](http://mtea.weac.org) and go to the events area of the website.



## Upcoming Events

All events held at MTEA office unless otherwise noted. For more information and to register, visit [mtea.weac.org](http://mtea.weac.org) and go to *events*.

**IMPORTANT - School Board Committee on Strategic Planning & Budget** Tues., May 16 6pm planning at the MTEA office and 7pm at MPS Central Office, 5525 W. Vliet.

**Intro to National Board Certification** Tues., May 16 at 4:30pm-5:30pm.

**Degrees Not Debt** Wed., May 17 at 4:30pm.

**Renewing your License** Tues., May 23 at 4:30pm or Thurs., June 15 at 10am.

**Preparing for your Summative Evaluation** Thurs., May 18 at 4:30pm-6pm.

**Infinite Campus Drop-In Session** Thurs., June 1 or Tues., June 6 at 4:30pm-6pm.

**Preparing for Retirement Sessions with WEA Member Benefits** Tues., June 20; Tues., July 11; Tues., July 25; Wed., August 2; and Tues., August 8 from 10am-noon.

## Are you retiring?

If you are retiring this school year, please call or email Linda Scherlie at 414-256-6760 or [Ischerli@mtea.weac.org](mailto:Ischerli@mtea.weac.org). Also, please plan to attend the Retiree Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, June 6 at Klemmers Banquet Center. Known retiring teachers will receive an invite soon!

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