



The fight is on: Resist the Takeover!

Chris Abele's Takeover Czar, Demond Means has laid out their plans to begin the initial phases of the MPS Takeover plan. The proposal put forward to the MPS School Board is the same failed model tried in other urban cities. Despite Abele's pledge to only take over one empty building, Means has made it clear that he plans to take up to three MPS schools that have current students and staff in them.



We know that every school in MPS will be affected by this Takeover attempt. The Means/Abele Takeover plan undermines MPS by

1) threatening the authority of our democratically elected public school board; 2) creating false promises of a distorted community schools model; 3) reinforcing inequality by serving fewer special needs students; 4) starving MPS of needed resources; and 5) exacerbating Milwaukee's teacher shortage by eliminating good jobs that attract and retain a highly qualified workforce.

This is a critical moment in Milwaukee's history and together we must do everything in our power to resist the takeover. As MTEA members, we play a leading role in the fight for the future of Milwaukee Public Schools—our children and our communities are counting on us to lead the resistance.

MTEA members are organizing to fight back against Means' plans to undermine our schools. You can help! Join the letter writing campaign at bit.ly/WriteChrisAbele; call your school board director and encourage them to stand against the proposal; reach out to members and non-members alike in your buildings to resist the Takeover; and continue to watch your emails closely for important updates.

For a list of frequently asked questions about the Means/Abele Takeover plan, visit: bit.ly/TakeoverFAQs.

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Register for summer PD

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, National Board certification, support for Educator Effectiveness, PDP assistance, community schools, mindfulness in the classroom, budgeting and savings, social media organizing, outdoor yoga, 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 and go to the events area of the website.



Applying to a new school? View the MTEA Principal Survey!

School-based interviews continue this month. MTEA members who are considering applying at a different school can learn more by viewing the MTEA principal survey results, available at the MTEA office from 8:00am to 5:30pm Mon. through Thurs., and 8:00am to 5:00pm on Fridays.

To view the MPS Exchange Process Timeline, visit:
mtea.weac.org/resources/hot-topics.

New MEAA and MSTA leaders take office June 8

New MEAA and MSTA leaders were elected by the membership last month.

The newly elected leaders are:

MEAA Leaders

President: Sequanna Taylor
Vice President: Gwen Washington
Elementary Rep (A):
Hector Lopez, Jr.
Elementary Rep. (B):
Gwendolyn Anderson
At-Large Rep. Seat (C): Crystal Ealy
At-Large Rep. Seat (D):
Charles Smith
Secretary: Mary Strang
Treasurer: Ruth Moore
Special Education Rep.:
Alicia Farrington

MSTA Leaders

President: Alex Brower
Vice President: Keith Carter
Secretary: Chimere Roundtree
Treasurer: Nicholas Carter
Rep. Seat A: John Thielmann
Rep. Seat B: Jennifer Hoskin
Rep. Seat C: Barbara Moeser
Rep. Seat D: Joanne Beauchamp

These leaders will take office on June 8, 2016 at the end of the Representative Assembly.

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

Final workday

Please know that the last teacher workday belongs in its entirety to teachers for classroom time. There will be no required administrative meetings or professional development on this day. Final teacher workdays:

IB calendar - May 23

Traditional/year-round calendar - June 15

Final biweekly dues deductions

For members with biweekly dues deductions, the last withdrawal will be May 20 for IB calendar or June 17 for traditional/year-round calendar. Questions, please email scherliek@mtea.weac.org.

Upcoming events

All events held at MTEA unless noted. For more info and to register, visit mtea.weac.org/events.

Renewing Your License, Thurs., May 12 from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

National Board Certification, Tues., May 17 from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

Preparing for your Summative Evaluation, Thurs., May 19 from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

MTEA-R Interactive Benefits Workshop, Thurs., May 19 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

Classroom Cookbooks, Mon., May 23 from 4:00pm-5:00pm.

Yoga at MTEA, Mon., May 23 from 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Preparing for your Summative Evaluation, Tues., May 24 from 4:30pm-6:00pm.

MTEA Retiree Celebration - Tues., June 7—for new retirees by invite only. If you are retiring after this school year, please contact Linda Scherlie at Ischerli@mtea.weac.org. Details to come.

Going on a leave, resigning, or retiring?

If you are taking a leave of absence, retiring, or resigning, please email Linda Scherlie at Ischerli@mtea.weac.org. We want to help you make changes to your membership if needed.

Stay connected

Do you currently receive email and e-newsletters from MTEA? If not, please update your contact info: Send an email to Ischerli@mtea.weac.org, call 259-1990, or visit mtea.weac.org/resources/member-data-update.

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