



Make MPS a real “Sanctuary School District”

As educators we know that schools should be safe places for ALL students. Yet, under the Trump administration, our students and their families are living with the fear of being torn apart at any moment.

MTEA is joining with our students organized in Youth Empowered in the Struggle to defend against attacks on immigrant communities. We are gathering signatures in support of a school board resolution that would make MPS a sanctuary district.

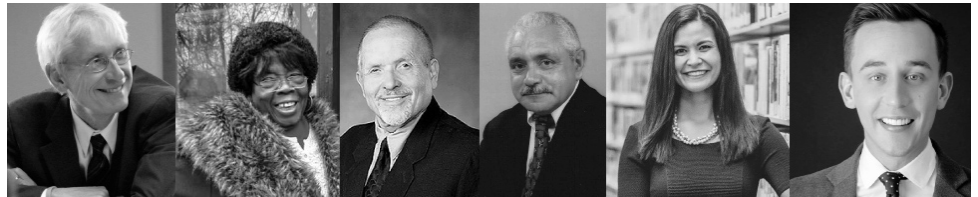
As a sanctuary district, MPS will not:

- Cooperate with ICE
- Allow ICE on school premises
- Share students’ confidential information.



Sign & Share the Sanctuary District Petition today!

If you haven’t signed on to the Sanctuary District petition yet, you can sign and share by visiting: bit.ly/SanctuaryMPS.



On April 4, Vote for Public Education

MTEA Phone Bank and Canvasses for Public Education in Full Swing

As we gear up for the April 4 spring election, we know the stakes are higher than ever. At a time when right wing money interests are winning power across the nation, we must stand tall for candidates that advocate for public education. Fortunately, we have six excellent candidates that will be on Milwaukee ballots this April 4 who are committed to protecting our public schools.

WI State Superintendent Dr. Tony Evers, endorsed by WEAC, knows that school resources are stretched thin and has a progressive fair funding proposal that would promote local control, remedy funding disparities among districts, and raise the revenue caps.

MTEA is also recommending the following school board candidates for their commitment to providing an excellent public education for all students:

- **Annie Woodward** for School Board District 4
- **Larry Miller** for School Board District 5
- **Tony Baez** for School Board District 6
- **Joey Balistreri & Paula Phillips** for School Board District 7 (Joint endorsement)

Join us for canvassing of Milwaukee voters to get out the vote for these strong public education candidates on Sat., March 18 and Sat., April 1 from 10am-4pm at the MTEA office. To RSVP or view additional election work dates, visit: bit.ly/MTEAcanvass2017.

There’s also still time to become an MTEA election captain volunteer and adopt a list of 20 members to remind them to vote for MTEA endorsed candidates. To volunteer, visit: bit.ly/MTEAcaptain.

To learn more about the candidates, visit: bit.ly/2017MTEAendorsements.

Our students and community are counting on all of us to be at the polls on April 4th. Tell your friends, your family, your co-workers, your neighbors. Vote April 4!!

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School Based Interviews Begin Soon

The period for excessing and school based interviewing has begun. All excessing notices should have been delivered by Feb. 24. The teacher with the least seniority is excessed unless a more senior teacher volunteers or a departmental/certification need warrants an exception. If you have been excessed, please note that you can apply to be interviewed for school based openings. If you do not apply for a position, you will be assigned during the last phase of the District's Exchange Process.

2017-18 School Year Staff Exchange Process

Please refer to the MTEA website for the district's staffing timeline for complete information. Here is an outline of important dates:

- March 15 - April 5: Interview Cycle A (Certificated Staff)
- April 7 - May 1: Interview Cycle B (Certificated Staff)

• April 25 - May 18: Interview Cycle C (Classified Staff)

• May 19 - June 9: Human Resources places candidates who still need a position for 2017-18 school year

MTEA Principal Survey

Every year the MTEA conducts an annual principal survey to provide our members with information about individual principals and their track record for creating a respectful, professional, and collaborative environment in our schools.

Please take 10-15 minutes to participate in the MTEA Annual Principal Survey. The survey will be open through Noon on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Results will be available to our members at the MTEA office beginning Tuesday, March 14.

To take the survey, visit:
bit.ly/2017PrincipalSurvey.

Upcoming Events

All events held at MTEA unless otherwise noted. For more information and to register, visit mtea.weac.org and go to *events*.

Professional Development at the Milwaukee Center for Teaching, Learning and Public Education, located in the MTEA office. For registration, visit mtea.weac.org/events.

Free Movie Screening of "Standardized" Sat., Mar. 11 from 10am-12pm

Canvass & Phone Banking Sat., March 18 and April 1 from 10am-4pm

Aflac Open Enrollment and Financial Education Session March 20, 21, 27 and April 3, 5, 6 at 5pm

Substitute Teachers' Annual Meeting Tues., Mar. 21 at 4:30pm

MTEA School Safety & Discipline Organizing Meeting Wed., March 22 at 4:30pm

MEAA Retirement Workshop Wed., March 22 at 5pm

Creating and Sustaining Your School Garden Thurs., March 23 at 4:30pm

Preparing for Retirement Tues., March 28 at 5pm

National Board Support Session Wed., March 29 at 4:30pm

Using Google in the Classroom Thurs., March 30 at 4:30pm

Become a Cooperating Teacher Sat., April 1 at 9am-2pm

Spring Break Hours

The MTEA office will be closed on Friday, April 14. The MTEA office will be open from 8am-4pm on Mon., April 10 through Thurs, April 13. Regular hours resume on April 17. Have a safe and restful break!

Deducting Union Dues on your Income Taxes

If you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return, you can deduct your union dues, minus the portion of your dues that go to the Political Action Committee, along with your other "miscellaneous deductions."



Members who worked the full calendar year in 2016 may deduct:

- **Teachers: \$929**
- **Educational assistants: \$277.20**
- **Substitutes: \$242.76**
- **Bookkeepers: \$483**

If you worked less than a full year or have questions about what you can deduct, call Linda at 414-256-6760.

New Benefit for Members!

MTEA is now offering Aflac Accident Advantage Insurance along with the existing Aflac Short Term Disability.

OPEN ENROLLMENT
March 1 through April 7, 2017.

Join us for education/enrollment sessions at the MTEA building. Details at www.aflac.com/MTEA

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