



EASMC *Today*

May 2026



REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY



- The Representative Assembly voted to approve the EASMC FY27 Budget, as recommended by the Budget Committee. Great news - local EASMC dues remain the same.
- We had a very successful May Day Rally event on May 1st. We were joined by four other local unions and community organizations, all present to support public educators.
- EASMC is once again hosting our End of Year ice truck event on June 11th! We will have ice trucks available at Chopticon, Forrest Center, and Great Mills from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Treats are free for all SMCPs staff. See our flyer for more information.
- The EASMC Membership Committee is preparing for fall new employee orientations. If you are interested in assisting our team by attending, planning, or preparing for these events, email Jennifer Knight at jaknight@smcps.org.

MSEA SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

DEADLINE JUNE 10

MSEA's annual Summer Leadership Conference registration is now open. Join us July 28 — 30, 2026 at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights to get the skills you need to organize, advocate, and build power at your worksite. Scholarships are available to attend for free!

For more information regarding the course catalog, registration, and scholarship funding, email spenrod@mseane.org.

EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY

Ready to become a force for change in public education? The Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA) is your pathway to effective union leadership, offering essential skills in organizing, goal setting, and advocacy. [Click here](#) to apply by June 12 to join this transformative journey starting July 28.

EARLY ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE

Through June 30, members can earn \$25 for each new member they recruit! New members can join now during early enrollment and pay no dues until October. Your name must be included on the application in the “referred by” section to earn the incentive.

YES, YOU CAN!

MSEA is excited to bring you **Yes, You Can! Part I – Classroom Management**, a dynamic two-day workshop designed to support educators at every stage of their journey. Whether you're brand new or a seasoned educator, you'll gain practical strategies, fresh insights, and real-world tools you can use right away.

Together, we'll explore how to define your “why,” create a positive and restorative classroom community, and confidently navigate the challenges educators face today. You'll leave feeling energized, prepared, and ready to set your students—and yourself—up for success.

MSEA members who complete the workshop can earn one MSDE Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit (15 Professional Development Points) at no cost.

The closest session will be held on July 10-11 at the Maritime Conference Center, 692 Maritime Boulevard in Linthicum Heights.

[Click here to register.](#)

Spots are limited, so don't wait! Come connect with fellow educators, share ideas, and walk away with strategies you can use right away.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2 - Staff Recognition Ceremony
- June 10 - Board of Education, 9:00 a.m.
- June 11 - EOY Ice Treat Trucks, Last Day For 10-Month Staff
- June 24 - Board of Education, 6:00 p.m.
- June 30 - Last Day for 11-Month Staff



A Sweet Send-Off to
Summer Break

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

| 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Luckydog Ice: Forrest Center
Rita's Ice: Chopticon HS & Great Mills HS

**FOR ALL
SMCPS STAFF!**

**3 SITES
3 HOURS
3 TRUCKS**

**COURTESY
OF EASMC**

Your choice of one dessert truck

Must show SMCPS badge to receive free treat

Coordinate with your principal or supervisor to leave

**Superintendent has approved flexibility to allow
time to get to the closest school**

WHY POLITICS MATTERS

Elected Officials at the local, state, and federal level make decisions that impact the jobs that Educational Support Professionals and Certificated Staff do every day. Most of these politicians have never worked in a school building nor do they have the firsthand knowledge of what the challenges are that you face in doing your best on behalf of students. Here is a short list of decisions they make and how it impacts your job. If education professionals want a voice in decision making, they must get involved in ensuring that people who get elected will educate themselves on the issues that impact public education and talk to employees before they make decisions that impact our schools and our professional lives. The primary election is June 23rd this year and early voting runs from June 11th-June 18th. The EASMC Legislative Committee is seeking volunteers to help support our recommended candidates. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a shift to help us elect pro-public education leaders.

County Offices

Tom Jarboe (R)- County Commissioner President
Eric Scott Colvin (R)- Commissioner District 1
Brandon Russell (D)- Commissioner District 2
John O'Connor (R)- Commissioner District 3
Ryan Daniels (D)- Commissioner District 4

Liz Cooper- Board of Education District 1

Maryland General Assembly

Chuck Borges (D): Senate District 29
Jennifer Clancy (D): House of Delegates 29A
Adrienne Mathis (D)- House of Delegates 29B

Statewide Offices

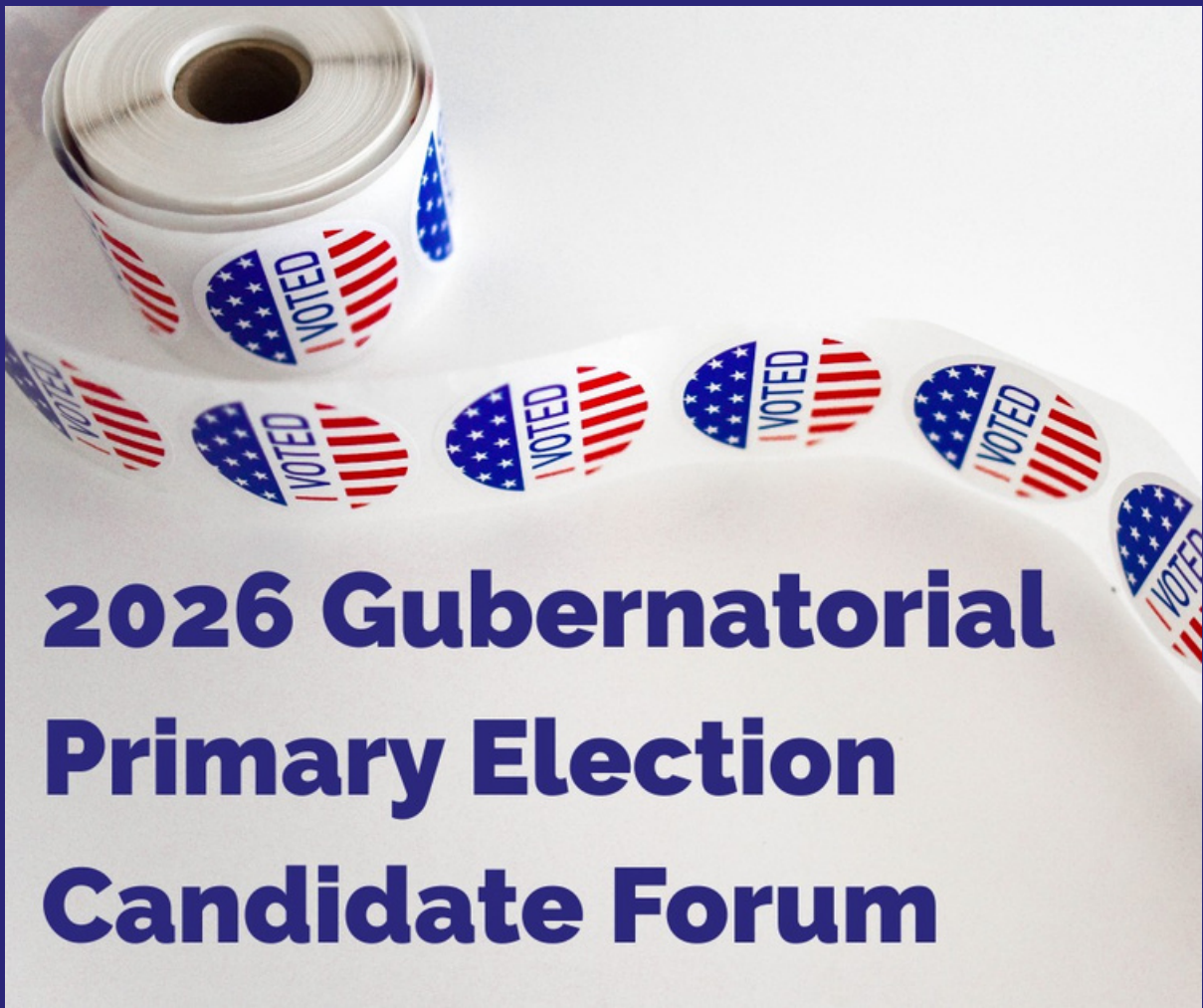
Wes Moore Governor/Aruna Miller Lt. Governor
Brooke Lierman Comptroller
Anthony Brown Attorney General

Federal Office

Adrian Boafa (D): 5th District, US Congress



Local Government	Elected Position	Decision-Making Authority
Local	Board of Education—2 seats up for election in 2026	Approves the draft and final budget of the school system. Approves and updates policies that govern the running of the school system. Makes decisions about staffing levels, approves contracts for renovation, repairs, etc.. Makes decisions in compliance with federal and state laws that govern public education. Hires the superintendent and approves their contract.
Local	County Commissioners- 5 seats up for election in 2026	Provides the local share of funding for the school system and all other county government agencies. Approves local share of capital funding projects for building updates, renovations, new school construction.
State	House of Delegates-3 seats up for election this year District 29A, 29B, and 29C	Approves the state budget that includes the state share of funding for public education. Passes laws that impact services provided in public schools, safety standards, contract negotiations, rights of employees that work within our state, etc. This includes decisions about your pension, class size, community schools, access to healthcare like nurses in schools, mental health services, etc.
State	State Senate —1 seat up for election this year District 29	Approves the state budget that includes the state share of funding for public education. Passes laws that impact services provided in public schools, safety standards, contract negotiations, rights of employees that work within our state, etc. This includes decisions about your pension, class size, community schools, access to healthcare like nurses in schools, mental health services, etc.



The Lexington Park Library will be hosting the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election Candidate Forum on Wednesday, June 3rd, and Thursday, June 4! There will be a Meet & Greet in the Lobby from 4:30-5:45, followed by the forum at 5:50.

Attendees will hear from the Democratic Party Primary Candidates for Delegate 29B, Delegate 29C, and Commissioner District 1 on Wednesday, June 3rd. Attendees will hear from the Republican Party Primary Candidates for Delegate 29C, Commissioner President, Commissioner District 2, and Commissioner District 4 on Thursday, June 4th



Meet & Greet **JENNIFER CLANCY**

MAY 28, 2026 • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

38777 Blossom Drive
Mechanicsville, MD 20659

SPEAKER: JENNIFER CLANCY

CANDIDATE FOR MD STATE DELEGATE 29A

What to Expect: Hosted by Susie & Henry Fowler.

Jennifer will do a quick intro of her platform & host a Q&A with guests. Donations will be accepted and can be made via cash, check or online.

EDUCATION. HEALTHCARE. COMMUNITY.

FRIENDSOFJENNIFERCLANCY.COM

AUTHORITY: FRIENDS OF JENNIFER CLANCY, ALANNA TAYLOR, TREASURER