

## 2024 PGCEA General Election Guide



PGCEA's governance structure is similar to the state ([MSEA](#)) and national ([NEA](#)) affiliates. Each organization conducts its own election. The PGCEA Nominations, Elections and Credentials Commission ([NECC](#)) holds general elections annually in which the members choose their officers, directors, delegates, and union policies.

On the following pages, you will find the information presented, as written, by the candidates for President (one seat available, serves a three year term 2024-2027), Vice President (one seat available, serves a three year term 2024-2027), PGCEA Board of Directors-At-Large (four seats available, each serves a two year term 2024-2026). Also, included is a list of candidates for NEA Delegates and MSEA Delegates. See PGCEA [By-laws](#), [Policy Handbook](#) and [Fair Campaign Practice Code](#) for details.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** ([BOD](#)) is composed of three elected officers (president, vice president, and treasurer) plus eight elected at-large members.

The Board is responsible for the fiscal affairs and general management of the Association, the interpretation of policies, the preparation of the proposed budget, and much more. The PGCEA Board of Directors sets the course for PGCEA and decides how to use its staff and resources.

**MSEA and NEA DELEGATES** represent PGCEA's interests at the annual state ([MSEA](#)) and national ([NEA](#)) Representative Assemblies. There are three types of delegates; two are elected in the PGCEA general election:

Election	Delegate
PGCEA (October)	PGCEA MSEA Delegates discuss and vote on proposed bylaw amendments, new business items and resolutions for MSEA.
PGCEA (July)	PGCEA NEA Delegates adopt the strategic plan and budget, resolutions, the legislative program, and other policies of NEA.
MSEA (July)	STATE: MSEA Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly and Convention elect the executive officers, Executive Committee members, and at-large members of the NEA Board of Directors, as appropriate.

**BY-LAWS** The PGCEA By-Laws are the governing documents of the Association. They may only be changed once a year by a super majority of 66% of those casting a ballot.

**There are no proposed by-law amendments on the ballot.**

## WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE?



PGCEA, MSEA and NEA collectively advocate for educators employed by the public school system. They are the educators' protector in employment related matters, wage and benefits watchdogs and organizers who fight for fair funding. PGCEA is one of the top twenty largest locals in the country and the second largest in Maryland. Unified PGCEA members have a powerful voice throughout the organization. This begins with members choosing colleagues to govern and represent the interests of the union at the county, state and national levels.

## VOTING IS QUICK AND EASY! IT'S ON-LINE!

**From January 29– February 16, 2024 @ 11:59pm**

On January 29, 2024, a link to your ballot will be sent to your personal email address. The system allows one ballot cast per person.

All you must do is:

- Open your personal email from **Intelliscan, 2024 PGCEA General Election** should be in the title.
- Click on the link that takes you directly to your ballot questions.
- Select your answers and then cast your vote (you can only cast your ballot one time).

If you do not receive the email:

- 1) Check your **QUARANTINE Summary** emails and your **JUNK or SPAM** folder for a message from **INTELLISCAN**.
- 2) Go to [www.pgcea.org](http://www.pgcea.org) and click on **Verify Memberships**, click the link to your ballot

# PRESIDENT

## DONNA CHRISTY

### Dr. Donna Christy for PGCEA President

#### **Committed to Empowering Educators, Transforming Education, and Serving Our Members**



Dr. Donna Christy is a proven candidate for re-election as President of the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA). With a proven track record of leadership and a deep commitment to education, unionism, and education policy, she is ready to continue advocating for educators, students, and families in Prince George's County.

#### **Responsive Leadership and Collaboration:**

One of Dr. Christy's hallmarks as PGCEA President has been her responsiveness to the needs and concerns of our members. She believes in open communication and actively engaging with educators to ensure their voices are heard, their issues addressed, and their rights protected. Additionally, Dr. Christy is committed to fostering collaboration with various stakeholders, including parents, community leaders, and policymakers, to create a more inclusive and effective education system.

Dr. Christy brings a wealth of expertise in public policy to her role as PGCEA President. Her deep understanding of education policy and its impact on our schools has been instrumental in advocating for positive change. She leverages this knowledge to champion policies that benefit educators and students alike.

#### **Historic Contract Negotiation and Enforcement:**

During her current term, Dr. Christy achieved a historic milestone by negotiating and successfully enforcing a contract that benefits our members like never before. This contract is a testament to her strong leadership and her commitment to securing better working conditions, fair compensation, and improved benefits for all our educators.

#### **Dr. Christy's Vision:**

If re-elected, Dr. Christy's vision remains centered on collaboration, responsiveness, and informed policy advocacy. She will continue to engage with members to address their concerns and needs, working in harmony with stakeholders to achieve our shared goals. Moreover, her dedication to negotiating fair contracts and ensuring their enforcement will remain unwavering.

#### **Why Re-elect Dr. Donna Christy?**

- A proven leader with a demonstrated track record of responsiveness to members.
- A visionary who has negotiated and enforced a historic contract, improving working conditions and benefits for educators.
- Dedication to addressing critical issues such as childhood trauma, youth violence, and community engagement.

- Expertise in public policy to drive positive change in education.

Dr. Donna Christy encourages PGCEA members to unite behind her vision and join her in the ongoing journey to create a brighter future for students and educators in Prince George's County. Together, we can continue building a more equitable and empowering education system for all. She humbly requests your support and vote in the upcoming election. Let us continue making history together.

## SUZANNE WINDSOR

### **Dr. Suzanne Windsor** **Educator Voice, Integrity, and Respect**



I am Dr. Suzanne Windsor, a graduate of Gwynn Park High School entering my 31st year as an educator and a member of PGCEA here in gorgeous Prince George's County. I began my career as an intern at Largo HS and Kenmoor MS before becoming a full-time English teacher at Crossland HS. As a new teacher, I was assigned to all 9th grade classes and floated every period; thus, I am familiar with the struggles of being new. Later, as an English teacher for seniors, I assisted colleagues by providing coverage at nearby elementary schools during crises. This inspired me to become a Professional School Counselor (PSC) and my internship included work in early childhood, elementary, and secondary education. After serving as a PSC, I became the

Chairperson for my department where I advocated for counselor working conditions, as my peers were frequently denied their contractual rights- even a duty-free lunch. From these experiences, I decided to increase my advocacy and became a Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW). In my role as a PPW, I was assigned to many schools across the county and noticed a common thread in how my colleagues were not being treated in the professional manner that ALL Unit 1 members should be- both as a matter of principal and, more importantly, in accordance with our binding agreement with management through our Negotiated Agreement.

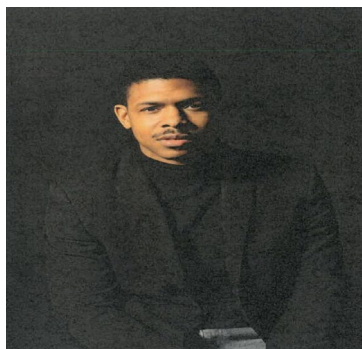
In my stand for justice, I have taken on increasing levels of responsibility in PGCEA. As a member of the Board of Directors, I worked diligently with leadership to ensure that a committee was in place to address contract language and member concerns. The Grievance Committee was born and evolved into the Contract Enforcement Committee during my tenure as the Vice President of PGCEA.

As the Vice President of PGCEA, I work to ensure that all members are not only paid a professional salary but treated with the dignity and respect due us! To accomplish this, I have: chaired the Negotiations Committee with a phenomenal team of educators during our last negotiation; currently serve as the PGCEA Liaison to the Community Schools Steering Committee; participate in the PGCPG-PGCEA Evaluation Workgroup; and work with the Government Relations Committee to ensure that our concerns go before the legislature. I have also served on the: MSEA President's Advisory Council, MSEA Women's Concerns Committee, MSEA Minority Caucus, MSEA Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus, and the MSEA Native American Caucus.

To round out my leadership experience, I am nationally certified as a hearing official by the National Association of Hearing Officials (NAHO); held the position of Treasurer with the former Maryland Association of School Discipline Hearing Officers (MASDHO); Secretary for the Maryland Association of Administrative Law Judges (MAALJ); and Co-chaired the Ethics Committee for Maryland Association of Pupil Personnel (MAPP). Notably, I also completed Superintendent Training with the former (SUPES Academy) and hold a DBA with a concentration in Strategy and Innovation. Let me put my skills to work for you!

# VICE PRESIDENT

## MARVIN BURTON II



Candidate for Vice President Marvin Burton Jr has become an advocate for educational excellence and accountability his entire career. He is a Prince George's County Advance Professionally Certified Educator, duly certified in vocal music instruction and special education. His instructional journey has led him to teach multiple disciplines: English 9-12, US, World 9-12 and Music History 6-12, General Music PK-12, Science 6, and Reading English and Language Arts (RELA). This versatility allowed him to interact with multiple unit 1 members,, hearing their concerns and negotiating with administrators on all levels,, from concerns to the highest level of grievances.

As an advocating member of the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA), he represented his building as Faculty Advisor Chair (Building Union Rep) for over a decade. As a rep,, he has served as a contract enforcement, government relations, and scholarship committee member. As the immediate past Board of Director for PGCEA, he worked as the Social Justice Committee and Government Relations Board Liaison. His government relations experience includes the endorsement committees" collaborative work with an 80% success rate, the rollout roll-up campaign heading, summer door knocking, Annapolis rallies, Board of Education testimonies, as team lead, MSEA, and NEA delegate.

Scholastically, Mr. Burton earned his Bachelor of Arts in Compositional Music and Master of Arts in Arts Management from George Mason University (GMU) and completed his Administrative One certification in organizational leadership from Towson University (TU). He is pursuing a Doctorate in Education degree in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University (GCU), focused on the transformational power of African-American Male leadership in academic systems.

His commitment to civics and academia has led him to serve the National Pan Hellenic Council of Washington DC (DCNPHC) as Scholarship Chair. He is Vice President overseeing programming for students, social justice advocates, families, and minority affairs agents across the Greater Washington Area. He is also a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., founded in 1914, where he served as Education Chair, State Director of Education, and current Chief of Staff. From his time in these two organizations, he has received awards and recognition for his service: consecutive DCNPHC Frater of the Year Awards (for his community service programming), PBS Sigma Man of the Year (as Director of Education), The Regional Billboard Award (excellence in business entrepreneurship) and the prestigious PBS Col. Pollard Award (distinguished service across the community).

As a husband and a father of three beautiful public school-educated sons, Marvin Burton believes in the power of education and treating those who serve in this, sometime, thankless profession. Mr. Burton looks to champion the creation of equitable institutional policies that secure and retain our grand county with more top-of-the-line educators who care about the instructional success of their students and community—third, creating a culture of collaboration together will take us to the next level. Vote Marvin Burton as your next Vice President.



## ANNETT JONES



### **Elect Annett Jones for PGCEA Vice President Your Voice Your Power!**

Building trust through activism, advocacy, communication, and transparency become the heart of what makes our union successful. Re-elect Annett Jones to the Prince George's County Educators' Association as Treasurer. To be a part of a group of advocating voices that light the flame for demanding more for our members.

#### Union Involvement

- Treasurer since 2021

- Member of PGCEA since 2006
- Member of Government Relations

#### At Large

- NEA & MSEA Delegate
- Former Building Representative
- Former Co-Chair Minority Affairs

#### Committee

- Former FAC Chair
- Representative on MC-MSEA
- Minority Affairs
- Present FAC Member
- Minority Affairs Cohort 2022

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and influence of the human spirit... The potential of greatness lives with each of us." (Wilma Rudolph)

Elect Annee Jones as your PGCEA Vice President as we fight to turn our challenges into successful outcomes. I will be the voice for the voiceless!

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## WILBERT BRINSON SR

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### 2024 PGCEA Board of Directors Candidate



I am Wilbert L. Brinson Sr., a certified Maryland public school teacher with over 19 years of teaching experience, twelve of which have been in Prince George's County Public Schools.

I consider myself a native Prince George's County resident and proud graduate of the Prince George's County Public School System.

As an educator, I have served as department chair in the Career & Technology Education Department at two schools; High Point High School and currently serve at Bowie High School. Under my leadership at High Point the program was recognized and awarded two distinguished awards for program excellence from the state and national associations for engineering and technology education.

I also served as the head football coach at High Point for five seasons, and in my first year led the team to its first winning season in over a decade. As a result of my leadership, I was recognized by the leadership team for having a positive impact on the school community, culture, and climate.

Teaching and assisting teachers have always been a passion of mine! During the pandemic I was selected by my peers to lead the High Point faculty and staff as the Faculty Advisory Chair. In the same year, I was appointed by the principal as a member and co-chair of the Covid-19 safe school return team.

Additionally, I believe my post graduate studies in organizational leadership, combined with my corporate experience as a career architect and project manager has afforded me the opportunity to develop unique skills that I believe will serve the Unit 1 members of the Prince George's County Public School system as one of the 2024 Board of Directors.

Finally, I am committed to advocating for efficient and effective teaching and learning, and building healthy relationships with all stakeholders that represent the Prince George's County Public School System and community abroad.

**Vote for Wilbert L. Brinson Sr., 2024 PGCEA Board of Directors!**

## MICHELE CLARKE

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I am Michele Clarke, an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher who has been a Strong Advocate fighting to get improved salaries and working conditions for all PGCEA Members by establishing Strong and Respectful working relationships with state and local leaders. I have taught in PGCPs and been a PGCEA Member for over 19 years, and I moved to Prince George's County 17 years ago to become a member of the community where I teach. As a member of the PGCEA Board of Directors for 8 years I dedicated my time and energy to advocating for educators and our students and representing our members at all levels of government. I have testified at County Council, County Executive and School Board budget hearings and other Meetings or Committee hearings for increased teacher salaries, smaller class sizes, recovering lost steps, community schools, trauma informed instruction, etc. for the past 8+ years. I have led Lobbying Teams to lobby State Senators and Delegates on passing the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, Fixing the Fund, Implementing Community Schools, etc. As the Chair of the PGCEA Grassroots Organizing Team I helped organize members to attend marches, rallies, County Council Meetings and Board of Education Meetings. I am a strong advocate for my students, fellow teachers, and community causes and will always fight for social justice and equity issues.

## KEILA FOSTER

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No biography provided.

## BRIAN GLOVER

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Brian is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Brian is a Vocal Music Teacher at Barack Obama Elementary School. Brian has been teaching Vocal Music for 24 years in the DMV Area. Brian graduated from the Baltimore School for the Arts High School and received his Bachelor of Professional Music Degree from Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA in 1996 and Master of Education Degree at Loyola University in Baltimore, MD in 2012.

Brian loves singing and teaching children to sing. He was former Building Rep. for Imagine Foundations at Morningside Elementary and Barack Obama Elementary Schools. As an advocate for Children and Educators, he was elected from the Rep. Council to serve on the Nomination, Election & Credentials Commission (NECC).

Brian currently serves as Parliamentarian for the PGCEA monthly Board of Directors and monthly Rep Council Meetings. He is active in his home and school community. He is currently the Parliamentarian, Co-chair of the Bylaws Committee, member of the MSEA Minority Caucus, member of the MSEA-LGBTQ Caucus, and NEA LGBTQ Caucus. Former President of the Lone Star and Up and Out Toastmasters Clubs of Washington, DC.

## CHRISTOPHER HILL

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Christopher has taught in public education for 20 years. He started as a fifth and sixth grade teacher in a Baltimore City school. After completing his tenure with the city schools and getting his master's in special education he then went on to working with the DC Schools and helping shape students in the middle schools before transferring to the Prince George's school system and working with high school students and helping in all areas of educational needs as well as working with the union becoming a FAC chair and Rep to help shape a system for positive outcomes.

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## ZAHAVA JOHNSON

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Zahava Johnson is a passionate educator and advocate that believes in the strength of the Union. She was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and attended Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics High School. Upon graduation, she earned a B.A. in Political Science from Hampton University, a M.S. in Education from Fordham University and a TESOL Certificate from the University of Maryland. She has spent over 20 years of her teaching experience in Prince George's County, Md and has recently transitioned to William Wirt Middle School. She now serves as the English Language Development (ELD) Department Co-Chair and enjoys teaching AVID and ESL to middle school students from a variety of backgrounds. She earned her National Board Certification in 2018 and has recently maintained her National Board Certification.

Zahava is the current Chair-Elect for Maryland TESOL's Secondary Education Interest Section while also serving as a Maryland TESOL Mentor. She has served on the Government Relations Committee and the local negotiations Team. She currently serves as a member of the Faculty Advisory Council and is a member of the Unit 1 Evaluation Work group. She has lobbied in Annapolis for better schools, marched for Education and testified as an MSEA member to reduce testing. She has also worked on the Teacher Salary Project which encourages higher teacher salaries. She is committed to creating better schools and believes "to whom much is given, much is required".



## MELISSA KENNEDY

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Hi, fellow PGCEA members! My name is Melissa Kennedy, and I am excited to be announcing my candidacy for PGCEA Board of Directors. I believe that I am right and ready for this position. First, I would like to express how proud I am to be both a PGCPs teacher, but also an active member of PGCEA. While I am proud of the work we have done, there is still more work to be done.

I am a former PGCPs student, so I know firsthand the great education we can provide for our students. But, in addition to that, my mother was a Speech and Language Pathologist who specialized in providing services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) program within the county school system. I saw firsthand the kind of dedication and selflessness. I hope to bring those same qualities to the Board of Directors of PGCEA.

While attending Fall Representative Assembly, something that resonated with me was that there were also other teachers that followed the same path I did. I have dedicated nine years to PGCPs, first as a Dedicated Aide then as an ISEA and then, finally, a classroom teacher. During my four years as a teacher, I have served either as the FAC chair or on my school's FAC.

## FELIXBERTO LAZARO

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### Re-Elect Felix Lazaro for PGCEA Board of Directors

Special Educator/Classroom Teacher: 2008 - to date

MSEA Board of Directors: 2021-2024 (Board Liaison) - Membership Organizing Committee)

PGCEA Board of Directors: 2018-2020; 2020-2022; 2022-2024; Former Bldg. Rep/FAC Member; and Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Member.

PGCEA Bargaining for Common Good (Contract Negotiation for 2019-2022, 2022-2025)

MSEA & NEA Delegate - 13 years; PGCEA Minority Affairs Committee - 13 years

Let us make sure The Blue Print for Maryland Future is implemented with fidelity.

Please join me in my advocacy for the profession & our MSEA members - SHOW UP, STEP UP and SPEAK UP!

- Let us build an authentic community of MSEA members.
- Let us organize! Organize to enable the membership to grow.
- Help build strong alliances with supporters of public education in Maryland.
- Promote well-being and working conditions for educators.

## TONY MARTINET

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Dr. Tony Martinet is a high school English teacher at Oxon Hill HS. This is his 16th year in education and his 4th year in Prince George's County. Ever since his arrival in the county Dr. Martinet has been an active member of the association. He has served as the Membership and Organizing Co-Chair for the previous two years, and this year he is serving as the co-chair for the Leadership and Professional Development Committee. While co-chair of the Membership and Organizing Committee, Dr. Martinet was instrumental in drafting the document and organizing the Walk-in/Walk-out actions many schools engaged in during the negotiations of 2022. This year, he is helping to relaunch the SPARKS: Emerging Leaders program with a full-year development curriculum. Prior to coming to PGCEA, Dr. Martinet was the local president in Sioux Falls, SD where he organized members in actions for increased pay from the state

legislature, started multiple programs to engage early career educators, and created graduate credit earning PD sessions at a reduced cost for members.

All of Dr. Martinet's efforts are focused on engaging members to support them in adding their voices and efforts to improve education for all. As a service leader, Dr. Martinet's success is measured by the success he is able to help others achieve as they grow as professionals and leaders. His other leadership accomplishments include serving as the current Co-Chair for the MSEA Human and Civil Rights Committee, the Zone 1 Co-Chair for the NEA LGBTQ+ Caucus, and being selected the last three years to present workshops at the national NEA Leadership Summit. He has also served as a delegate to the MSEA and NEA RA's. Elect Dr. Martinet to the PGCEA Board of Directors and let him put his service leadership to work for you.

## TAMMY O'DONNELL

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My name is Tammy O'Donnell, and I am running for PGCEA Board of Directors, NEA Delegate and MSEA Delegate

It has been my absolute privilege to serve on your Board of Directors for the last 9 months. The work we do sets the union up for success. The work of the Board is the work of the members. It must continue to seek and demand from the district, the county and the state, what we need to raise our students and communities up. I am a teacher. I am a parent. And I am a member. I want to continue to serve the union and its members. There is still much work to be done. We need to lobby in Annapolis and in Washington and create more local visibility. We will be starting the negotiations process this year and a strong Board will set the tone for strong negotiations. Let me continue the work that

I started. Let me continue to speak for you and for me and for all our members. I served as delegate at NEA, and I can tell you that it had a PROFOUND impact on me. The process of funding the needs of our students all over the country showed me that we have much more work to do and must be louder and stronger and more active to make our education system live up to our expectations. Not the expectations of politicians, but ours. We are in the classroom.

We are the professionals. We know what needs to be done. I am asking you to vote for me for PGCEA Board of Directors. I can be loud. I can be strong. I will be heard.

This is my 8th year working for PGCPs, first as a Middle School English teacher and now in my 3rd year as a High School English teacher at CMIT North High School. I have been an active member of PGCEA since my

first year and have steadily become more involved in union work. I have been a building representative, an FAC member and a Southern Regional Rep. I was proud to serve as a member of the negotiations team, the co-chair of the social committee, NEA Delegate and MSEA Delegate and for the last nine months a Board of Directors member.

As a presenter of Organizing 2 for MSEA's Summer Leadership Conference the last three years, I have worked with other union leaders to strengthen the membership and provide resources for building strong building sites. I have attended the MSEA Conference every year the NEA Convention last year and the NEA Leadership Summit. My work for the union is not finished. I humbly ask that you give me the opportunity to do this hard work with you and for you. Please support my candidacy elect for Board of Directors for PGCEA and delegate for MSEA and NEA. I will proudly represent us and do the work we need done.

## MERCY OLUMOYA

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My name is Dr. Mercy Olumoya. I have been an employee of the Prince George's County Public Schools and a member of PGCEA since 2002. Qualification-wise, I have a Doctorate (philosophy of education) and two master's degrees in education policy, administration, special education, mathematics, curriculum, and sign language.

I have 37 years of teaching experience. My certification covers all grade levels (K-12). I have worked at college (Teacher Trainer), Elementary, Middle, and High school levels. A few years ago, due to the reconstruction of the recruitment office, COVID-19, and the county administration, my assignment changed from school administration to classroom instructional team leader. I am a resource teacher in the State of Maryland (e.g., Algebra 1/2, Geometry, Special Education, and mentor/ academic coach) at a high school for grades 9th through 12th. I have a true passion for working with our youth and teachers! Helping fellow teachers enjoy teaching core subjects. Helping our youth progress in all areas of their development—academic, social-learning, language, mental health, and mathematics is a challenge I am privileged to accept daily. I strive to create productive citizens, a community of learners that nurtures this growth in a positive, responsible, and fun environment.

The following are some of my skills, preparation, and relevant experience: I can work in a team and speak other languages, such as sign language. I am highly skilled in getting teachers, parents, and students committed to promoting a positive school environment and attendance. As a member of the PTA and a chairperson of the parent and community involvement committee, I continued to sponsor and co-chair many other youth and teachers associations (e.g., PGCEA Social Committee co-chair, International Community Service (ICAS), Youth Step Team (Steppers), African Students Association (ASA), Allure Couture Models, Women or Men in Engineering and Math (W/MIE and STEM).

## PHILIMENA OWONA

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### Re-ELECT: PHILIMENA OWONA, PGCEA Board of Directors

I will fight for YOU by advocating for:

Reducing crushing workloads • Increasing Educators' Voice/Autonomy • Community Schools • Culturally Responsive Curriculums • Restorative Practices • Reducing Class Size • More School Counselors • Mental Health and Trauma Support • Educators' Input in Professional Development • Support Conditional Teachers to ensure Teacher Recruitment/Retention • Leverage PTA Partnership • Salary Increases

Re-Elect Philimena Owona, M.Ed., (Howard Univ.), Ed.S (George Washington Univ.) 23+ year Educator \*PGCEA Active Member \* PGCEA Board of Directors Member \* PGCEA Membership & Organizing Board Liaison\* former SPARKS Co-Chair/Board

Liaison \*MSEA GO-Team \*Gov't Relations Committee Member \* PGCEA/MSEA

Endorsement Council \* PGCEA Budget Committee \* MSEA Board of Directors Member, '20-23, \* MSEA Human & Civil Rights Board Liaison '20-22 \* MSEA Instructional &

Professional Development Board Liaison '22-23 \*NEA Leaders of Color Pathway

Program/MD \* Minority Affairs Committee Member\* MSEA Minority Caucus member Thank you for lifting up Educators' Voices!

**VOTE 1/29-2/16**

## STEPHANNY POWELL

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Looking for someone to fight for Educators' Rights? Look no further! VOTE STEPHANNY POWELL for PGCEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS! WHY, YOU MAY QUERY? Many are called, but few are chosen, and she thanks God that her record speaks for itself! For years, she has been championing #TeachersLivesMatter! She is not afraid to SHOW UP, SPEAK OUT, STEP UP and advocate for changes in policies and conditions that negatively affect you-our AWESOME Educators!

As a master and seasoned educator for over 25 years, she has been fighting in the trenches and on the ground to demand that EDUCATORS are TREATED FAIRLY and with the RESPECT they DESERVE. She has ensured your voices are being heard with the issues of smaller class sizes, bullying, retaliation, safer and healthier schools, online options, MOU, elected school board, transparency, your well-being, and support for our Early Educators and Special Educators.

### NATIONAL STATE and LOCAL ADVOCACY:

- As a graduate of Howard University with a Pre-Law and Education degrees and a MSEA GO-TEAM member, , she has used her training, expertise, drive and advocacy to testify at NEA RA in Houston, TX (2019) & Orlando, FL (2023) on issues that directly impact your rights as educators.
- MSEA-She has marched through rain, snow, sun & sleet to FIX THE FUND and limit excessive testing.
- She has lobbied senators and delegates in Annapolis, Md for the passing of The Maryland BLUEPRINT.



- PGCEA-She has testified at the school board and county council to address living wages, reduction of workload, accountability and the field trip process becoming more streamlined for educators.
- Stephanny Powell has Served in the capacity as:
- Building Representative, FAC-Co-Chair, Mentor to new teachers, parent of PGCPs scholars, VP of Programming - JHMSPTSA, PTA Teacher Liaison-MES, an advocate, elected Fundraising Co-Chair PTECH Parent Committee - FDHS, allowed her to collaborate and organize with educators, parents, students and communities to plan events that increased engagement, attendance, membership and brought in hundreds of dollars to the schools.
- MSEA Summer Leadership-Acquired knowledge and strategies to get into good trouble.
- Garnered leadership skills to create and implement active and effective FACs.
- Engaged and empowered members to advocate for change and better working conditions.
- Elected PGCEA, MSEA & NEA delegate-2017-2024; Racial & Social Justice Conference delegate-2023 Legislative, Resolution, Governance-Bylaw, Art Integration Initiative and Negotiating Committees.
- MSEA Minority Affair and NEA Black Caucus member, EMAC
- Fighting for equality and access for all Black and Brown Educators and scholars.
- PGCEA Minority Affair-assisted with planning Dr. King Jr. Essay/Poster Contest-2015-2021, 2023-2024
- Worked with MAC and PGCEA-F to award over \$120,000 in scholarships to your High School seniors. Celebrate you with-the Taste of Diversity Events, VOTE STEPHANNY POWELL #BOARD OF DIRECTORS going to the table to ensure that your voices are not only being echoed, but the actions and decisions made are in EDUCATORS BEST INTEREST-#YOU MATTER! She wants to hear from you-email her at [spowe111422@gmail.com](mailto:spowe111422@gmail.com).

United we stand, divided we fall! (Patrick Henry),  
 If we stand for nothing, we will fall for anything! (Malcolm X)  
 Changing the things we can no longer accept! (Angela Davis)

## MARY E. PROCTOR

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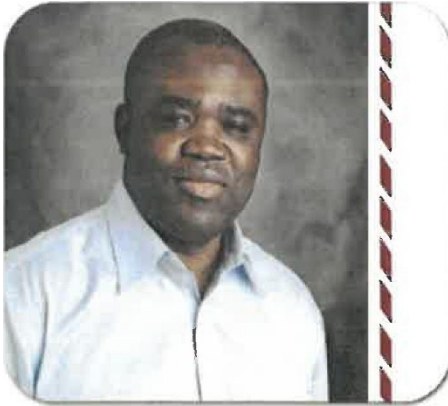
### Re-Elected Mary E. Proctor for PGCEA Board of Directors



- Current IEP Program Facilitator
- Former PGCEA Board of Director (At-Large) 2 years (2021-2023)
- SPED Educator 8 years
- Former PGCEA Board Liaison by-laws, rules, and policies committee
- Former PGCEA Rep Council 5 Years PGCEA Member 8 Years
- Former FAC Chair 5 Years Former FAC Regional Coordinator (Central Region) 2 years
- Current NEA & MSEA Delegate 4 years
- Current Trustee for MSEA Crisis Fund
- Current Local 689 totaling 45 years of experience as a Union Member and former campaign manager
- Former Vice President of a local College/University 5 years as an administrator
- Former Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Employee 28 years of service, retired 2009.

## ELIE TCHEIMEGNI

Board of Directors Candidate 15 of 15



Hello, my name is Dr. Elie Tcheimegni, a National Board-Certified teacher. I am an educator with 33 years of teaching experience in a variety of positions coupled with several international expertise in the field of education and administration, including infusion of technology and efficient management of budget. I estimate that I have enough experience to understand and value all of our member's contributions and to be a beacon to our leaders in the process of education reform that is real, effective, and that works for our students, teachers, parents, and stakeholders.

After attending a National and State conference, I learned so much more about the national association. I'm ready to get in the game and make some major plays for this organization. My involvement with NEA/MSEA is driven by my unshakeable belief that I possess the necessary qualities to demonstrate "We are the future of education." Being involved has helped me realize the big picture of what I want to do in my future, be an advocate for each and every child.

Education is the foundation for each child's future, the only tool that can encourage action, change of attitude, can lift spirit of will and self-reliance, in fact, "It is our primary weapon in the war on poverty and the principal tool for building a Great Society." (President Johnson, 1965), and that is why I chose to enter the education field to help children gain knowledge to have a successful future. My other priority is to educate members on current issues facing educators as well as providing opportunities for service and professional development.

Throughout my time in the classroom as well as attending the 2015 NEA Conference and 2015 MSEA convention, I have been able to meet great people who have inspired me to take action on behalf of all involved in public education. My experience with the NEA, MSEA and PGCEA has enhanced my leadership experiences in education, and I am ready to work on making sure that teachers cannot be left behind in regards of what works in order to reach the goal of career and college readiness for our students, and it must take into account salaries, benefits, working conditions and job security they deserve.

I have learned that we are stronger together. I know by using my background in the education field and in the Association, I can help continue the great work of those who came before me by building new initiatives, advocating for the resources required by our faculty and students, and help prepare PGCEA for future generations.

I look forward to working with you to produce the kind of positive changes that really make a difference. Thank you in advance for all the many, many kindnesses you have showered on me.

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### VOTE FOR (147)

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**Chidi Duru**, Crossland HS  
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**Wanda Knotts**, Crossland HS  
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**Shannon Lutz**, Gaywood ES  
**Lindsay Ceresnie**, Edward Felegy ES  
**Mbunya Anyi**, Northwestern HS  
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**Loretta Adih**, Central HS  
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**Tresor Simon Yoassi**, Charles H. Flowers HS  
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