



Michigan Education Association
Summer Conference

July 18-20, 2023

Saginaw Valley State University • Saginaw, MI





A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Greetings, MEA members and leaders!
It is my great honor to welcome you to
the 2023 MEA Summer Conference.

As the newly elected leader of this dynamic union,
I am energized by the commitment we share to
strengthen public education and reignite a new
generation of educators. Together we must encourage
countless students to consider education as a
profession, from the classroom to the front office.

We have seen wages and working conditions
improve as school funding has increased with leadership from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.
We are also thankful to have our members and former educators sitting on the
education committees making decisions that directly affect all of us in schools.

Yet challenges remain with school staffing and student behavior. MEA IS working to
represent you and help improve difficult situations in many schools, but this work can't
be done without your help! The summer conference offers the chance to learn and
network with others who can inspire you or assist you in solving challenges at home.

All of us together are the future of education, and together we will build a
quality public education regardless of where a child lives. Thank you for coming
and renewing your commitment to creating a bright future for our profession,
our students, our state, and our world. We are the change we need.

Chandra Madafferi

Chandra Madafferi, MEA President-Elect

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A portion of the conference cost is underwritten by MESSA.

SPECIAL PRICING

Local Presidents

Did you know that you (or someone else from your local that you send as a designee) can attend the 2023 Summer Conference for little or potentially no cost?

Registration fees are prepaid for a president/designee for the Summer Conference. (It is NOT necessary to send payment with registration.) Indicate on the form that you are the Local President (or designee and include President's Designee form). The registration form (both pages) can be either mailed or scanned and sent via email to conferences@mea.org.

At this time, the system does NOT allow for local presidents/designees to register online.

Expenses for local presidents or their designee will be reimbursed based on the following:

- Each local president/designee will receive a gift card to offset gas costs and any bridge tolls. The amount of the gift card will be based on the number of miles driven:
 - Up to 100 miles - \$25 card
 - 101 — 250 miles - \$50 card
 - 251 — 500 miles - \$75 card
 - 501 miles and above - \$100 card

Only members who actually drive are eligible for a gift card. These will be available to sign for and pick up at the MEA Registration area Thursday morning.

- Lodging of up to \$130 per night will be reimbursed for two (2) nights (Tuesday and Wednesday). This requires a detailed/zero balance receipt. The detailed receipt must include the detail of the charges (room rate, taxes included, etc.) AND show that payment was made so there is a zero balance due.

ALL participants are responsible for making their own lodging accommodations.

- Meals are non-reimbursable. The following meals will be available at the conference: Wine and Cheese Reception — a variety of hors d'oeuvres and beverages on Tuesday after sessions, Wednesday breakfast, Wednesday lunch, PAC Reception — a variety of hors d'oeuvres and beverages on Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m., and Thursday breakfast. All other meals — including evening meals — are on your own and are not eligible for reimbursement.

A Governance Expense Voucher will be given to you on site; the form must be returned postmarked on or before August 31, 2023 (a scanned or electronic copy is acceptable). The completed and signed voucher with zero balance/detailed hotel receipt should be sent as soon as possible to the conference coordinator at the address listed on the voucher, or to conferences@mea.org. **Because only the overnight rooms for local presidents/designees will be reimbursed, it is suggested that the voucher and hotel receipt be turned in Thursday morning before leaving the conference — when the gift cards will be available.**

Reimbursement for contractual lost wages for year-round employees requires appropriate documentation on employer letterhead. It is the president's (or designee's) responsibility to obtain such documentation and it must be submitted on or before August 31, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Vouchers must be signed and mailed in; electronic copies via email are acceptable. Keep a copy of the voucher and receipts for your file. **Any Governance Expense Vouchers or request for reimbursement of contractual lost wages postmarked after August 31, 2023 will NOT be processed.**

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participants are responsible for making their own overnight accommodations.

Saginaw Valley State University does not offer overnight rooms. Breakfast will be served on Wednesday and Thursday and lunch will be served on Wednesday as part of the conference package. There are receptions on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you need to find overnight accommodations or restaurants, visit gogreat.com for a list of restaurants and activities in the area.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Some of the hotels in the area may cost more than the amount eligible for reimbursement to local presidents (or their designee). Please keep that in mind when making your reservation. Reimbursement will be made for the actual cost of the hotel — up to the \$144 limit.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The final times may vary slightly from this tentative schedule. A final schedule will be given to participants on site. The conference will begin with the general session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

12-5 p.m.	Registration open
12-4 p.m.	Exhibit area open
2-3 p.m.	Opening General Session; Chandra Madaffer, MEA President-Elect
3-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:45 p.m.	100 Series Conference Sessions
5 -6:30 p.m.	Wine and Cheese Reception All participants are encouraged to attend. This event is co-sponsored by the ESP Caucus, MESSA, MEA Financial Services and MEA
Dinner	On your own (Go to gogreat.com for a list of restaurants and activities)

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8 a.m.-4 p.m.	Registration open
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Exhibit area open
9-10:30 a.m.	200 Series Conference Sessions
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	300 Series Conference Sessions
12:30-1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-3 p.m.	400 Series Conference Sessions
3-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:45 p.m.	500 Series Conference Sessions
5-6:30 p.m.	PAC Reception All participants are encouraged to attend This event is co-sponsored by MESSA, MEA Financial Services and MEA
Dinner	On your own (Go to gogreat.com for a list of restaurants and activities)

Thursday, July 20, 2023

8-8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8-11 a.m.	Registration open
8:30-11 a.m.	Exhibit area open
9-10:30 a.m.	600 Series Conference Sessions
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	700 Series Conference Sessions

2023 CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS

Bring Your ID when Registering On Site

For the security and safety of our members and the organization, all conference participants will need to show a government issued photo ID to get your registration packet on-site. Please make a note to bring your picture ID with you when you pick up your registration packet at the conference. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Bring Your Own Bag Door Prizes

If you bring your own conference bag to use during the 2023 Summer Conference, you will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. Do not worry if you do not have a bag from a previous MEA conference, any bag will do.

There will be a limited supply of bags available for those that forget their bag, or do not have one.

Wait List for Full Sessions

While session sizes are limited for various reasons, MEA also recognizes some fill quickly during the registration time frame. To make sure any seats that become "open" during a given session are filled on a first come first served basis, there will once again be a wait list created for all full sessions. If a seat in a full session opens up, the first person on the wait list will be moved into that session and notified of the change.

If you receive your confirmation email and there is a "Y" in the Wait List column, please be sure to select another OR a different session during that same session time that has available seats. This will ensure you get a session during that session time in case a seat does not become available for your first choice.

If you have any questions about the wait list process, please contact the conference coordinator at conferences@mea.org.

Internet Access for Conference Participants

Saginaw Valley State University has complimentary Wi-Fi available for all participants.

Exhibit Area

Have questions about your MESSA insurance or what products/services MEA Financial Services offers? Wondering what's happening with MEA's website, PAC or the MEA-Retired group? Check out the exhibits at the conference. The exhibit area will be in Curtiss Hall and will be open from 12-4 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 8:30-11 a.m. on Thursday. Exhibits will include MEA Financial Services, MESSA, MyMEA.org, information from the MEA Student Loan Forgiveness team, Proud PAC Activist, candidates running for MEA and NEA positions, and much more!

Meals/Activities

Participants and presenters are welcome to attend all meals and activities during the conference. A completed registration form or online registration is required of all attendees, which will allow each participant to select their meal choices. Use the separate Activities and Meals sections on the back of the registration form. Please help us make sure there is enough food for attendees registering for the meals and activities.

Tickets will be provided to each registered participant for all meals, activities, and sessions. Please note these tickets will be collected for all sessions and functions, so it's important that you keep them with you while at the conference. If you do not register for a meal or activity in advance or you change your mind, you can get an on-site ticket based on space availability from the on-site registration area. Likewise, if you register for a meal or activity, and change your mind once at the conference, please turn in your ticket at the on-site registration area so that it can be used by someone else.

TUESDAY EVENING	Wine and Cheese Reception: a variety of drinks and appetizers will be offered
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST	Pastries, seasonal fruit slices, assorted juices, coffee, tea
WEDNESDAY LUNCH	Sandwich buffet with salad and fresh fruit, kettle chips, pickles, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade
WEDNESDAY EVENING	PAC Reception: a variety of drinks and appetizers will be offered
THURSDAY BREAKFAST	Eggs, breakfast meat, potatoes, pastries, coffee, tea

The cost of these meals and activities for participants and presenters is included in the registration fee. Participants can purchase tickets on-site for guests who would like to attend meals and/or activities with the participant. Prices will be posted for each of the activities and/or meals at the MEA On-Site Registration Desk.

Wine and Cheese Reception — Tuesday, 5-6:30 p.m.

The ESP Caucus, MEA Financial Services, MESSA and MEA would like to invite you to attend a reception on Tuesday. All participants are welcome to attend the reception. This is an opportunity to mix, mingle and get to know the other participants at the conference in a more relaxed atmosphere. If you would like to attend, please be sure to mark the "I will attend" box on the back of the registration form next to Wine and Cheese Reception.

PAC Reception — Wednesday, 5-6:30 p.m.

MEA Financial Services, MESSA, MEA and PAC would like to invite you to attend a reception on Wednesday. All participants are welcome to attend the reception. This is another opportunity to mix, mingle and get to know the other participants at the conference in a more relaxed atmosphere. If you would like to attend, please be sure to mark the "I will attend" box on the back of the registration form next to PAC Reception.

2023 SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration deadline: June 23, 2023
Session capacities are limited. Register early!

Registration Process

The option for online registration is once again available. Anyone who pays a fee to attend can register online. **This means that local presidents or their designee can not register online.** Those forms must be sent to MEA Headquarters for processing at this time.

Online registration is an option for any participant required to pay the MEA member fee, but is not a requirement. Registration forms can still be emailed or mailed to the MEA with the appropriate fee included (see below).

Online registration (available until June 23 only)

- **PLEASE NOTE:** To use online registration, each member must sign into their MEA account so that the information is on their record. One MEA member can not register another MEA member.

INDIVIDUALS PAYING BY CHECK

Mail both pages of the registration form (pgs. 9-10).

NOTE: If paying by check, the registration form must be mailed or dropped off. We cannot accept emailed registration forms to "save a spot" if paying by check.

INDIVIDUALS PAYING VIA CREDIT CARD THAT DO NOT WISH TO REGISTER ONLINE

Mail or email a scanned copy of both pages of the registration form (pages 9-10).

INDIVIDUALS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY A FEE

(MEA board member attending as their board-paid conference, or local president or their designee)

These members will need to send their registration form in to the conference coordinator, Taylor Mayville, at conferences@mea.org. **At this time, online registration is not possible.**

- A credit card or checking account — with the routing and account numbers — is required to register online.
- Please verify that your email is correct in the system before registering. This is how you will receive a confirmation email to let you know that the registration and payment was processed correctly.
- Session availability will be in real time so there is no need to list/select a first, second and third choice when registering online (as you do when submitting a paper copy with payment). If the session is available to select when registering, then the session has seats available.
- **IMPORTANT:** If you receive a message about any time overlap, you have registered for overlapping sessions and will need to remove one of the sessions before you can finalize the registration. The system is trying to help make sure your registration is complete/correct so no further action will be required on your part prior to the conference.

Confirmation Email

Regardless of which form of registration you use, a confirmation message will be sent to the email included on the conference registration form or on file for the member if registering online. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the conference coordinator, Taylor Mayville, at conferences@mea.org or (800) 292-1934, ext. 5491.

Registration Fees

	Fee If Received by June 23	Fee For Late or On-Site
MEA Member	\$200	\$350
New Member/Emerging Leader **	\$110	\$210
AEM Student Members	\$65	\$95

****A NEW MEMBER/EMERGING LEADER IS A MEMBER IN THE FIRST SIX (6) YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE EDUCATION PROFESSION OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSOCIATION AND WHO HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED THE SUMMER CONFERENCE.**

Registration Guidelines:

- All persons attending all, or any part of the conference must register.
- A registration badge/meal and session tickets will be required for admission to ALL conference sessions and meal functions.
- No partial registrations will be processed. Full payment must be submitted at the time of registration. Checks and money orders should be made payable to **Michigan Education Association** and accompany completed registration form.
- All cancellations must be in writing (email or fax with the member's name, local unit, and reason for cancellation). No refunds will be made for cancellations postmarked/received after **July 12, 2023**.
- Plan to register early since some sessions have limited enrollment.

For additional information contact Taylor Mayville, at conferences@mea.org, (800) 292-1934 or (517) 337-5491.

2023 SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registrations must be received by June 23, 2023

Please complete the ENTIRE registration form. All information is required to process the registration. All payment information must accompany this registration form (except as noted below).

PRINT CLEARLY

Last	First	Middle initial
Name to appear on name tag	Previous/Maiden name	Last 4 digits of SSN
Member Information: <input type="checkbox"/> MEA Member <input type="checkbox"/> MEA-Retired <input type="checkbox"/> AEM Student <input type="checkbox"/> MEA Staff		
Profession: <input type="checkbox"/> EA Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> EA Non-Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> ESP Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> ESP Non-Instructional <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Ed		
School District	Local/Unit	
Home Address: Street	City	State Zip Code
Cell Phone	Home Phone	

Email you would like used to receive registration confirmation: _____

ESP and SCECH Credits

☐ I would like to receive ESP or SCECH credits for the sessions that are eligible. ☐ ESP ☐ SCECH

Type of Registration and Fee

The following registrations do not require payment with registration and should be sent directly to the conference coordinator. These are **due by June 23, 2023**

- ☐ Local President or Designee
☐ MEA Board Member—attending as my MEA Board Paid Conference

	Fee If Received by June 23	Fee For Late or On-Site
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<input type="checkbox"/> MEA Member	\$200	\$350
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member/Emerging Leader **	\$110	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/> AEM Student Member	\$65	\$95

**A member in the first 6 years of employment in the education profession or involvement in the association and who has not yet previously attended the Summer Conference.

Number of registrations included with payment: ____ of ____ Total payment: _____

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Check (payable to MEA) Check # _____ Received from: _____

☐ VISA ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Card number _____ Expiration date _____

9 Print name of authorized signer _____ Authorized signature _____

Mail Form and Payment to:

Taylor Mayville
Conference Coordinator
Michigan Education Association
1216 Kendale Blvd., PO Box 2573
East Lansing, MI 48826-2573

OR

Email to conferences@mea.org

Conference Coordinator

Taylor Mayville
(800) 292-1934, ext. 5491
conferences@mea.org

Conference information at:
mea.org/conferences

Session and meal
registration next page.



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this page for activities, meals and session selections.

NAME: _____

SESSION REGISTRATION

Write in the number of the session you would like to attend in each series. Many sessions continue for two or more time slots. Please sign up for the entire series.

SERIES Selection	100 7/18 3:15-4:45 p.m.	200 7/19 9-10:30 a.m.	300 7/19 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	400 7/19 1:30-3 p.m.	500 7/19 3:15-4:45 p.m.	600 7/20 9-10:30 a.m.	700 7/20 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
1st Choice	101	204	306	409	508	602	713
2nd Choice	103	203	304	404	509	607	702
3rd Choice	109	205	304	404	502	610	708

You MUST provide 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice for each session.

SERIES Selection	100 7/18 3:15-4:45 p.m.	200 7/19 9-10:30 a.m.	300 7/19 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	400 7/19 1:30-3 p.m.	500 7/19 3:15-4:45 p.m.	600 7/20 9-10:30 a.m.	700 7/20 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
1st Choice							
2nd Choice							
3rd Choice							

Meals/Activities (Mark **YES** or **NO** for each meal/activity. **ALL OTHER MEALS ARE ON YOUR OWN.**)

Tuesday, July 18

Wine & Cheese Reception 5-6:30 p.m. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Wednesday, July 19

Breakfast 8-8:45 a.m. ☐ YES ☐ NO
 Lunch 12:30-1:15 p.m. ☐ YES ☐ NO
 PAC Reception 5-6:30 p.m. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Thursday, July 20

Breakfast 8-8:45 a.m. ☐ YES ☐ NO

Menu: All meals will offer a daily variety of vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options:

TUESDAY EVENING	Wine & Cheese Reception: a variety of drinks and appetizers will be offered
WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST	Pastries, seasonal fruit slices, assorted juices, coffee, tea
WEDNESDAY LUNCH	Sandwich buffet with salad and fresh fruit, kettle chips, pickles, coffee, iced tea, and lemonade
WEDNESDAY EVENING	PAC Reception: a variety of drinks and appetizers will be offered
THURSDAY BREAKFAST	Eggs, breakfast meat, potatoes, pastries, coffee, tea

Meal Special Needs: If you have a special dietary need that you feel cannot be met, please indicate that so special arrangements can be made:

Please review this form for completeness prior to mailing.

LOCAL PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE SELECTION FORM

Name of Local: _____

Name of Local President: _____
(PRINT Clearly)

This is to certify that I have selected the following person from my local as my designee for the 2023 Summer Conference to be held at Saginaw Valley State University, July 18–July 20, 2023.

Name of Designee: _____
(PRINT Clearly)

Designee's Address: _____

(City, State, Zip)

Date: _____

President's Signature: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Designees will NOT be registered until this form is received. Failure to submit this form will result in a delay of the registration and could affect session availability.

Return this completed form with the designee's registration form to:

Taylor Mayville, Conference Coordinator
Michigan Education Association
1216 Kendale Blvd., PO Box 2573
East Lansing, MI 48826-2573

Email to: conferences@mea.org

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MEA SCECH AND ESP CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

DO YOU WANT/NEED SCECHs OR ESP CERTIFICATE CREDIT?

For both types of credit, please note the procedures:

1. Session attendance forms will be provided in the registration packet for those who register for the certificate program credits.

PLEASE INDICATE ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE SCECH OR ESP CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CREDITS.

2. Complete and submit attendance form at the conference.

Most of the procedures to document attendance in approved sessions remain the same, that is, until you get to the final step. Please note the following:

1. Give your form (SCECH or ESP) to the presenter or facilitator, if one is assigned, when you arrive at your SCECH or ESP Certificate approved session (that way they know you are taking the course for credit). We suggest you arrive at your session a few minutes before the start of the session.
2. Attend the full session.
3. Pick up your signed form from the presenter/facilitator as proof you have attended that session for the entire allotted time.
4. **Return your completed form to the registration area at the end of the conference or before leaving the conference.** Due to Michigan Department of Education regulations, **ALL SCECH AND ESP CERTIFICATE ATTENDANCE FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE LEAVING THE CONFERENCE.** The forms will no longer be accepted via U.S. Mail after the conference.

We hope that by streamlining this process, more members will be able to take advantage of the opportunity to receive **free** SCECH and ESP Certificate credit. For more information or questions, please contact Ryan Roehler at SCECH@mea.org

We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

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State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) Eligible Sessions

- 102 Gun Safety, School Safety, and You
- 103 Countering Disinformation
- 105 Shut Down Misbehaviors and Start Up the Learning
- 108 From Burnt Out to Fired Up: Breaking Through the Toxic Positivity
- 110 Checks for Understanding That Modify Instruction
- 206 Capturing Opportunity: How Federal COVID Funds can Support Students and Members
- 207 Effective Lesson Planning
- 306 Who Is Afraid of Books? Continuing the Conversation
- 309 From Burnt Out to Fired Up: Breaking Through the Toxic Positivity
- 403 Classroom Management and Cultural Responsiveness
- 405 Lasso's Leadership Lessons: Using "Ted Lasso" to Improve Our Leadership Skills
- 406 What Schools Need to Know: LGBTQ+ Students and Members and the Law
- 407 See Educators Run: Interested in Running for Office?
- 409 Books Rock! A Conversation Around Pro-Kid Books and Book Banning
- 502 What First Generation and Low Income Students Need for Success in College
- 505 Everything You Need to Know About Student Loan Forgiveness
- 507 Know Your Rights and Responsibilities Under Title IX
- 508 Income Inequality Monopoly
- 509 Group Work that Really Works
- 602 Media Relations 101
- 605 Embracing AI in Education: Opportunities, Risks, and Responsible Implementation
- 606 Increase in Chronic Disease Management and Importance of School Nursing
- 608 What's Next for Charter Schools in Michigan
- 609 Daily Learning Targets
- 611 The Best PD is Led by You/Us!
- 702 Project Mitten (Michigan Initiative to Transform Education and Equity Networks)
- 703 What Did You Say to Me??
- 704 Trust: The Relationship Between White Teachers and Black Students
- 706 Creating a Sensory Friendly Learning Environment to Support Neurodivergent and Neurotypical Students
- 708 How Do I Increase Rigor in My Classroom?
- 709 Taking Powerful Notes

Michigan ESP Center for Professional Learning ESP Certificate Program Eligible Sessions



The sessions listed below have been approved as part of the ESP Certificate Program for which credit can be issued.

CORE — Communications

- 103 Countering Disinformation
- 110 Checks for Understanding that Modify Instruction
- 305 Raise Your Voice: Storytelling to Make Our Voices Heard
- 602 Media Relations 101
- 703 What Did You Say to Me??

CORE — Behavior Management

- 403 Classroom Management and Cultural Responsiveness

CORE — Legal/Ethical

- 401 Hot Topics: A Legal Update
- 406 What Schools Need to Know: LGBTQ+ Students and Members and the Law
- 503 Legislative Update and Chat with a Lobbyist
- 507 Know Your Rights and Responsibilities Under Title IX
- 610-710 Legal Issues for Local Leaders

CORE — Growth/Development/Psychology

- 105 Shut Down Misbehaviors and Start Up the Learning
- 704 Trust: The Relationship Between White Teachers and Black Students

Elective — Cultural Diversity/Equity

- 403 Classroom Management and Cultural Responsiveness
- 406 What Schools Need to Know: LGBTQ+ Students and Members and the Law
- 409 Books Rock! A Conversation Around Pro-Kid Books and Book Banning

Elective — Safety

- 102 Gun Safety, School Safety, and You

Elective — Work Environment/School Organization

- 210-310 Bargaining Basics
- 306 Who Is Afraid of Books? Continuing the Conversation (Sponsored by the MEA Social Justice Committee)

Elective — Technology

- 605 Embracing AI in Education: Opportunities, Risks, and Responsible Implementation

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TUESDAY, JULY 18		WEDNESDAY, July 19				THURSDAY, JULY 20	
100 Series		200 Series	300 Series	400 Series	500 Series	600 Series	700 Series
2-3 p.m.	3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	9- 10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	1:30 - 3 p.m.	3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	9 - 10:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
	101 MEA Systems for Leaders	201 New Ed Central: Get on the DATA Train!	301 Treasurers Workshop	401 Hot Topics: A Legal Update	501 What is Emotional Intelligence?	601 Always Together: EA and ESP Units Working Together	701 Looking Back on Election 2022
	102 Gun Safety, School Safety, and You	202 Saving Makes Sense with MEA/NEA Member Benefits	302 MEA Financial "All the Good Stuff"	402 Why It's SO Important to Agitate	502 First Generation and Low-Income Students	602 Media Relations 101	702 Project Mitten
	103 Countering Disinformation	203 Membership Processing for Local Leaders	303 New MESSA Medical and Prescription Plan	403 Classroom Management and Cultural Responsiveness	503 Legislative Update and Chat with a Lobbyist	603 From "Clubs" to "Fighting Unions"	703 What Did You Say to Me??
	104 Getting Your Local PACtive	204 - 504 MEA-Retired: Reconnect and Reengage				604 CORAL: It's a Family Thing	704 Trust: The Relationship Between White Teachers and Black Students
	105 Shut Down Misbehaviors and Start Up the Learning	205 Updating Your Local's Governance Documents	305 Raise Your Voice: Storytelling to Make Our Message Heard	405 Lasso's Leadership Lessons	505 Everything You Need to Know About Student Loan Forgiveness	605 Embracing AI in Education	705 Living Your Best Life with Year-Round Organizing
	106 Gotcha! How to Catch, Support, and Retain	206 Capturing Opportunity - Federal COVID Funds	306 Who is Afraid of Books?	406 What Schools Need to Know: LGBTQ+ Students and Members and the Law	506 Sharing Successful Association Strategies	606 Increase in Chronic Disease Management	706 Creating a Sensory Friendly Learning Environment
	107 Understanding New Hire Retirement Plan Choices	207 Effective Lesson Planning	307 What 'Special Sauce' Makes a Local Awesome?	407 See Educators Run: Interested in Running for Office?	507 Know Your Rights and Responsibilities Under Title IX	607 Building Power in Your Local	707 Growing Your Union Muscle
	108 From Burnt Out to Fired Up	208 Advocacy and Grievance Processing for Local Leaders	308 Unionism: The Backbone of Communities and Democracy	408 Proud to be a Member: The History and Legacy of the MEA	508 Income Inequality Monopoly	608 What's Next for Charter Schools in Michigan	708 How do I Increase Rigor in My Classroom
	109 New MESSA Medical and Prescription Plan	209 Communicating Your Message about Bargaining	309 From Burnt Out to Fired Up	409 A Conversation Around Pro-Kid Books and Book Banning	509 Group Work that Really Works	609 Daily Learning Targets	709 Taking Powerful Notes
GENERAL SESSION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS		110 Checks for Understanding that Modify Instruction	210-310 Bargaining Basics		410-510 Creating Buzz for Your Local		610 -710 Legal Issues for Local Leaders
		111 Limitless Reaching Massive Goals	211-311 Role Play Advocating Before You Do It!				611 The Best PD is Led by You/Us!

* Some session titles have been shortened for spacing. Full session titles can be found in session descriptions.

2023 SUMMER CONFERENCE SESSIONS

100 SERIES

TUESDAY, JULY 18

101 MEA SYSTEMS FOR LEADERS

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Check out the MEA Member Portal, featuring leaders' tools for accessing and visualizing membership information via reports and dashboards. Learn about other tools available to leaders, including the Dues Calculator and Event Manager. Walk through the Online Education process, including a demonstration for the voting experience.

Audience: Local President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair

Presenters: Aaron Eling
Angela Lanczynski

102 GUN SAFETY, SCHOOL SAFETY AND YOU



3:15-4:45 p.m.

Join us for an open discussion on the importance of protecting our schools from gun violence and other threats, learn why the issue of gun safety is so critical to our membership, and see how you can be more involved with the work of our Protect Our Schools Action Team!

Presenters: Justine Galbraith
Mark Hoffman
Lauren Jasinski

103 COUNTERING DISINFORMATION



3:15-4:45 p.m.

With the abundance of disinformation circulating throughout our everyday lives, it is more important than ever to be equipped with the skills necessary to assess and counter new threats. We will look at disinformation tactics, social media threats, effective strategies to counter these maneuvers and what a rapid response can look like for our organization.

Presenters: Zach Crim
Thomas Morgan

104 GETTING YOUR LOCAL PACTIVE: ENGAGING IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL ACTION

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Education decisions are political decisions because they're made by elected leaders. Learn how your local can make a difference, from legislative councils to PAC drives to recommending candidates — and why it's critical to become PActive!

Presenters: Jessica Lumbreras
Doug Pratt

105 SHUT DOWN MISBEHAVIORS AND START UP THE LEARNING



3:15-4:45 p.m.

This fun and relaxed session will give you research based strategies, skills, and philosophies that can be adapted for use in K-12 classrooms. Implementation of these strategies will allow you to take back control of your classroom, and shine as the master educator that you are!

Presenter: Tom Faber

106 GOTCHA! HOW TO CATCH, SUPPORT, AND RETAIN MINORITY AND PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

3:15-4:45 p.m.

In this session, you will learn how the Ann Arbor Education Association (AAEA) makes initial contact with new hires, along with how they created a monthly professional development and mentoring program that targets probationary and minority teachers so that they can earn credit towards their additional 90 hours of PD to get them actively involved with the union.

Audience: Teachers Only

Presenters: Tamala Bell
Tierra Jackson

107 UNDERSTANDING NEW HIRE RETIREMENT PLAN CHOICES FOR LOCAL LEADERS, MENTORS, AND ADVOCATES

3:15-4:45 p.m.

Did you know that the very first time you received pay from a public school you were locked into a retirement plan? Most new hires don't either.

Unfortunately, the plan that new hires default into has NO pension OR health insurance — but if we get to them in 75 days, we can show them they still have a choice. Come learn how retirement works for those hired after 01/31/18, and provide our new colleagues a truly valuable union.

Presenter: Paul Helder

108 FROM BURNT OUT TO FIRED UP: BREAKING THROUGH THE TOXIC POSITIVITY



This session is a repeat of 309

3:15-4:45 p.m.

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Presenters: Danielle Baranowski
Annette Christiansen

109 NEW MESSA MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION PLAN

This session is a repeat of 303

3:15-4:45 p.m.

MESSA has a new plan coming out this year that checks a lot of boxes for MESSA members who are looking for lower-premium options. This plan will have a health savings account and a premium that's close to the hard cap. Learn how this new plan option from MESSA can work for your group, ensuring your members can get the exceptional health benefit, unmatched service and peace of mind that MESSA provides.

Presenters: Julie Berryman Adams
Jacqueline Mast

110 CHECKS FOR UNDERSTANDING THAT MODIFY INSTRUCTION



3:15-4:45 p.m.

How can we effectively utilize checks for understanding that will modify instruction immediately? In this session learn some tips and tricks to do just that as well as some easy checks for understanding to begin using immediately in your classroom.

Presenter: Cathy Tooley

111 LIMITLESS REACHING MASSIVE GOALS IN LIFE

3:15-4:45 p.m.

With Keith's approach to reaching MASSIVE goals in life, audiences will:

- Identify barriers that are holding them back
- Discover they have what it takes to overcome their past
- Understand how to achieve life transformation
- Not hold others accountable for their own success

Presenter: Keith Edmonds

201 NEW ED CENTRAL: GET ON THE DATA TRAIN!

9-10:30 a.m.

During this hands-on session, you will learn how to access and use MEA's New Ed Central (NEC) app which will enable you to bring year-round organizing in your local to a whole new level! The NEC app gives you access to the ME465D Member Organizer Report which was developed specifically to use in membership campaigns. You can also use NEC to access new ed survey data collected from your members and potential members. This data is a particularly powerful organizing tool given the revised survey asks respondents to list ways in which they want to become active in their local. Lastly, you can use NEC to track organizing conversations that have been held with members and potential members in your local. Don't miss this opportunity to take ownership of your local membership data.

Presenters: Mary Aldecoa
Mark Hoffman
Angela Lanczynski

202 SAVING MONEY MAKES SENSE WITH MEA/NEA MEMBER BENEFITS

9-10:30 a.m.

You gain a vast array of savings and discounts as an MEA/NEA member. But what are they? How do you access them? Join this session to find out how you and your members can use these benefits to save more money than you pay in dues!

Presenters: Deb Larson
Lou Vidmar
Hans Wienke

203 MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING FOR LOCAL LEADERS

9-10:30 a.m.

Want to learn more about membership processing? What do "IBL" and "LBL" mean? This session is designed to cover topics related to membership processing including how MEA calculates dues and how your role as a local leader makes all the difference in getting things right regarding your unit's membership records.

WANTED: Local Officers and Local Membership Chairs (LMCs) — rookies and veterans! We'll cover what it means to be a member in good standing and billing questions. You'll also have the opportunity to access the Leader Portal site to see what membership reports are available to assist you as a local leader.

Presenters: Melissa Kale
Cynthia McCurtis

204-504 MEA-RETIRED: RECONNECT AND REENGAGE

9a.m.-4:45 p.m. — This session continues through the 500 series

MEA-Retired chapter presidents will once again gather for an all-day session to share ideas and concerns, engage with other leaders, and plan for the coming year. MEA officers will be invited to stop by the session, and hints for effectively using technology will be shared.

Audience: MEA-Retired Only

Presenters: Judy Daley
Jeanne Hansen
Kay Walker-Telma

205 UPDATING YOUR LOCAL'S GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

9-10:30 a.m.

Bring your local's constitution and bylaw documents and learn the steps and requirements necessary to make sure your local is operating in compliance with MEA and NEA requirements.

Presenters: Lance Little
Karen Christian
Marcia Mackey
Jennifer Shelito

206 CAPTURING OPPORTUNITY: HOW FEDERAL COVID FUNDS CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS AND MEMBERS



9-10:30 a.m.

The influx of federal COVID relief funds presents an opportunity to show our communities what is possible when we provide necessary funding to educate Michigan students. Learn more about the American Rescue Plan, how these federal funds can be used in impactful ways, and how to talk to members and the public to make the case for continued funding for our students and schools.

Audience: Teachers Only

Presenters: Zach Crim
Tanner Delpier

207 EFFECTIVE LESSON PLANNING



9-10:30 a.m.

What are components of an effective lesson plan and how can you use them to drive instruction? In this session you will learn/understand the effective components of lesson planning and how to use them to drive your instruction from someone who has done it for over 30 years.

Presenter: Cathy Tooley

208 ADVOCACY AND GRIEVANCE PROCESSING FOR LOCAL LEADERS

9-10:30 a.m.

This session will provide ideas on how to be a better advocate for your members in everyday situations including grievance processing.

Presenters: Suzanne K. Clark
Nick Caldwell

209 COMMUNICATING YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT BARGAINING

9-10:30 a.m.

Having a student-centric message about your economic and working condition proposals for bargaining is critical to making the public case for a new contract. Learn how, at every step of the way, to convey a strong message to the community to support your local.

Presenter: Thomas Morgan

210-310 BARGAINING BASICS



9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — This session continues through the 300 series

This ½ day session will encompass all bargaining basic information. It will focus on bargaining for both EA groups and ESP groups. Topics covered will include bargaining team basics, strategies and styles, planning for bargaining, requesting and analyzing unit and district economic information, collecting non-economic information, legal aspects of bargaining, mediation, fact-finding, and impasse.

Presenters: Kim Abel
John Creasey
Terese Fitzpatrick

211-311 ROLE PLAY ADVOCATING BEFORE YOU DO IT!

9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — This session continues through the 300 series

This session will provide a variety of situations for ARs or leaders to practice their advocacy skills through role playing. Situations include dealing with a difficult administrator, nice but problematic administrators, and difficult members.

Presenters: Jim Manning
Ginny Bollwahn
Gezelle Oliver

301 TREASURERS WORKSHOP

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Plan to attend this session if you are a first-time treasurer or would like a refresher on bookkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting, and the importance of internal controls.

Presenters: Kelly Cline
Aaron Eling

302 MEA FINANCIAL “ALL THE GOOD STUFF”

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Join us for a fun informative time as we help members understand essential Investment and Insurance management. We will explore key investment strategies that are designed to maximize your dollars. Learn how your MEA Membership may save money on your insurance and help offset your Union Dues.

Presenters: Jason T. Diotte
Amy Lothschutz

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Presenters: Julie Berryman Adams
Jacqueline Mast

305 RAISE YOUR VOICE: STORYTELLING TO MAKE OUR MESSAGE HEARD



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Without a compelling story, facts and figures don't change minds. That's why it's essential that front-line school employees — who benefit from strong public trust — share their firsthand experiences as part of advocating for what students and educators need. Learn how to make your voice heard as a Champion for Education, including training on messaging, preparation, tactics, and more.

Presenters: Brenda Ortega
Doug Pratt

306 WHO IS AFRAID OF BOOKS? CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

(SPONSORED BY THE MEA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE)



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

This panel discussion continues the conversation on book banning and challenge that we began at the Winter Conference. In this session, a panel of educators and librarians discuss the nature of book banning and its impacts on education, our knowledge of the world, and relationship with our society.

Presenters: Dr. Maureen N. Eke
Alfonso Salais

307 WHAT 'SPECIAL SAUCE' MAKES A LOCAL AWESOME?

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Are you leading a local that's truly awesome and you know it? Or would you just like to compare what you're doing as a local leader with your counterparts statewide, with an eye on finding that 'special sauce' that makes a local awesome? Join us and let's talk about it!

Presenters: Mark Hoffman
Richard Lee
Joanne Osborne

308 UNIONISM, THE BACKBONE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEMOCRACY

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

As we pass the union torch to the next generation of educators, we must remind them of what unionism is, its history and how important it is to public education, our communities, and democracy.

Presenters: Renaye Baker
Kari Guy

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Presenters: Danielle Baranowski
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400 SERIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

401 HOT TOPICS: A LEGAL UPDATE



1:30-3 p.m.

This session will review hot topics and updates on changes in the laws that affect public employment in education.

Presenter: Jeffrey Donahue, Esq.

402 WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO AGITATE

1:30-3 p.m.

Yes, you read that right — agitating people is critical to the success of our union, in SO many ways. Besides, it's really fun. If you like to agitate, or especially if you don't, we'd love to have you in the conversation!

Presenters: Evan Eslinger
Mark Hoffman
Caleigh Hunt

403 CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS



1:30-3 p.m.

Learn how to use research-based information and strategies, that support administrators, teachers, and other staff members by providing knowledge about how to improve classroom management strategies through the implementation of cultural responsiveness.

Presenter: Catrina Cooper

405 LASSO'S LEADERSHIP LESSONS: USING "TED LASSO" TO IMPROVE OUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS



1:30-3 p.m.

It's the blow off course you chose your senior year because of the name, but wound up taking away more from it than most others during your academic career. Oh, we'll have some fun, but at its core we'll explore the characters from "Ted Lasso," draw some parallels with those we're charged with leading in our locals, discover Ted's leadership skill set, and review clips/ portions of selected episodes that drive home the point that "Ted Lasso" is must-see TV for leaders! Believe!

Presenter: Doug Hill

406 WHAT SCHOOLS NEED TO KNOW: LGBTQ+ STUDENTS AND MEMBERS AND THE LAW



1:30-3 p.m.

Participants will receive an update regarding the law and policies concerning LGBTQ+ students and members including what is happening in other states regarding prohibition on discussing LGBTQ+ issues and transgender students participating in school sports. We will provide guidance on how schools can provide safe and supportive learning environments for LGBTQ+ students and safe working conditions for LGBTQ+ members. We will discuss the laws and policies that are currently in place and being discussed in legislatures across the country. We will present scenarios that cover a variety of issues both in the classroom and with school administration.

Presenters: Frank Burger
Jay Kaplan

407 SEE EDUCATORS RUN: INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR OFFICE?



1:30-3 p.m.

Students need support from elected leaders, and educators need champions now more than ever. School employees across the state have answered the call by running for office. Learn what it takes to join their ranks, including hearing from educators who've done it!

Presenters: Alexis Duling-Hart
Jessica Lumbreras

408 PROUD TO BE A MEMBER: THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF THE MEA

1:30-3 p.m.

Did you know that the MEA is the oldest operating union in the country? As a member of the Michigan Education Association, there are so many accomplishments, past and present, in which we should take pride. Knowing where we came from helps us to be more confident about where we are going and what we are capable of doing together as we look to the future. In this session, you will learn more about the MEA's history and legacy, and why we should all be proud of our membership in this organization.

Presenter: Chad Williams

409 BOOKS ROCK! A CONVERSATION AROUND PRO-KID BOOKS AND BOOK BANNING



1:30-3 p.m.

In this session, participants will learn about great LGBTQIA+ books that support students and why representation in your school's library is so important. Part of this session will be a roundtable discussion around the current attacks surrounding book banning around the state.

Presenters: John Kreider
Dorian Prier-Piloto

410-510 CREATING BUZZ FOR YOUR LOCAL

1:30-4:45 p.m. — This session continues through the 500 series

Does your local need some new ideas for membership events that create excitement? This session will give you inexpensive and creative ideas designed to create buzz, increase membership participation, and entice non-members to join your local. We will explore ideas for unusual activities, interesting locations, unique participation gifts/prizes, and professional ways to market your event that will generate interest and excitement. We will have some fun along the way!

Presenters: Ginny Bollwahn
Caleigh Hunt
Saun Strobel

500 SERIES

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501 WHAT IS EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

3:15-4:45 p.m.

In this session, we will define emotional intelligence and will learn how to implement it in work-life balance. This workshop explores the difference between IQ and EQ. We will also look at being a mental health ally and why that helps in the workplace.

Presenters: Lisa Alexander
Eva Menefee

502 WHAT FIRST GENERATION AND LOW-INCOME STUDENTS NEED FOR SUCCESS IN COLLEGE



3:15-4:45 p.m.

This presentation will show case what other colleges and universities are doing for first generation and low-income students which include peer and faculty mentorship, TRIO programs, supplemental instruction, and learning communities. Knowing how to support these two specific groups help all students succeed because all students need support, but some need additional support.

Presenter: Lakita Eboh

503 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND CHAT WITH A LOBBYIST



3:15-4:45 p.m.

Budget, bargaining rights, Michigan Merit Curriculum, retirement issues, evaluation, employee rights, certification requirements, teacher preparation, school rating scales, school reform, transportation issues, etc., are all topics of legislation affected higher education, K-12, and pre-K education. Meet with the MEA Lobbyists for a current update on legislative issues, as well as suggestions on how to communicate with legislators, and to chat with lobbyists and share observations, techniques, and experiences with participants to use during Legislative Councils, legislator contacts, and written communications to promote the MEA legislative agenda.

Presenters: Tammy Daenzer
Dr. David Michelson
Andy Neumann

505 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS



3:15-4:45 p.m.

This training is designed to familiarize educators with a variety of options to reduce and/or eliminate student loan debt through federal loan forgiveness programs created for all school employees working 30 hours or more — not just teachers! We will dive deep into Public Service Loan Forgiveness, discuss Teachers Loan Forgiveness, and provide updates on the latest news of all types of forgiveness in a rapidly-changing landscape. There will be time at the end for questions and answers with the MEA Student Loan Forgiveness cadre members present.

Presenters: Christine Anderson
Terese Fitzpatrick
Marty Zmiejko

506 SHARING SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION STRATEGIES — MEMBERSHIP AND MORE

3:15-4:45 p.m.

This session will share successful strategies for local leaders regarding communication, advocacy, and new membership, along with how to rethink outdated strategies for approaching the next generation of association membership. The session will also include networking time where attendees can share plans and activities that have had a positive impact on increasing membership, driving member engagement, or communicating with members in their local.

Presenter: Jacob Oaster

507 KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER TITLE IX



3:15-4:45 p.m.

It is important for all students, faculty, and staff to understand their rights under Title IX, understand the reporting process, the grievance procedures, as well as inform institutions and parties of their responsibilities under Title IX. This session will focus on what Title IX is, what protections it offers, how to file a formal and informal complaint if a suspected violation occurs, and what the grievance process entails.

Presenter: Colleen A. Schoenfeld

508 INCOME INEQUALITY MONOPOLY



3:15-4:45 p.m.

In this session, participants will learn basics of income inequality while playing Monopoly. Park Place? Marvin Gardens? Illinois Avenue? Boardwalk? Come and channel your inner tycoon!

Presenters: Dorian Prier-Piloto
Tim Russ

509 GROUP WORK THAT REALLY WORKS



3:15-4:45 p.m.

Have you tried group work in the past and it just never seems to work out? Are you frustrated with the inability to effectively let students work together in groups? Do you struggle with how to grade group work? Well, look no further. That is exactly what we will outline in this session. There are key strategies to effective group work and we will show you how to use them.

Presenter: Cathy Tooley

601 ALWAYS TOGETHER: EA AND ESP UNITS WORKING TOGETHER IN K-12 DISTRICTS

9-10:30 a.m.

Many districts contain many locals. Communication between units is important to make sure everyone's voice is heard, and information is shared consistently. We will guide you through a multi-year effort to build the communication and relationship between an EA and ESP group for the betterment of all members and students.

Presenters: Sarah Garrett
Anthony Pennock

602 MEDIA RELATIONS 101

9-10:30 a.m.

Whether you're a media novice or an old pro in need of some new tips, this session will provide you with best practices on how to respond to, build relationships with, and benefit from reporters covering education in your community. Learn how to give a great quote and get your local's message to be part of the media's coverage of your schools.

Presenters: Thomas Morgan
Doug Pratt

603 FROM "CLUBS" TO "FIGHTING UNIONS"

9-10:30 a.m.

Is your local a 'club' and you want to turn it into an organization that can truly stand up for what is right? Learn right here — and let's make a plan for turning your local into a Fighting Union!

Presenter: Mark Hoffman

604 CORAL: IT'S A FAMILY THING

9-10:30 a.m.

MEA and MEA-Retired are among ten active and retired state affiliates awarded a grant for the first year NEA initiative, CORAL (Coalition of Retired and Active Leaders). Project co-chairs will share ideas for how ALL members of the MEA Family — from AEM to Retired — can work together to recruit, excite, and engage members.

Presenters: Judy Daley
Pam DeGryse
Jeanne Hansen

605 EMBRACING AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) IN EDUCATION: OPPORTUNITIES, RISKS, AND RESPONSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION

9-10:30 a.m.

Our presentation explores using AI in education to enhance student learning while considering ethical concerns such as privacy, bias, and job displacement. We will discuss ways to incorporate AI into teaching practices, such as language training and image-making assistants, while encouraging critical thinking to prepare students for a rapidly changing environment.

Presenters: Phillip Hanson
J. Blake Johnson

606 INCREASE IN CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT AND IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL NURSING

9-10:30 a.m.

Per MDE and MDHHS guidelines, there should be one school nurse per 750 students. It is estimated that the current ratio is 1:5,000. Michigan is ranked 49th due to the limited financial resources the state provides. We need to advocate for an increase in services, financial means and legislation to better support our students, families, and communities. Luckily, programs exist in our state to support schools with nursing services. At Corewell Health, the School Nursing Program currently supports 28 school districts with various needs.

Presenter: Anna Ingersoll

607 BUILDING POWER IN YOUR LOCAL

9-10:30 a.m.

Are you always the HERO, instead of the HOST? When you are always the HERO, the power starts and ends with you. This session will allow you to begin to transform your leadership to allow your units to establish and build their leadership and POWER from within. Strategies, tips, and application to help you engage in transformational change in your workplace.

Presenter: Grat Dalton
Chris Pratt

608 WHAT'S NEXT FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN MICHIGAN



9-10:30 a.m.

Curious about how charter schools work? This session will cover how charter schools work for employees/students/parents, what laws impact charter school administration, how Michigan's charter school laws compare to other states, and what can be done by public education advocates in the next school year.

Presenter: Jacob Louks

609 DAILY LEARNING TARGETS



9-10:30 a.m.

Are you effectively using daily learning targets? Are you using them to measure student learning every day? Are you using them to gather data for lesson planning? You can be. In this session, we will outline the components of effective daily targets and how to begin using them in your classroom tomorrow.

Presenter: Cathy Tooley

610-710 LEGAL ISSUES FOR LOCAL LEADERS



8:30-11:45 a.m. — This session continues through the 700 series

This important session is useful for all new local leaders or those aspiring to be a leader in their local. Staff from MEA Legal Services will do an overview of state and federal labor laws that affect public school employees. In addition, we will cover legal issues particular to MEA and NEA and governance.

Presenters: Debra Dawsey
Douglas Wilcox

611 THE BEST PD IS LED BY YOU/US!



9-10:30 a.m.

We've all sat through district provided PD that we wished was more relevant and engaging. It's no knock on our administrative colleagues either, because it's difficult to develop PD for a whole building that is equally relevant to all staff, and they want better PD, too. This is where you come in! Learn how the MEA can help you lead and/or create high value professional learning content individually or with a team, and share it with colleagues locally, regionally, or even nationally.

Presenter: Chad Williams

700 SERIES

THURSDAY, JULY 20

701 LOOKING BACK ON ELECTION 2022 (AND FORWARD TO 2024)

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Every election is the most important one — and each one gives us a chance to learn for the next one coming up. Dive into the 2022 Election results and what we can carry forward to the 2024 Presidential election cycle.

Presenters: Jessica Lumbreras
Doug Pratt

702 PROJECT MITTEN (MICHIGAN INITIATIVE TO TRANSFORM EDUCATION AND EQUITY NETWORKS)



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

In 2021, MEA and Wayne State University were awarded an NEA GPS Grant to address two important issues facing public education today: the teacher shortage and becoming culturally responsive for our students, colleagues, and communities.

In this session, participants will have an overview of the two projects that are part of this grant. They will hear about the Next Gen summer program that brings high school students interested in pursuing a career in education to spend an immersive two weeks on Wayne State University's campus to help them develop the skills necessary for success in college and in a career. Students are able to teach a lesson at a local elementary school and participate in a number of workshops and excursions.

Presenters: Anita Bates
Annette Christiansen
Roland Coloma

703 WHAT DID YOU SAY TO ME??



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

In this session, participants will learn the basics of communication; including the communication model, message, noise and more. If you have ever wondered why what you said was misunderstood or misinterpreted, then this session is for YOU!

Presenters: Dorian Prier-Piloto
Michelle McNamara

704 TRUST: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WHITE TEACHERS AND BLACK STUDENTS



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

This session will include activities that make participants think about trust and visualize what it means. Participants will dive into the relationship between students and teachers, especially relationships between White teachers and Black students. In addition, participants will experience what it really means through the student's perspective when it comes to racial demographics and student belonging in schools dominated by White racial norms.

Presenter: Dr. Joe Trobaugh, PhD

705 LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE WITH YEAR-ROUND ORGANIZING

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The Organizing and Retention (OAR) Team will present ways to live your best union life while strategically organizing. You will learn the best practices to build power, increase membership, and help strengthen your member voice. There will be ideas on how to implement various strategies that you may adapt to your own local. At the end of this hands-on session, you will walk out with a year-round organizing plan for your local.

Presenters: The OAR (Organizing and Retention) Team

706 CREATING A SENSORY FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO SUPPORT NEURODIVERGENT AND NEUROTYPICAL STUDENTS



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

The environment in which we spend our time directly impacts our thoughts, feelings, and well-being. To maximize learning and comfort for each person in the learning community, we must consider how to create a sensory friendly learning environment. A variety of recommended inclusive strategies will be presented to ensure that your classroom community values align with different learning styles and the arrangement of your learning environment.

Presenter: Sheila Hartley

707 GROWING YOUR UNION MUSCLE

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Union membership is much like a gym membership. If you pay your monthly dues, but don't go, you won't see results. When you show up, and put in the work, results are inevitable. Get results for your local by growing your core, and having members become ACTIVE and ENGAGED.

Presenters: Danielle Baranowski
Amy Rankin
Beth Scheele

708 HOW DO I INCREASE RIGOR IN MY CLASSROOM?



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Rigor is more than a buzz word, it is a real strategy. But, how can I increase rigor in my classroom? This session will outline the key components to increasing rigor in my classroom and how to start doing that immediately. Presented by a 30-year veteran who has been doing it for years.

Presenter: Cathy Tooley

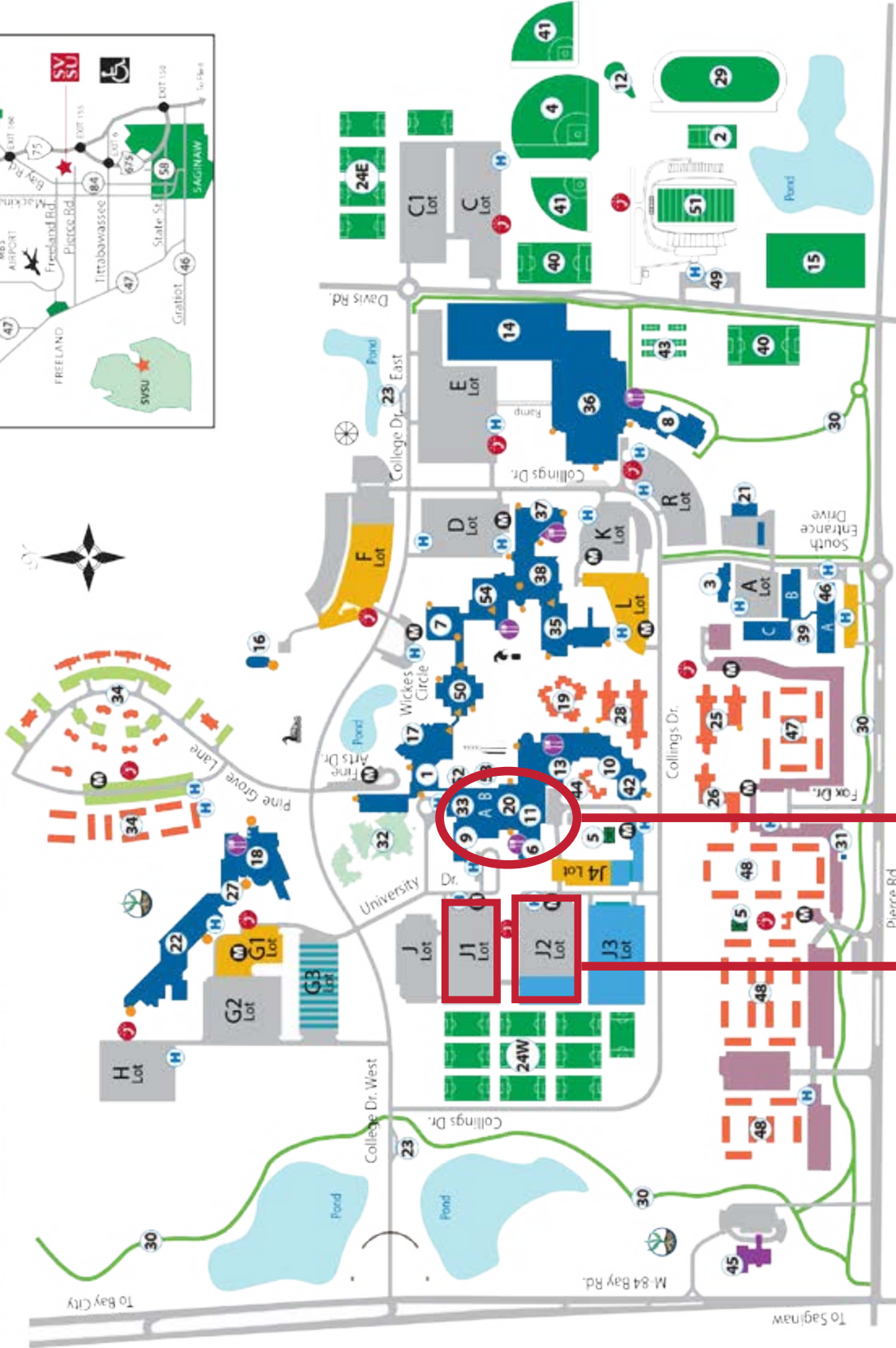
709 TAKING POWERFUL NOTES



10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

This session will discuss why taking notes as a local leader is so critical in both member representation and in bargaining. Different types of note taking will be discussed as well as what and how to write it down.

Presenters: Suzanne K. Clark
Wendy Eppler



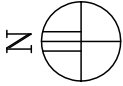
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	Faculty/Staff Reserved Parking: Permit Required in Shaded Portions of F, G, I, L, and J4 Lots until 6:45 p.m.		Student Housing		UR Student Resident Parking (UR permit required)
	Free, Resident (UR permit required) & Overnight		Educational Buildings		P Student Resident Parking (P permit required)
	Roadways and Open Parking Lots		Outdoor Sports Locations		VR Student Resident Parking (VR permit required)

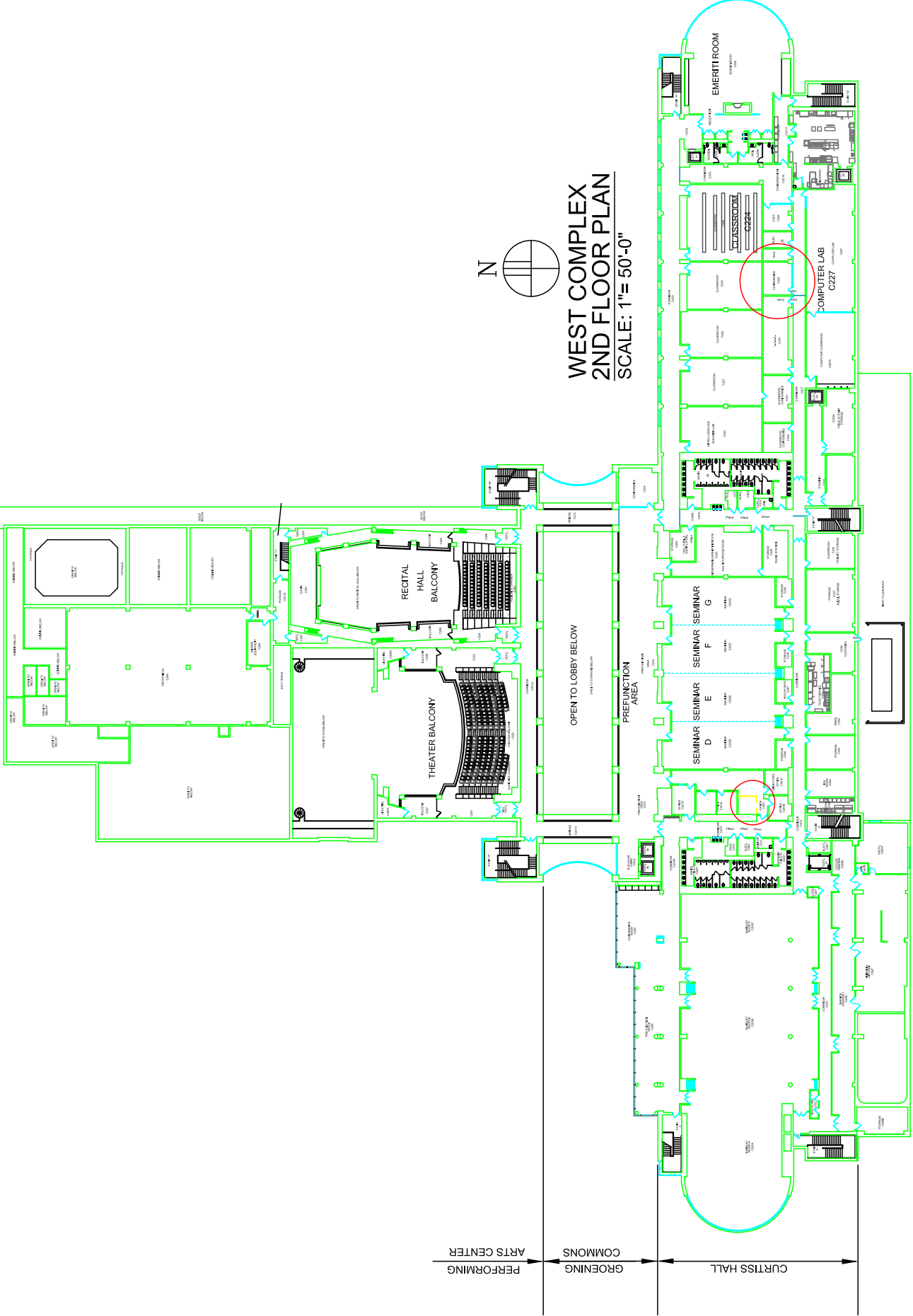
11. CURTISS HALL

PARKING @ J1, J2

PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER
COMMONS
GREENING
CURTIS HALL



WEST COMPLEX
2ND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1"= 50'-0"



WEST COMPLEX
SECOND FLOOR

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