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This is a TEMPORARY position in accordance to Section 8.1.A.1 of the MEA PSA Agreement.

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DATE OF POSTING: April 24, 2024

TERMINATION DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: May 07, 2024

POSITION: **Labor Economist**

COMPENSATION/BENEFITS: Per MEA-PSA/USO Contract

STAFF RELATIONSHIP: Responsible to Arminda Westra
Executive Director- CLL

EMPLOYMENT DATE: As soon as possible

SEND APPLICATION AND RESUME TO: **Human Resources Department**
Michigan Education Association
1350 Kendale Blvd., P.O. Box 2573
East Lansing, MI 48826-2573
517-337-5454 (fax)
Jobpostings@mea.org

RESPONSIBILITIES including, but not limited to:

Provide consultation on economic issues, including but not limited to, privatization and outsourcing, national and state level public finance, the Michigan State Aid Act, the Federal education budget, Michigan state budget, trends in fringe benefits, part-time vs. full-time employment, retirement and competition in the education marketplace.

Provide analysis, prepare and present written and oral reports on economic issues and public policy affecting education.

Provide specific financial analysis for K-12 school districts and higher education employees.

Provide expert economic testimony in legislative, fact-finding, mediation, arbitration and other quasi-legal and legal hearings.

Provide consultation on legislative and legal issues requiring economic analysis and education policy research.

Provide analyses of budgets, revenue/expenditures, and related financial documents as assigned.

Publish research bulletins, reports, circulars, and other publications.

Assist in the assessment of economic issues (revenue, expenditures, forecasting, etc.) relevant to organizational needs.

Conduct and/or assist in other research studies.

Assist management in preparing short-term and long-term programs and performance objectives of this position and strive to fulfill these objectives.

Train MEA staff and members in economic issues that are relevant to research and bargaining.

Achieve and maintain current proficiency in the field of school finance, labor economics, accounting principles and education policy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelors' degree in economics, policy, accounting or a closely related field of study with related graduate coursework.

Extensive foundation in research methods, school finance, economics and related fields of experience and study.

Experience and demonstrated proficiency in applying research methods, including econometrics.

Expertise in computer software needed to conduct research and economic analysis, including Microsoft Office.

Satisfactory driving record and valid driver's license.

Commitment to the labor movement.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's Degree in economics, public policy or accounting.

Association experience preferred.

January 9, 2020