

January 2022

MESP Update



MEMBER INPUT

Be on the lookout for meeting dates and updates from the Bargaining Committee. You have the opportunity to provide input on what **YOU** would like to see addressed in the contract by clicking [here](#). We will update Bargaining dates as we receive notice from the District. All bargaining sessions are open to the public. Sessions are to be located at:

MTI - Building 2 Room 9
1614 E. Fort King St.
Ocala, FL 34471



Bargaining Dates:

- Thursday, February 10 at 3:00 P.M.
- Thursday, February 17 at 3:00 P.M.

In December, the MESP Executive Board adopted one of our Needy families in the Marion County Public School System's Angel tree. This family consisted of a widowed dad raising 11 school-aged children following his wife's passing in September.

OPPORTUNITIES

THE NEA FOUNDATION

The NEA Foundation offers a variety of grants and resources to support educators who inspire learning. Through delivering fellowships, lesson plans, news articles, grants, and more the National Education Association provides an abundance of opportunities that are inclusive to Education Support Professionals! Click [here](#) to see what advantageous options are available.

FEA ESP ACADEMY

- February 15 - Speaking with Confidence
- March 15 - Proactively Managing Conflict
- April 19 - Leadership

** If you are interested in becoming a trainer for one of these topics, please email your interest to: marionesp@yahoo.com. Use the subject "Trainer".

WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- (NEFSU) Northeast Florida Service Unit (Jacksonville) - February 18-19, 2022
- Central-Southern (Orlando) - March 4-5, 2022 - [What would you like to see?](#)

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Members and the community play an important role in advocating for what is best for public education. With the help of FEA, we continue to track education related bills. Contacting our legislators is one of the best ways to support public education. Engaging and interacting with these leaders is simple; **share your story**. Visit the [FEA Legislative Session Page](#) –also available in [Spanish](#). Text **edactivist** to **22394**.

Your UNION!!!

It is difficult to believe we are almost closing out the 2021-2022 school year; this past year has radically changed things for us all. Your actions undeniably illuminate the differences each of you makes in our students' lives through the roles you undertake. **You are vital to our children's education in Marion County Public Schools.** MESP strives to ensure that each employee feels appreciated and remembered. Accordingly, I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and become familiar with your union! Contact any member of our [Executive Board](#) to find out how you can become more involved locally and with our state organization, the Florida Education Association (FEA). In closing, thank you for your commitment to your job. We look forward to meeting and speaking to you in the near future.

ADDITIONAL LINKS

2022 Florida Legislative Session - <https://feaweb.org/issues-action/2022-legislative-session/>

Working Families Lobby Corps (WFLC) - Sign up [here](#) with our CLC Chapter: North Central Florida Central Labor Council, Eli Barrett. Engage with other activists representing Florida's work force by sharing your story with legislators in Tallahassee. Attendance dates:

January 24th -28th
January 31st -February 4th
February 7th -11th
February 14th -18th
February 21st -25th
February 28th -March 4th
March 7th -11th