

# Election of NEA RA Delegates

## Four Steps

After you've reviewed this Sharpener, please:

1. Mark your ballot (enclosed).
2. Seal it in the envelope (also enclosed).
3. Place the envelope in the "Return to MTEA" box.
4. Check your name off the teacher voting list, next to the box.

## *Ballot Enclosed. Be Sure to Vote!*

As an MTEA/WEAC/NEA member, you have the opportunity to elect teacher delegates who will represent the MTEA at the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association in July 2012 and 2013.

Enclosed with this Sharpener, you will find:

- 1) A Scantron **ballot** listing the candidates in random order.
- 2) An **envelope** in which to place your completed ballot.

To make certain your ballot counts, please follow the instructions below.

## Pencil in Your Choices

- ◆ Use a #2 pencil. Your ballot will **not** count if you use ink.
- ◆ Completely fill in the **inside** of the parentheses in front of the candidates of your choice.
- ◆ Pencil in up to 24 candidates. Your ballot will **not** count if you mark more than 24 candidates.

## Candidate Statements

The candidates were asked to provide a statement of 25 words or fewer for their nomination. The statements are on page two and three of this Sharpener.

- ◆ Only the first 25 words have been printed, per the election rules.
- ◆ Candidates are solely responsible for their views and the accuracy of their information.

## Matching Order

The statements are in the same order as the candidates' names appear on the ballot (determined by lot).

The number in front of each candidate's name (in parentheses) is the candidate's number on the enclosed Scantron ballot.

## Seal Your Ballot in Enclosed Envelope

After you've completed your ballot, place it in the enclosed envelope and seal the envelope. This protects the secrecy of your vote.

## Return Your Ballot at School

Please place your envelope in the "Return to MTEA" box at your school. MTEA Building Representatives have been asked to place this specially-marked, open box in the main office.

When you vote, check your name off your school's teacher member list (blue). It should be next to the return box.

## Deadline - January 26

We recommend that you vote as soon as you can. The deadline for returning your ballot at school is **Thursday, January 26**.



**( 1 ) Kelly Patschull**

Madison

I would like to continue to fight for you. BC/BR, MTEA Executive Board, WEAC/NEA Rep., Balloting Committee, WEAC PR committee, (chair for both), Proud Teacher.

**( 2 ) LaJuan Barnes**

Roosevelt

I would like to continue working with my peers, and relaying valuable information that I receive from various meetings that I attend as a delegate.

**( 3 ) Cynthia Finnie**

Hamilton

Serving as a dedicated and devoted representative, I will utilize my knowledge for others, as I continue to speak out for everyone we represent.

**( 4 ) Ruth Bevenue**

Sherman

As a delegate, I can use my voice to restore our professional commitment and advocacy to children and to support MTEA initiatives and revitalization.

**( 5 ) Carlos Sanchez-Pierola**

Lincoln Center of the Arts

If you elect me as a delegate, I will represent you to the Representative Assembly with respect and honor.

**( 6 ) Mary Words**

Clarke Street

I have been teaching for ten years. I will be an active participant and I will fulfill all duties.

**( 7 ) Amy Mizialko**

District Mentor/Citywide

My MTEA service consists of Building Committee, BR, and Chairperson of Social Justice Committee. I will vigorously represent MTEA member interests at the RA.

**( 8 ) Kim Schroeder**

MTEA Office

As MTEA Vice President, I relish any opportunity to fight for and alongside our members to ensure the survival, success, and future of public education

**( 9 ) Mauricio Garzon**

Pulaski

My goal is to advocate and support all of you in different ways, in order to rebuild our union, and keep alive our profession.

**( 10 ) Amanda McIlhone**

Sixty-fifth Street

I had the opportunity to be your representative for the past 2 years and I would love to continue.

**( 11 ) Sally Ferguson**

Morse\*Marshall

I've been in MPS for 22 yrs; the last 15 as librarian working with K4-12th grade teachers and students.

**( 12 ) Anthony Wacker**

Vincent

**( 13 ) Maria Del Valle**

Citywide Bilingual DT

Your endorsement in serving on your behalf for another term is important. It's time again to vote for people who are committed to our profession.

**( 14 ) Terri Jones**

Engleburg

I've been an MPS teacher for 23 years. I'd like your vote to represent you as a first-time MTEA delegate to the WEAC/NEA RA.

**( 15 ) Henry Sampson**

Lincoln Center of the Arts

I have enjoyed being a delegate in the past and look forward to serving our union in the future.

**( 16 ) Debbie Karow**

Mentor Teacher

Currently, Mentor Teacher/MTEA Treasurer/WEAC Board Member, Special Education Teacher, 18 years. 8 years WEAC/NEA RA Delegate. Allow me to continue to represent you.

**( 17 ) Dorothy Hancock**

Rufus King

As a third generation educator, I am very passionate about the future of education. Working conditions of our members are the learning conditions of our students.

**( 18 ) Tomas Medina Sanchez**

Kosciuszko

I would like to become a delegate to the WEAC/NEA Conventions and represent our district's diversity.

**( 19 ) Kathy Jones-Rosa**

Project Stay

I have been a delegate in the past and wish to continue being a delegate. I have been a Special Education Teacher for 30 years.

**( 20 ) Salomie Charles**

Doerfler

I need your vote to attend the WEAC RA and NEA RA. I will continue to stand strong and have a voice for our union.

**( 21 ) Ouida Williams**

Sherman/Carver/Hopkins-Lloyd/53rd St.

I am the BR for school-wide counselors, have served on WEAC's Special Education Committee, as NEA representative and an advocate for a strong accountable education.

**( 22 ) Diane Harris**

Barton

Dedicated worker who cares for our union rights. I served in this capacity previously. I would like to represent you again. Thanks.

**( 23 ) Bob Peterson**

MTEA Office

We must stand together for a reimagined union that works alongside parents and community for what's best for children, educators and public education.

**( 24 ) Milton Bond Jr.**

Rufus King

My experiences as a member of the PAC will assist me to serve our union and students as a delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly.

**( 25 ) Rozalia Harris**

Hi-Mount

I have participated and represented members in many union activities, committees & leadership roles. I want to continue to serve you as an MTEA/NEA Delegate.

**( 26 ) Michelle Wright**

Clement Ave/Humboldt Park Board Member, MTEA Special Education Committee, prior MTEA & WEAC delegate, and active participant. Would like to continue to be your voice!

**( 27 ) Redona Williams**

Hopkins-Lloyd

I've actively been involved at the local, state and national level for over 17 years. My passion is to support unionism at its highest level.

**( 28 ) Marchelle Odom**

North Division

A Language Arts Educator in MPS for 12 years, IPD Committee member with WEAC in the past serving 4 years, previous RA local delegate.

**( 29 ) Ellen Deall**

Bethune, Burbank, Hopkins-Lloyd, Maryland, Townsend

I have been a delegate for the past 7 years, and wish to continue to represent the MTEA/WEAC/NEA.

**( 30 ) Adrian Wade**

Morse\*Marshall

It will be my honor to represent my fellow educators at the state and national assembly.

**( 31 ) Bryon Hancock**

Milwaukee School of Languages

I'm very open minded and still well connected to both the students and other staff. Over 20 years of teaching experience in an urban setting.

**( 32 ) Abbie Fishman**

Riverside

I know my colleagues and know my contract. I've been a BR and have attended actions in Madison and Milwaukee.

**( 33 ) Manjula Dammanna**

Hamilton

I am an East Indian woman who will add to the diversity of our union. I will stand up for the rights of teachers.

**( 34 ) Bramouse Muhammad**

Pulaski

Education is the right of every student and it is our duty to promote learning in our global economy.

**( 35 ) Traci McKean**

River Trail

I'm a dedicated member who has served as BR for 7 years. I would be honored to serve at the RAs this term.

**( 36 ) Jacquelyn Aleem**

Rufus King

I'm a Biology teacher at RKHS and I've been teaching for 13 years. I've served on the WEAC Legislative Committee and Minority Affairs Committee, Chairperson.



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### **Ballot Mailed to Your Home?**

For this and other MTEA elections, we mail ballots directly to the homes of certain categories of teachers. These groups include diagnostic teachers, speech pathologists, social workers, day-to-day teachers, and others.

If you vote by mail, your return envelope is enclosed.

### **Option: School Return**

You may return your ballot at a school where you work. This will save the postage cost and ensure that your ballot is on time to be counted.

When you return your ballot at school, please write your name on the blue school list next to the "Return to MTEA" box.

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## **MTEA Delegates: 24 Funded for 2012**

The MTEA Budget provides reimbursement for 24 teacher delegates to the NEA RA in July of 2012. These funded positions will be filled by the top 24 vote-getters in this election.

### **Voting Results Determine Ranking of Candidates**

The MTEA Constitution specifies that the candidates will be listed in rank order, from the highest to the lowest vote-getter in this election. There will be two categories:

- ◆ The top 24 will be MTEA-funded delegates. (#1 - #24)
- ◆ The rest of the candidates, including any write-ins, will be listed in rank order as alternate delegates. (#25 - ?)

## **How the Ranking List Is Used**

Here's a scenario to illustrate how the ranking list will be used for this summer's NEA RA. Suppose there are 46 candidates, the 36 printed on the ballot and ten write-in candidates.

Many teachers running for election as **MTEA-funded** delegates have also nominated themselves for the statewide election to become **WEAC-funded** delegates. (The WEAC election is in February.)

Suppose eight teachers who are elected as MTEA-funded delegates - in the top 24 - are also elected as WEAC-funded delegates. These eight teachers would automatically move to state-funded delegate status, and this would open up eight MTEA-funded positions.

The next eight teachers on the ranking list of alternates (#25 - #32) would become MTEA-funded delegates.

The next fourteen teachers (#33 through #46) would move closer to MTEA-funded delegate status.

### **Other Changes May Occur**

Prior to the NEA RA in July of 2012, situations such as a family illness may arise, preventing an elected delegate from attending. Each time an MTEA-funded delegate withdraws, the next teacher on the ranking list will move to funded status.

### **List Will Be Used for 2013 NEA RA**

The ranking list from this winter's MTEA election for 2012 delegates will be continually updated. It will be used to determine MTEA-funded delegates for the NEA RA in July of 2013.

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**Return your ballot as soon as you can.  
The deadline is January 26, 2012.**

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