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Welcome Back From Your SEA President Christian Peabody

Dear Educators,

We have closed one of the most unprecedented years in the history of Public Education, and we are about to embark on one that literally no one, in the history of the planet, has every experienced.

As we move forward into the unknown, I want you to find comfort in that actions you have taken to make SEA the most formidable proactive Local Union in the Commonwealth.

Your membership has secured a 7.5% pay raise over the past 2 years; a 5% pay raise for all Stafford County Employees (i.e. first responders and Educators); universal Non-Discrimination protections for every Educator and Student in SCPS and throughout the Commonwealth; "The Rebecca Bill" which now protects job security and employment options for every licensed Educator in the Commonwealth like never before; an academic calendar shift to ensure that every SCPS employee had fully paid leave and transportation provided to attend the 2020 Public Education Lobby Day; mitigated a potential strike that resulted in higher pay and greater dignities for every SCPS transportation employee; 3 VEA Political Action Awards; the 2019 VEA Teacher in Excellence Recipient; and the greatest continual membership growth in Virginia.

You have established a record of breaking boundaries for your profession, and ultimately, for your students. We have a remarkably strong foundation to continually build on, and that is why the SEA will do something greater than anything any of us have imagined with the coming school year. Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, SEA is going to continue defining the standard of advocacy and excellence for all within Public Education.

So get your well-earned rest on your summer break; we have a world to change, and you have the most powerful Local Union in the Commonwealth to get it done!

Meet your UniServ Director....

I am Robin Gardner. I am the Uniserv Director for SEA. What is a Uniserv Director? The position of UniServ (Short for Unified Service Model) Director was developed by NEA as a blanket title for field staff of primarily state affiliates like VEA. Simply put, a UniServ Director works with and on behalf of Association members to fight for public education. I have been a UD for 17 years and started in South Carolina. 15 years in Virginia with the last eight in Stafford. If you need me just reach out at rgardner@veanea.org or 540-752-1901. My cell is 540-940-3977.

Your new SEA Executive Board....

Kathy Butler (Vice President)

Hi! My name is Kathy Butler and I am the Vice President of SEA. I am an Admin Assistant at AG Wright Middle. I started as a substitute teacher when my son went to Kindergarten, and when he was in 8th grade moved over to middle school. I love my job and am so proud to support my teachers from within this organization.

Christina Lewis (Treasurer)
Colonial Forge High School Office Manager

Jenn Robinson-O'Brien (Constitution & Bylaws Officer)

Hi! I am Jenn Robinson-O'Brien and I teach English in the STAT program located at North Stafford High School. My entire career has been spent at the "World's Greatest High School." I am passionate about giving a voice to all who have something to say, and I am looking forward to being your Constitution & Bylaws officer. This means I get to be the rules lawyer.

Laura Brewer (Secretary)

Hi! My name is Laura Brewer and I am the SEA Secretary. I had two children graduate from Stafford County Schools and this school year will be my 24th year driving a bus for SCPS. I love my job and I am ready to see my "Littles" again soon. I cannot wait to see what this year brings as our membership continues to grow and we make our voices heard.

SEA working for you....

July is already proving to be a busy month with August not too far off. With so much going on early August info. will be combined with July newsletter.

Return to School Survey;

We are fielding a lot of questions and concerns regarding the Code of Conduct and Returning to School. In order to best collect all the information, we ask you fill out this simple, three question form. This will close *THURSDAY, July 9th* so we may process the responses and bring them to Dr. Kizner.

Town Hall Meeting;

Dr. Kizner and Holly Hazard from the School Board will be hosting a Town Hall. The tentative date is Monday, July 13th. Time TBD. SEA Members are being asked to submit any questions they may have by Friday, July 10th. We will be already compiling the concerns from the Return to School Survey.

SEA Private Facebook Page;

We have set up a private Facebook Group Page. SEA of RED Closed Group is up and running. This page is for SEA Active members only. We would like to remind everyone that SEA is for all educators to include administrators. This is private place is to be a safe place to vocalize concerns. The questions must be answered and the rules read and agreed to in order to be approved.

The Stafford Education Association public Facebook page will remain open for general information. Updates will be posted there as well.

Membership Update;

We will be using personal emails for SEA business. Please make sure your contact information is up to date.

July/August Calendar

July 9
Return to School Survey closes.

July 13 (5:00-6:00pm)
SCPS Town Hall Meeting
Link will be provided

July 13-17
Leadership Academy
Virtual

July 14 (7:00pm)
School Board Meeting (Special Called)

July 16 (2:00)
Membership Committee Meeting
UniServ Office

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