



Wachusett Regional Ed. Association



MAY 2019 Newsletter

Fund our Future Community Forum

In April, teachers and community members, hosted one of the many state wide Fund our Future community forums, addressing local legislators with concerns for a lack of adequate state funding for public education. Discussion focused on educational funding needs and support for two pieces of legislation, being brought forward by the MTA:

the **PROMISE Act** (K-12 funding)

the **CHERISH Act** (Higher Ed. funding)



Some of those present were (from l to r): WRSD Supt. Darryll McCall, State Sen. Harriette Chandler, State Sen. Jason Lewis, WREA President, Heidi Lahey, State Sen. Anne Gobi, Stacey Duffy, Jen Lee and MTA President, Merrie Najimy.

**JOIN educators from all over Massachusetts
in rallying to FUND OUR FUTURE at the State House
on May 16th, From 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

We have a once-in-a-generation chance to secure **\$1.5 billion dollars a year** for our MA public schools and colleges! Join citizens and fellow educators from around the state for a big rally on Beacon Hill on May 16th!

With 40 WREA member participants, a bus will be provided.

Contact the WREA eboard ASAP at WREAbboard@gmail.com
to say you'll join other WREA members at this IMPORTANT event!

<https://fundourfuturema.org/>

Reminder - Submission of Proposed Bylaw Changes:

Any **proposed WREA bylaw changes**, to be considered at the WREA Annual Membership Meeting, on June 3rd, should be submitted to Tracy Kasparian (tracyfieldwrea@gmail.com) by May 13. To access a copy of the current WREA Bylaws, go to our MTA website, at <https://wachusett.massteacher.org> and click on the "Bylaws" link, under the members tab.

Reminder: HOD Seat Elections- May 2019

If you are interested in *returning or becoming* a new building or district wide representative to the WREA House of Delegates, reach out, IN WRITING, to Tracy Kasparian, by Mon., 5/13/19, at tracyfieldwrea@gmail.com. If you are interested in the HOD Chair position, please email Stacey at staceyduffywrea@gmail.com by Mon., 5/13/19. If applicant numbers exceed positions available, the Election Committee will conduct an election by May 31st, to determine who is elected to the available seats. Stipends apply. Delegate responsibilities can be found in the WREA Bylaws on our MTA website, <https://wachusett.massteacher.org>. Click on the bylaws link, found under the members tab. All 2019-2020 HOD members are encouraged to attend a brief meeting, to elect or re-elect our HOD Chairperson for the 19-20 school year, to be held on June 3rd, at 4pm, before the 'Call to Order' of our WREA Annual Meeting, at Mountview Middle School.

Applications for any remaining **PD reimbursement funds** must be submitted to the Central Office, in writing, using appropriate reimbursement request form, by June 1st. *On June 1, any unused PD money, from each district school, is pooled together and made available to members wishing to apply for additional reimbursement. A NEW REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM must be submitted for reconsideration of any remaining funds available. If you already received partial reimbursement, you may request the balance owed as a new request. The WREA and Central Office jointly review and equitably disperse any remaining funds for additional reimbursements requested. Any unused funds are forfeited.*

April HOD Meeting Highlights:

- **MTA "Fund Our Future" Campaign and Forum - April 11, 6pm, WRHS**
- **MTA Annual Meeting** is being held on **Friday and Saturday May 3 & 4** in Boston.
- **Sped Task Force Update**
- **WREA/WRSD PD Comm. Update** - Pass questions/concerns through your rep or directly to the WREA members on the PD comm., Meagan Hughes, Kara Bolduc, Linda Sasso.
- Lengthy discussion on time requirements of **Fountas & Pinnell implementation**. Reps to present possible solutions to members for consideration.
- Looking for anyone interested in the **Evaluation Review Committee**.
- **WREA Member Social** will be taking place following our Half Day PD on May 13th. Upcoming details will be shared with HOD at our May 6th Meeting.

You are the Union! The HOD meeting topics are Your Business!

Upcoming Dates:

- **5/3-5/4/19** MTA Annual Meeting, Boston **5/6/19 HOD Meeting**, 4pm, Mountview
- **5/13/19** WREA Social - more info to follow **5/16/19 Fund our Future Boston Rally**
- **6/1/19** Deadline for Remaining PD Funds applications
- **6/3/19** WREA Annual Meeting, 4pm, Mountview (HOD Reps should plan to attend)