

February 3, 2016

Dear Local President,

Region elections are fast approaching. Regions 2 thru 14 elections will be conducted online! It is fast, easy, secure and can be done from your home computer 24-hours a day while the polls are open.

This is the opportunity for your members in good standing to exercise their right to vote for members of the MEA Board of Directors and MEA and NEA representative delegates. We **urge** every local to widely publicize the details of the online election to members and to **strongly** encourage participation in the online election.

**When do the online polls open?**

Polls for the region online elections open at 8 a.m., Mon., March 7 and close at 4:59 p.m., Mon., March 14, 2016.

**How do I access the polls?**

Members in good standing go to [www.mymea.org/onlinevoting](http://www.mymea.org/onlinevoting) and follow the instructions to vote.

Leaders wishing to track turnout by local during the election can go to [www.mymea.org/meastaff/voteractivity](http://www.mymea.org/meastaff/voteractivity). Turnout by local will be updated daily and you can get instant feedback on the success of your local's get-out-the-vote efforts. If you don't already have "Local Leader Access" to mymea.org, you can sign up via the online form at [www.mymea.org](http://www.mymea.org) by clicking this link "myMEA.org Local Leader Access Form".

If you have any problems using the MEA Online Voting application, please contact the MEA IT Department at 517-337-5440 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you call after hours, please leave a voicemail and your call will be returned (Mon-Fri) as soon as possible.

Members wishing to opt out of online voting may request a paper ballot by contacting their region election chair (see list below) or the MEA Executive Office at 800-292-1934, ext. 5411, no later than February 16. We will try to work with you after that date, but it is difficult to manage the copies, packing and ship time to fit the paper ballot timeline.

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Remember to publicize to your members the details of the online election! Encourage voters! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Region Presidents