

## WHY POLITICS?

If you ever wondered why your local association and MSEA are involved in politics locally and statewide, just check out the list below.

### **Your salary**

*Local board of education*

### **Retirement benefits**

*General Assembly, Maryland Teachers Retirement and Pension System Board*

### **School budget**

*Governor, General Assembly (state aid to education), county officials and local board of education*

**Certification standards** *State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

### **Class size**

*Governor, General Assembly, county officials and local board of education*

### **Length of school year**

*State Board of Education*

### **Duty free lunch**

*Local Board of Education*

### **Length of workday**

*Local Board of Education*

### **Health/Dental insurance benefit**

*Local Board of Education*

### **Course content**

*State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

### **Mandatory classes**

*State Board of Education and State Department of Education*

### **Pension**

*General Assembly*

### **Fringe benefits**

*Governor, General Assembly, local board of education, elected county officials*

### **Employee collective bargaining rights and due process**

*Governor, General Assembly, local board of education, elected county officials*

### **Health and safety standards**

*Governor, General Assembly, Congress*

### **Federal funding for schools**

*Congress*

### **BOAST and Other Voucher Credits**

*Governor, General Assembly, Congress*

### **Worker's compensation**

*Governor, General Assembly*

### **Unemployment compensation**

*Governor, General Assembly*

**Licensing fees** *Governor, General Assembly*

### **Tax credits for school supplies**

*Governor, General Assembly*

**Making connections** *Carroll County Education Association members made the trip to Annapolis to talk with Delegate Susan Krebs (R-Carroll, Howard) about student testing, school funding, and more. Decision-makers like Krebs say that the more they hear from educators, the better she and fellow legislators understand how policies affect students, schools, and careers.*

