



# Frederick County Teachers Association

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to Frederick County Public Schools! As you embark on your career with FCPS you have a busy, challenging, and exciting year ahead of you. I hope you will find this work successful and rewarding.

As President of Frederick County Teachers Association (FCTA), I invite you to join the over 2,750 educators in Frederick County who belong to our professional organization. FCTA works to advocate, empower, and organize members to ensure an excellent and equitable public education in Frederick County. From negotiating your contract and guiding you through evaluation/tenure process, to giving you a voice on workgroups that collaborate with FCPS on professional issues, to providing professional development and organizing social events for members – FCTA is here to work with you.

The Frederick County Teachers Association offers a wide range of benefits that are crucial to your personal, financial, and professional security. The benefits of membership are among the many important reasons that about 90% of your colleagues are FCTA members. In fact, using the savings offered through the NEA/MSEA Member Benefits Program can help cover the cost of your association dues and more (go to [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com) and check out the money saving deals and discounts offered to NEA members).

The strength of FCTA, MSEA and NEA to advocate for public schools and public school educators is found in the unity of our members. Today, more than ever, there are challenges facing public education and educators. Teachers, school counselors, media specialists, therapists, speech and language pathologists, social workers and other certificated staff need to stand together so that we have the power to meet these challenges in our community and beyond. By joining your professional association, you will have a voice in improving public education and the teaching profession.

Have a great start in Fredrick County. I look forward to meeting you, and I urge you to become an active member of FCTA and the Frederick community. Please call, email, or stop by my office if you have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share.

Sincerely,

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