



# Count me in!

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## BENEFITS!

AFSCME Advantage Annual Scholarships  
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## MEETINGS

EDCEA, Local #1 has a Board of Directors (BOD) that meet on a monthly basis along with EDCEA staff, on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm with occasional exceptions. All meetings are held via Zoom.

Upcoming meetings:  
3/1/2022 and 4/5/2022  
Email [edceapub@gmail.com](mailto:edceapub@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On Saturday, January 22, I had the honor of being sworn in as president of EDCEA. I was joined in this ceremony by 15 other officers and board members, all of us eager to get to work. As I was reviewing prior presidents' opening messages, I noted that all of them spoke first of the need for better communication. The many challenges they faced to improve communication were multiplied during the last two years when the accommodations necessary to deal with the pandemic disrupted schedules and staffing and left many of us working on the front-lines or hunkered at home in front of our monitors. I want to thank our past president Rebecca Klare, the prior board, the negotiating team, and you, our members, for all the hard work that's been done to keep our Union running, dealing with unprecedented workplace issues, and winning a new MOU, sometimes at great personal cost.

So, what is next? At our workshop Saturday, we discussed the challenges we are still dealing with and formed several committees which will focus on these challenges and develop action plans primarily aimed at growing the membership, resolving issues, and overcoming obstacles to communication. We will have more to tell you about in that regard after our next BOD meeting, when the committees present their action plans. In the meantime, everyone talks about getting back to normal, but who knows what that "normal" is going to look like? I do not think I'm exaggerating in saying our Union is more important than ever. Your feedback is important to our BOD as we deal with the challenges ahead. To that end, I ask that you communicate with me at the new president's email address, [edceapres@gmail.com](mailto:edceapres@gmail.com), especially for sensitive or confidential matters. And please make sure we have a good way to communicate with you by updating your contact information (your work location, classification and a way to reach you outside of County communications) with our secretary, Laura Ghione, at [edceapub@gmail.com](mailto:edceapub@gmail.com). With over 900 employees in our bargaining unit, it is a major challenge keeping this information current. Also, do not forget to sign up for text messaging just text **EDCEA to 237-263**. There is a great deal of information on our website, <https://www.edcea.org/>, including a copy of our MOU and links to AFSCME Council 57, PEU Local 1 and our Facebook page. We have a lot of ways to keep the lines of communication open: let's all make good use of them and support each other as we navigate the challenges ahead together.

In Solidarity,  
Marcia Woods  
President, EDCEA Local 1



## NEW AFSCME COUNCIL 57 UNION REPRESENTATIVE

I started as a union activist as a rank and file member leader in public education. I worked with students with special needs and I decided to help my co-workers who worked as hard as I did but were not treated the same. I attended trainings and did a brief internship with my union and then joined them as a union rep. I left for Council 57 and served in the San Jose area until I briefly left for graduate school in Europe until returning few months ago. I am a lifelong Bay Area resident where I was raised by two union member parents. I firmly believe that the strength of any union is its members and I look forward to meeting as many members as possible and helping them become stronger leaders. There is something special about public sector unionism; we have seen over the course of the pandemic just how critical your work is to the public and I enjoy being a part of that.

Best, Brian

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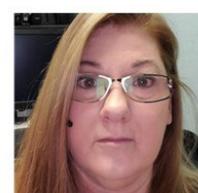
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