



# Count me in!

JULY/AUGUST 2021



## ***PRESIDENT'S UPDATE***

Hi everyone, a few quick updates,

**Negotiations:** With the changes in our work environment because of COVID, sometimes it feels like nothing is happening. But, negotiations **ARE** happening. The Negotiations Team that represents our bargaining unit has made tentative agreements on several important issues and they are working on the always hard **WAGE** issues! Stay tuned.

**County Reopening:** As the county reopens, we want to make sure that members feel safe as you report back to your normal workspace. We are working with the county to ensure that needs are being met. Contact the Union office with any concerns.

**Monthly Union Meetings:** Please attend our virtual meetings! Just contact Laura (edceapub@gmail.com) at our Union Office for a Zoom link invitation.

In Solidarity,  
Rebecca Klare, EDCEA President

## **BENEFITS!**

AFSCME Advantage Annual Scholarships  
See our website for details.

## **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 5:30pm with occasional exceptions. All meetings are held via Zoom.

**Upcoming meetings: July 8th and August 3rd**  
Email [edceapub@gmail.com](mailto:edceapub@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

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## ***ORGANIZING COMMITTEE***

### ***A MESSAGE FROM MARCIA WOODS***

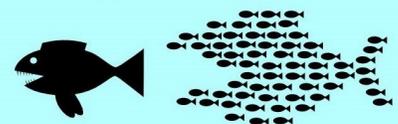
The last few years have been challenging for our Union. But, THANKS to YOU we are still here, fighting to protect the rights and benefits for all our members! You have all stood firm and supported each other. This is so important.

One big challenge we have faced and that greatly impacts us is not being able to offer New Employee Orientations because of COVID restrictions (hopefully this loosens up soon). WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP. Please reach out to new employees, welcome them to our Union and let them know about the benefits and protections of being part of Union membership. Reaching out also helps a new employee feel more secure and it helps to make our Union strong through your support. You can give them my email, [marcia.woods@edcgov.us](mailto:marcia.woods@edcgov.us). New hires can also contact Tracy Melton at [tracy.edcea@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.edcea@gmail.com) and our website at [edcea.org](http://edcea.org), so that they can sign their membership card. The other challenge has been not being able to hold regular biweekly Organizing Committee (OC) meetings. We have been working on leaning how to better use Zoom to stay in touch with all of you. Please reach out to me with any ideas, suggestions you might have to help us all better communicate and stay in touch. We appreciate your patience and dedication.

### ***Welcome New Members***

MELISSA FISK - HNSA-BEHAVORIAL HEALTH  
HEATHER SMITH — HNSA-SOCIAL SERVICES  
MATTHEW TAYLOR — DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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