



Welcome to the Michigan Education Association!

Dear New Member;

I'd like to personally welcome you to the Association. MEA strives to remain adaptable, motivated and responsive to our new members. We pride ourselves on being member-focused and relevant to local issues. We're glad to have you on board!

Our organization is confronting a time of many challenges and we're meeting these tests during a time of larger state-wide and national change. The world of public education is an exciting area in which to work, and we'll continue working to ensure our members remain on the progressive edge for our students.

We're continuously transforming the way we operate. Through collective action, MEA is dedicated to the purpose of serving our members' employment goals, interests and needs, while advocating for quality public education. By so doing, MEA is committed to creating and maintaining an effective education system that:

- Supports the development of successful, empowered students;
- advances the principles of democracy, human and civil rights;
- meets the needs of our global society; and
- improves the quality of life for all.

Our members have continued to meet the challenges of our field and to excel despite setbacks. We are very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed.

Please take a moment to read our new member materials provided. Your first point of contact for *Membership Matters* is Bill Drury, Region 8 Field Membership Assistant. You may contact Bill at 517/999-4001 or [bdrury@mea.org](mailto:bdrury@mea.org). Feel free to contact Bill by phone or email any time you have a membership question.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Charles Richardson  
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