



Dear ESPBC Members,

By now you should have received a copy of the January/February 2011 MSEA Action Line and your ballot regarding the **2011 MSEA Elections**. This edition contains an election guide. A number of candidates from our local (ESPBC) and our teachers' local (TABCO) are running for various positions: e.g., MSEA Treasurer, MSEA Director, and MSEA Delegates to the 2011 NEA Representative Assembly. Please review the candidate listings and give careful consideration when making your selections for the candidates for the various positions.

Educators in Maryland are up against some formidable budget items this year, and pensions and salaries are two of the main items our politicians will be focusing on. We need representatives who will make sure Baltimore County has its voice at the MSEA table when these discussions take place.

Important dates to remember for the 2011 MSEA Election:

- January 25th - deadline for ballots to arrive at members' worksites
- February 25th at 5 PM - deadline for receipt of MSEA ballots
- March 11th - election results validated at MSEA Headquarters

Once you have made your candidate selections, please make sure your ballot is mailed back to MSEA in a timely manner.

In addition to the MSEA election, I want to alert you that the **2011 ESPBC Election** is also taking place. ESPBC candidate materials should also be arriving at your work sites in the very near future. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping to make sure ESPBC be the best it can be, please make sure the completed forms are submitted as soon as possible.

Important dates to remember for the 2011 ESPBC Election:

- February 17th - deadline for receipt of all nominations data; i.e., Nominating/biographical forms at the ESPBC/TABCO headquarters
- February 23rd - deadline for ballots and election materials to be mailed to members' worksites
- March 23rd at 4:30 PM - deadline for receipt of ESPBC ballots

In advance I want to thank you for exercising your right to participate in both the MSEA and ESPBC election processes.

Joe Coughlin,
ESPBC President