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## MRSPA MISSION STATEMENT

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association is a non-profit organization comprised of over 12,000 retired school system personnel. It serves as an advocate for and provides expanding services to members, empowering them to enrich the quality of their lives. The Organization is dedicated to excellence in education and lifelong learning. It promotes community service by its members through a myriad of volunteer activities.

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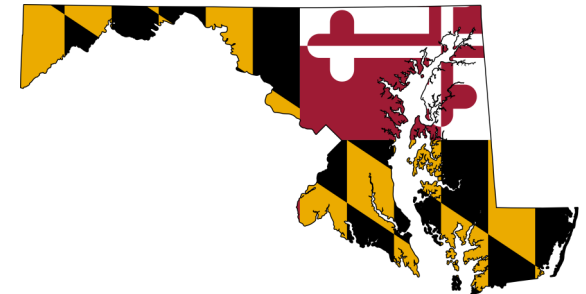
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The MRSPA Legislative Committee has statewide representation and provides leadership on legislative issues which affect MRSPA members and all Maryland citizens. These legislative priorities were developed with the participation and support of members. The committee reviews and takes positions on legislation and communicates through newsletters, legislative alerts, and the MRSPA website: [www.mrspa.org](http://www.mrspa.org).



## Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

## Legislative Priorities 2023



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*The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association advocates for its over 12,000 members. The organization encourages members to serve in their local communities and work with legislators statewide.*

### **PENSION PROTECTION**

MRSPA works to protect defined benefit pensions and a secure retirement for all Marylanders.

*Rationale: Pensions contribute to the state economy and promote financial security. Full funding of the state pension system is our top priority, including the commitment to fully fund make-up contributions to ensure system sustainability.*

### **HEALTH CARE**

MRSPA supports legislation that provides full funding of local school systems. MRSPA also supports legislation to control the cost of prescription drugs.

*Rationale: Local school systems provide health benefits/options for retired school personnel that are essential for a secure retirement.*

### **SAFETY**

MRSPA supports legislation to reduce crime and violence against seniors.

*Rationale: MRSPA advocates for the prevention of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and seniors.*

### **EDUCATION**

MRSPA supports legislation designed to enhance public education and promote lifelong learning for all students.

*Rationale: Support for public education and lifelong learning is essential to forming an educated and productive citizenry. Curriculum decisions made in support of public education and lifelong learning must be the responsibility of State and Local Boards of Education.*

### **TECHNOLOGY**

MRSPA supports legislation and grant programs to promote access to computers, the internet, and training to decrease the isolation of seniors and to close the digital divide.

*Rationale: Lack of access to broadband, Wi-Fi, and internet-based programs limit access to telehealth/telemedicine, connections with family and friends, and access to news and other current information.*

### **CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

MRSPA supports legislation that protects the right of every eligible citizen to vote.

*Rationale: Voting rights of seniors must be protected including voter ID requirements, access to the ballot box, absentee and mail in voting, and time and place of voting.*

### **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

MRSPA supports legislation that provides protection from identity theft, fraud, scams, and financial exploitation of seniors and vulnerable adults.

*Rationale: Fraud and financial crimes targeting seniors continue to increase.*

### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

MRSPA supports services and communities that help seniors age in place and remain healthy, active, and independent

*Rationale: As the population ages, seniors should have safe and appropriate living options that ensure a high quality of life.*

### **LONG-TERM CARE**

MRSPA supports legislation to address the rising cost of long-term care insurance.

*Rationale: Seniors who invested in long-term care insurance to provide for their own care are faced with unreasonable price increases or a loss of benefits. These increases are prohibitively expensive and should be negotiable and greatly limited.*

