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MRSPA Mission Statement

The ABC'S of Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) are to:

- **Advocate for pension protection**
- **Bring reliable information**
- **Create member connections**
- **Support school communities**

MRSPA Legislative Committee

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.

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Championing a better future for retirees.



Legislative Priorities 2026



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The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association advocates for nearly 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 enhances health care for all Marylanders, including the cost of prescription drugs.

Rationale: Local school systems provide health benefits/options for retired school personnel that are essential for a secure retirement. Currently, health benefits are not guaranteed.

Safety

MRSPA supports legislation to reduce crime and violence against seniors.

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

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, financially secure, and independent.

Rationale: As the population ages, seniors should have safe, appropriate, and affordable 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.

