

MEA-RETIRED TRIBUNE

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**MICHIGAN OFFICE OF
RETIREMENT SERVICES**
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Michigan Public School Employees'
Retirement System

The Office of Retirement Services (ORS) recently received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from:

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The request specifically asks for: “An electronic copy of any and all retired public school employees which are paid a monthly pension annuity broken down by employee and year, in electronic format and emailed for the year 2017. This data should include the following data items: first name, middle initial, last name, retirement date, year, hire date (or pension start date), last employer name, last employer zip code and monthly annuity amount.”

Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act (Act 442 of 1976), which is intended to ensure that citizens have access to information about their government, requires ORS to comply with this request and others that may be submitted. If you have any questions about why the information was requested or how it may be used, please contact Steven Schupbach.

ORS will never release sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, dates of birth, contact information, beneficiary information, or medical records.

If you’d like more information about Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act, you can [review the act on the Michigan Legislature website](#) or check out [Michigan’s Freedom of Information Act publication](#) prepared by the Office of the Attorney General.

Sincerely,
Office of Retirement Service

What is MEA-Retired Doing

- MEA-Retired members recently Read MEA scholarships.
- Members are lobbying legislators in Lansing.
- Several retired members participated in the March for Our Lives in DC as well as other cities in the US.
- Our Annual meeting will be April 9. Nearly 225 delegates will be in attendance.
- The MEA Representative Assembly is April 20 and 21. We will have 36 elected delegates there.
- Sixteen MEA-Retired members attend the 2018 NEA Leadership Summit and the NEA-Retired Conference March 16-19 in Chicago. The theme was Uniting Our Members and the Nation. The leadership competencies were advocacy, business, communication, governance and leadership, leading our professions, and organizing.

- MEA-Retired has received two grants from NEA-Retired. One is for building membership and the other is for organizing.
- The MEA-Retired Officers meet with the Office of Retirement Services quarterly. Our most recent meeting was March 29. If you have concerns please put them in writing and e-mail to me. Kaylee99@frontier.com We will take them to ORS.

MiARA Gears up for Biennial Meeting

MiARA Gears Up for Biennial Convention to be Held April 18, 2018 The Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans (MiARA) invites all union and community-based retirees, members, affiliates and guests to attend its Biennial Convention in the Metro Detroit Area on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at UAW Region 1, located at 27800 George Merrelli Dr. Warren MI, 48092. The MiARA is an organization that is active and ready for the legislative and political challenges that lie ahead. The mission of the MiARA is to create a powerful statewide network of union retirees and community-based organizations to educate and inform the membership, the public, and elected officials about issues that affect the well-being of retirees. By coming to the Biennial Convention, delegates and participants have the opportunity to share ideas on solving serious issues affecting the lives of retirees. MEA-Retired members who attend, your registration and mileage will be paid.

Legislative Information

- A-F school grading system HB5526 passed the House Education Committee March 1.
- New legislation SB 885 would create a perpetual waiver for school start date. Approved waiver would continue until the district request termination.
- SB889 removes basic skills exam from elementary and secondary certification,
- Gun legislation: “Red flag proposal” sponsored by Rep. Robert Wittenburg (D) can petition a court to temporarily take away firearms if a threat to others.
- SB 795 currently in the Senate, states districts would not have to pay for broadly defined (bargained) union leave time.
- The Supreme court keeps in place an injunction barring the state from using \$2.5 million for private schools.
- April 11 the Supreme Court will hear arguments – can a school district restrict firearms on school property (based on preempted state law).
- The Michigan Legislature is on spring break until April 10.

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She wore her yellow sun-bonnet

She wore her greenest gown

She turned to the south wind

And she curtsied up and down

She turned to the sunlight

And shook her yellow head

And whispered to her neighbor:

“Winter is dead.”

