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For Immediate Release:

Howard County Education Association to begin Candidate Recommendation Process

The Howard County Education Association is beginning its Candidate Recommendation Process for the 2014 elections. Any resident considering running for a seat in the Maryland General Assembly from **Legislative Districts 9, 12 or 13** who has not yet officially filed with the Board of Elections is urged to contact HCEA to make sure you are included in the process.

Due to the many open seats, especially in District 12, HCEA does not want to rely on rumors of who is running, and wants to make sure no candidate is left out. Candidates do not have to have officially filed with the Board of Elections to participate in the Association's recommendation process.

"As educators, we want to have conversations with potential elected officials all along the way from fledgling candidate to office holder," said Paul Lemle, HCEA president. "Whether we recommend them or not, an informed candidate is a better candidate."

Candidates are encouraged to call Jessica Bernhardt at 410-997-3440 or jbernhardt@mseanea.org.