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MRTA Legislative Committee Goals and Duties 2021

CHARGE: To encourage MRTA members to work actively with government and its entities for beneficial legislation so all public school retirees may live healthy, vital lives, and be secure economically, socially, and professionally in retirement.

AGENDA: To increase MRTA membership by communicating the need for “**Strength in Numbers**” when working with elected officials.

HOW: By promoting the name of MRTA to active and retired educators and support staff through MRTA Legislative Committee activities

BY:

1. Encouraging all local units to have a legislative committee chairperson to promote and report on legislative updates at all MRTA unit meetings.
2. Mobilizing support (CALL TO ACTION) among your unit members for MRTA’s positions regarding legislation and other advocacy issues.
3. Encouraging participation in the MRTA Legislative Day/Capitol Blitz Day.
4. Communicating to the unit members the importance of a strong response to their own elected officials.
5. Knowing who your unit’s legislators are on a first name basis. Knowing when they are term limited. Consider running for office.
6. Encouraging MRTA units to invite **all** candidates for state legislature to their meetings.
7. Becoming knowledgeable about the legislative process, and the most effective means of participating in that process.
8. Establishing good working relationships and rapport with legislators, their staff and other key figures in government (i.e. invite to local meetings).
9. Alerting the chairman or MRTA Executive Director to any new legislative developments you encounter in the course of your work.