**Maryland Retired School Personnel Association**

**Fact Sheet**

**MRSPA:**

* **Is the ONLY organization in the state which works exclusively for retired school personnel to protect your defined benefit pension and retirement security**
* Was founded in 1945 by twenty-three retired teachers with the primary purpose of ensuring financial security for retired teachers
* Is affiliated with twenty-four local associations, including every county and Baltimore City
* Advocates for members’ interests in both Annapolis and Washington, DC
* Is represented on the Maryland Retirement/Pension System Board of Trustees
* Keeps members informed with the ***MRSPA News***, ***Consumer Connection***,and **Legislative Update**
* Communicates via the MRSPA website, Facebook, email, US mail, and telephone
* Collaborates with other organizations that advocate for retirees and/or seniors, including AARP Maryland and United Seniors of Maryland
* Sponsors an annual business meeting, a legislative workshop, and leadership training
* Provides scholarships to non-certificated and certificated Maryland public school system employees working to obtain teacher or other MSDE certification
* Offers group travel to national and international destinations
* Encourages and provides socialization and community service activities with education colleagues
* Provides benefits to members at discounted rates including identity theft protection; dental, vision, pet and long-term care insurance; financial planning; group legal service insurance; downsizing and moving assistance; home sale or purchase discount; SECU credit union membership; hearing assessment and hearing aid purchase plans; travel and car rental discounts; BJ’s membership; and Fast Park and Relax at BWI

**Membership:**

* Join MRSPA for $50 a year
* Join your local association for a small additional fee
* Discounts dues (for first year,) if enrolled via dues deduction

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