

## **MSPA Lobby Night**

MSPA is holding our very first Lobby Night!! Come join us on Monday, January 28th from 6-8pm to meet with legislators and talk about the bills we are supporting this session. We will be meeting in the House Office Building (6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD), in room 302.

We are very excited to be working with Delegate Ariana Kelly from Montgomery County this year on a bill that will form a task force to examine mental health needs and services for youth. The task force will identify barriers to providing services and create recommendations for implementing nationally recommended ratios for school psychologists, school counselors, and school social workers. We are already facing some opposition, so we need your help to explain to our elected officials why they need to support this very important bill!!

We would love for you to make appointments with your elected officials to talk about this bill and our legislative priorities for the session. We will have resources available to you in room 302, so be sure to stop by there first to pick up our talking points and touch base with our committee members. See the steps below to help you in setting up those appointments!

Please RSVP to MSPA's Legislative Committee chair, Audrey Potter, at [legislative@mSPAonline.org](mailto:legislative@mSPAonline.org).

### **Contacting Your Legislators in the Maryland General Assembly**

1. You are represented by one Senator and up to three Delegates.
2. Determine the Legislative District where you live (or where you work). There are several websites which can facilitate this, but one very good one is on the MD General Assembly home page. On the web page linked below, click on "Who represents me?" in the upper right of the screen. You will need to enter an address, and it will tell you the district number: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmmain.aspx?pid=legisrpage&tab=subject6>
3. Determine your State Senator and State Delegates. The web page above contains a directory of all Senators and Delegates by District, searchable by name, district or county.
4. Look up the listing for the Senator or Delegate you wish to contact, and you will find their Annapolis office address, a phone number, and an email address for each.
5. Contact your Senator or Delegate's office; phone calls are generally more effective, but emails can also work. Identify yourself as either living or working in the schools in their district, and request an appointment.
6. The MD General Assembly home page is a fantastic resource for all sorts of information; don't hesitate to re-visit it and do some exploring:  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>