

The Legislative Committee will be hosting the annual AARSPA Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in Room 170 of the Lowe House Office Building from 11:00 to 1:00. All of the Anne Arundel County legislators have been invited to attend. We would like to have a strong representation from AARSPA to talk with the legislators about our issues.

Once again, our primary issue is the efforts of the state to shift the cost of teacher pensions on to the counties. Governor O'Malley, for the first time, has made this a part of his budget. It is imperative that we persuade our legislators to oppose this shift of funds. We are concerned that the hit on the local budget would be a direct threat to our health care funding as well as funding of education in general and funding of services to seniors and to the most vulnerable among our citizens. The economic difficulties of the last few years have already cut the local budget severely.

For the most up to date information on this issue go to the AARSPA at , www.aarspa.org or the MRSPA website at, www.mrspa.org . Key talking points will be available at the luncheon.