

# *The LMEA*

# Apple Core



The officers publish the Apple Core  
for LMEA members.

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## ***What You Need to Know about LMSD and the CoronaVirus***

Last week's email update from Mr. Copeland was a fairly complete description of what we know right now about the local risks and planned responses to the outbreak of COVID-19. Even though, as the letter states, there are no confirmed cases (as of March 6) in Pennsylvania, we do have schools in the region closing in response to student contact with infected relatives. Health experts tend to agree that in the near term, the virus will continue to spread and that eventually we will need to take some kind of action. There are a lot of unknowns, but at this point, the district is more likely to close a school for a day, disinfect it, and then re-open, than it is to close schools for a period of weeks. Again, that may change, and it could ultimately be out of the district's hands if the Board of Health orders schools closed.

There's a lot of uncertainty, but the district continues to meet weekly with the Board of Health and monitor the situation. For now:

- you can request cleaning agents from the custodian
- you can have students assist in wiping down your classroom, desks, etc.
- you can remind/facilitate students washing their hands frequently
- you can (and should!) wash your own hands frequently
- and finally, if you do detect symptoms consistent with the virus, STAY HOME.

You can count on LMSD to keep you updated regularly.

## ***Annual LMEA Retirement Dinner***

Just a note that the annual dinner honoring this year's retirees is scheduled for May 28 at Evviva. It's an opportunity to celebrate your own personal commencement with other members of your graduating class of educators as the guests of the LMEA. Please contact Lisa McDevitt if you are retiring this year (or if you know of someone who intends to retire this year).

## ***Retirement Workshop Coming in March!***

Dom Pendino, a former LMEA president and certified financial advisor at Lincoln Financial, will conduct a free presentation on the PSERS retirement options and strategies for maximizing your retirement benefits on **Thursday, March 26 at 4pm our office in Bala Cynwyd**. No sales pitch – just good information for those who may be retiring in the next ten years. Bring your latest PSERS statement. Space is limited and this popular seminar fills up fast so please RSVP by email to: [dpendino@lincolninvestment.com](mailto:dpendino@lincolninvestment.com)

## ***Upcoming Due Dates in the Contract***

April 1—applications/paperwork for sabbaticals beginning in fall 2020

May 1—applications for retraining/study leave

May 1—deadline for using all but one of your IEP days

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## ***LMEA Elections Coming in May***

Each spring, the LMEA holds elections for its officer positions and for open committee positions. This year elections will take place Tuesday, May 19, and all the open positions are listed below. You'll see there are many opportunities to get involved with the efforts to organize and lead the local, impacting policy and advocating for members who could use your expertise. Most of the open positions require only a few meetings per year. So browse the list below and consider putting your hat in the ring for a 2019-2020 position. You can begin the process by contacting our elections chair, Kelly Cenicola by May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **CNC (Combined Negotiations Committee)**

1 MS Professional position  
2 HS Professional positions  
1 Campus Aide/Bus Ass't/Food Service

### **PR & R (Professional Rights & Responsibilities)**

1 HS professional, 1 Elementary professional  
Support (1 each): Transportation, Technicians, Campus Aides/Bus Assistants, Food Service

### **Officer Positions (1-year term)**

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Vice President-Professional  
Vice President-Support  
Secretary-Professional  
Treasurer

## ***Outreach***

### **Help OUTREACH reach out!**

Please take pictures of your participation in the school community – volunteerism, event attendance, etc. – and send to LMEA Facebook at [lmea.fb@gmail.com](mailto:lmea.fb@gmail.com). We know you are doing incredible work for our community. **Please e-mail Andria Johnson at [lmeaoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:lmeaoutreach@gmail.com) details about your service/collections, and the Outreach Committee will promote it district-wide.**

### **Save the Date!**

LMEA Volunteers should please save the date for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to run the LMEA table at Alex's Lemonade Stand. We will need 4 volunteers every hour.

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