

# The LMEA



# Apple Core

The officers publish the Apple Core for LMEA members

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## **Welcome Back!**

This year offers us the opportunity for a “normal” start for the first time since 2019, and I hope you’re excited for it. Of course, the district is opening a new school (still under construction!) and many of our members are starting the year in completely unfamiliar places with new people, but if you’ve been around the district for awhile you know that’s a much more normal amount of chaos than we’ve had the last couple years. No matter what your situation is, it’s my hope that your year is off to a great start and you’re feeling good about your work.

Our officers for this year are:

President—Aimee Avellino

Vice President, Support—Victor Fedeli

Vice President, Professional—Kelly Cenicola

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Andy Thomas

Secretary, Professional—Karen Salladino

Secretary, Support—Lisa McDevitt

Treasurer—Darlene Mandarin

## **Important Dates**

September 30—Begins tuition reimbursement request period for courses ending BEFORE July 1, 2023

October 10—Deadline for submission of salary advancement form (and transcripts)

January 1, 2023—Begins tuition reimbursement requests period for courses ending AFTER July 1, 2023

## **Column Movement**

If you have completed courses and wish to apply that credit, move over a column on the salary schedule, and get a salary increase, this is a reminder that OCTOBER 10 is the deadline for submitting your information to the district. If you completed the course approval process prior to taking the courses, you must then complete the salary advancement form and submit your official transcripts to Eric Demkin no later than OCTOBER 10. Otherwise, you’ll have to wait a full year to see your learning reflected in your earnings. If you have questions, please visit the HR tab in Forms & Documents on the LMSD website for a thorough explanation.

## **Did You Sign Up for the LMEA Blast?**

This newsletter comes out monthly, but sometimes we need to get information to our members more quickly than that. For action items or urgent messages, we use the LMEA Blast, which is available to our members only. If you're already signed up, no need to do anything. If you haven't signed up, please visit our website <https://www.lmeaonline.org/> and follow the links to receive the blast *AT YOUR PRIVATE EMAIL ADDRESS (NOT YOUR DISTRICT EMAIL).*

## **Building Reps**

As we mentioned at our first general membership meeting a couple weeks ago, we do have a unique situation with building reps to start the year. This is due to a large amount of movement in the wake of Black Rock's opening, which has displaced several of our reps. As a result, all reps who were in service at the end of last year will continue their terms through September 30. Before that date, all buildings with openings should enlist new reps and/or hold elections (if there are more people interested than positions available).

This means that if you're interested in serving as a building rep this year, you should contact your current reps right away. If you are at Black Rock, you should email Kelly Cenicola. If you are at Cynwyd, please contact Karen Salladino. If elections are necessary in any of our locations, they must be completed by September 30; all new reps should be ready to attend the October meeting of the LMEA Executive Council.

## **Student Loan Forgiveness**

Anyone requesting the Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Temporary Certification application (PSLF) must submit the form to Eric Demkin. Employees are only to complete Sections 1 and 2 and then send the original to his attention so I can complete section 3. Most forms are coming over completed incorrectly and it is not a form that can be corrected easily. Once Eric completes his section, he will return the original to you through interoffice mail.

## **Pre-Retirement Workshops**

The PSEA Mideast Region will be offering several virtual pre-retirement workshops in the coming weeks and months. These events, designed for members who are within five years of their anticipated date of retirement, are run by PSEA staff and can help you review the PSERS options available to you. To register, please click this [link](#) or call the region office at 215-853-2100.