

The LMEA

Apple Core



The officers publish the Apple Core for LMEA members December 2022

December Holidays

A year ago, we were approaching break with some vague hope that eventually we'd be able to come to school without masks, leave zoom in the past, and return to normal. Sometimes that feels like ancient history, but the point is that time flies, and usually things get better. As we wind down the year, enjoy the upcoming break, spend time with your families and friends, and take the well-deserved time off from the great work you do here in LMSD.

Start Times

If you've been here since before the onset of COVID, you're probably aware that the district has been exploring the wisdom and viability of changing the start times of our schools. This conversation goes back to at least 2018, and we're taking the smattering of lawn signs to mean the district plans to revive that conversation. We expect to participate in those conversations, and we expect survey results of our members will guide our contributions to the conversation. (The district did conduct a survey in 2018, but we're hoping a new survey will come around so new members can participate as well.) We will advocate for our members, but you should not let us be the only ones who speak on your behalf in the coming months: if you're invited to complete a survey or participate in a meeting, or town hall, or advisory group, or any other sort of forum that solicits your feelings about the issue, you should add your voice to the conversation.

Employee Assistance Program

The holidays are fast approaching, and even in normal times this can be a source of stress. This year, the ongoing pandemic, exhausting politics, and unprecedented chaos in the workplace, the amount of stress we're trying to manage is at an all-time high. So this is a reminder that all employees have access to an Employee Assistance Program that entitles you to support as you deal with a broad range of challenges. The program is FREE and ANONYMOUS, and accessible by phone 1-877-240-6863.

Outreach

Priority house district 148 (under Representative Mary Jo Daley) is looking to recruit and train additional Advocates for Children and Education (ACEs). Hearing from constituents will be important to ensure Representative Mary Jo Daley is connected with PSEA and supports pro-public education and pro-labor bills in the session. If you are interested in being an advocate and available to join the training at the Mideastern Region Office located at 601 Bethlehem Pike in Montgomeryville on Saturday, February 11th from 8:30 am-2:15 pm (breakfast and lunch provided), please email Andria Johnson for more information. Thanks for considering!

Important Dates in the Contract

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