

# The LMEA

# Apple Core



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## Welcome Back!

It's another new school year, and we're excited to welcome you back! After a long period of stability in the LMEA leadership, we have some new people and some changing roles this year. Below is an updated list of our officers and positions for 2023-24. As always, please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns as they arise. See the LMEA website for contact information.

Our officers for this year are:

President—Aimee Avellino

Vice President, Support—Kyle O'Brien

Vice President, Professional—Kelly Cenicola

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

Secretary, Professional—Karen Salladino

Secretary, Support—Vic Fedeli

Treasurer—Lauren Lapinski

## Building Reps

We want to take a minute at the beginning of the year to thank our building reps for the work they've agreed to do this year. Building reps are your first point of contact if you ever have any questions or if you need help during the year. We've asked the building reps to make contact with the staff in their buildings by having meetings monthly where you can get updated information or ask general questions, but if you have something specific you don't have to wait for that meeting—find your reps and go say hello!

## Important Dates

September 30—Begins tuition reimbursement request period for courses ending BEFORE July 1, 2024

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, 2024

## **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.

## **A Brand-new LMEA Blast**

As we mentioned briefly during the opening meeting a couple weeks ago, we have decided to start from scratch when it comes to our blast. It's been many years since we began collecting emails and setting up the ability to issue urgent messages, and it's important to continue to be able to do that. Given the amount of turnover in the last few years, and with bargaining set to begin in January, we need to get a fresh start. Please be on the lookout for instructions on how to sign up.

## **Wanna Race?**

The Sean A. Hughes Memorial Foundation will host a 5k Race & Fun Run on October 22, 2023. We all remember Sean with gratitude, and if you'd like to honor him and/or support the foundation, please consider participating in this event, which will begin and end at Lower Merion High School. Entry fee is \$30 to race, \$20 to run/walk one mile, and you can find more information at [HTTP://LINK.LMSD.ORG/HUGHESMEMORIALRUN](http://LINK.LMSD.ORG/HUGHESMEMORIALRUN).