

LVEA TODAY



Thanks for a Great Year!

LVEA wants to thank all of you for a great school year. Our leadership has visited each campus at least twice and has been very impressed with the dedication and passion that each of you has for your students and colleagues. We especially want to thank our site reps, Executive Board, Bargaining Team and other committees for all of their hard work and determination to enhance LVEA's presence and positive influence in our district. Your leadership is only as strong as its membership – and that's you! We look forward to increasing our impact on the district next school year with the goal of establishing regular Roundtable meetings at ALL sites. This is a proactive way to deal with issues and solve problems in a collaborative manner before they arise.

LVEA wishes you a restful summer and asks that you consider getting more involved with us next school year.

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You have a right to union representation during an investigatory interview. An investigatory interview occurs if: 1) management questions you to obtain information; and 2) you have a reasonable belief that your answers could be used as a basis for discipline or other adverse action.

You must ask for union representation either at the beginning of, or during, the interview. Management does not have to remind you of this right. If your request is refused and management continues asking questions, you may refuse to answer, but you must remain until management terminates the interview. Your employer may be guilty of an unfair labor practice and charges may be filed.

June 12-13 SDD

LVEA encourages everyone to participate in the two SDDs on June 12-13. This is a great opportunity to influence the implementation of Common Core over the next few years and earn two extra days of compensation. These days are optional, so you will only get paid if you attend. Partial days will be allowed; however, you are encouraged to attend both full days. Since these days are optional, you cannot be evaluated on anything that is discussed – unless it is formally presented next school year during SD.

“We Honor Ours”

At the June Rep Council meeting, Diane McEvoy was awarded the Roberta Consani Distinguished Member Award for her commitment and dedication to the members of LVEA. Diane has been a strong and passionate advocate for her students and for all of us for many years as a teacher, site rep, and member of the Executive Board. At the same meeting, Acorn writer Stephanie Bertholdo was awarded the Sandi Pope Friend of Education Award. Stephanie is a balanced and reflective reporter and always asks for educator input on education issues affecting our students and our members in the course of her reporting.

In April, Carrie McClellan was awarded the CTA/BVSCC LVEA WHO (We Honor Ours) Award. This award is presented to a chapter leader who has contributed outstanding service to the teaching profession.

Please be sure to congratulate these three amazing education advocates on their recognitions.

Technology Update

1. The District's Technology Committee (made up of employees, students, parents and Board members) is leaning towards implementing a pilot program in January 2015 where all sixth-grade students will use a computer device. The committee anticipates that at least 30% of sixth-grade parents will choose to purchase a device while the district will use Common Core funds to provide the remaining ones – budgeted at \$258,000 to come out of one-time Common Core funds. Further curriculum planning for this pilot will continue this Fall, along with some practicing activities with project tools for sixth-grade teachers. Other grades will be considered in subsequent years – based on the feedback and success of this proposed pilot.
2. All secondary (and some elementary) teachers are using Aeries Gradebook to calculate and display grades electronically. This year, teachers had a choice between using the .net and abi versions of this program. Starting this Fall, the abi version will no longer be supported by the software provider, so all abi users will have to switch to .net. LVEA is committed to ensuring that the District provides multiple on-site training sessions in August and September to facilitate a smooth and successful transition.

Bargaining Update

Your Negotiations team will be meeting with the District over the summer to begin working on salary and benefits as well as caseload and class-size issues. Five dates have been calendared and we are confident that much progress will be made over the summer on these issues. We will have an update for you when we return in the Fall.