

# LVEA TODAY



## Thanks for a great 2016-17!

Thanks to ALL employees for another great school year! We especially want to thank our awesome LVEA site reps – they have been incredible in so many ways this year! Lots of work has been done with current curricular issues as well as plans for next year: ELA and report card pilots, RtI, NGSS, more math implementation, etc. As we visit your campuses, we see tons of creative and courageous efforts to make our district the best learning environment for all students! You may not hear it enough, but your efforts are deeply appreciated and we look forward to continued progress in 2017-18!

Thanks also for the years of contributions by our certificated, administrative and classified employees that have decided to retire. Specifically, the following nineteen certificated employees that have chosen to retire and start the next chapter of their life: Barbara Andrews, Carol Colman, Cynthia Godinez, Linda Hull, Rebecca Jones, Diana Kagan, Ruth Kritz, Polly Martin, Laurie Milgrim, Sherri Reynolds, Bill Sanchez, Todd Schroeder, Patricia Sokoler, Ed Squires, Barbara Starr, Debra Stein, Gayle Unzueta, Beth West and LeAnn Yelavich. Thanks to all of you and good luck with your future plans!

## LVEA Awards

Each June, LVEA presents two awards: the Roberta Consani Distinguished Member Award and the Sandi Pope Friend of Education Award. This year's Distinguished Member is Darci Miller. Darci has been an active certificated advocate for the AE Wright staff, districtwide leader on our Executive Board as its Middle School Liaison and tireless contributor to our Negotiations Team. Darci is never shy with her input and continually fights to improve the working conditions for all certificated employees. This year's Friend of Education is Debbie Lopez. Debbie worked hard to help pass Measure E in November 2015 and has continued to support educational issues such as ensuring that our students are properly vaccinated (which also enhances the safety of our employees) and helping run the successful campaign of our new, local, education friendly state senator Henry Stern.

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## LVEA Climate/Healthy Kids Survey Update

As we previously reported, the LVEA Organizing Team and Rep Council authorized the embedding of the most pertinent LVEA Climate Survey questions from May 2016 into this Spring's LVUSD/LVEA Healthy Kids Survey. The number of certificated responses increased from 380 to 424 districtwide and all sites (except for one) showed improvement in most areas of concern. While the results show that there are still areas for improvement, we are pleased that we are heading in a positive direction. Your Organizing Team hopes to meet with District and Board representatives in August to discuss plans for continued improvement. Thanks to everyone for your efforts to make LVUSD a better learning and working environment for student and employees!

## Bargaining Update

Your Negotiations Team is already working on 2017-18. We want to thank them for their ongoing efforts to improve your working conditions, salaries, benefits, etc. Joanne Kress is the Bargaining Chair and leads the team of Ian Godburn, Lisa Hatfied, Darci Miller, Joan Woods, Christine Zahka and Jake Anderson from CTA. Once the governor's budget is approved later this month, they will also begin discussion on a potential salary increase for next school year. Stay tuned for more updates!

## Staff Development Hours

Just a reminder that you need to submit your PINK card to your office manager to validate that you have completed your required 19.5 hours of Staff Development (SD). If you want to get paid extra for the optional Collaborative SD hours (up to a maximum of 13 hours), please submit your GREEN card to the LVUSD Business Office by Friday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please click on the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/lvUSD.org/certificated-staff-development>

If you are short on these 13 optional, collaborative hours, the district is offering additional Collaborative Workshops on June 15 and June 16 to help you reach your desired SD level. You can find more information on these new opportunities by clicking on the link above. These workshops will be flexible so you can attend only the amount of time needed to get you to the maximum paid level of 13 hours.

## Stepping Stools Are Now Available!

Do you need help reaching parts of your classroom walls, especially now that it's time to clean up for the summer? Please do not stand on a desk or chair. Instead, ask your office manager for a district provided stepping stool. This is much safer and will help you get a healthier start to your summer break!

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