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2010-2012 PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT RATIFICATION VOTE

Electronic Ratification Voting June 2nd and 3rd

- Voting opens at 12:01 a.m. on June 2nd
- Each Member Will Receive an E-Mail with a Secure Link to be Able to Cast Their Vote. Each Member will be Able to Vote Only Once.
- Only LEA Members Can Vote

LPS BOARD REQUESTS REVISED 2011-2012 PROPOSED CALENDAR

2011-2012 Proposed Calendar was tabled by the LPS Board. John Neal, Jenni Absalon and Nancy Biggs answered questions about the proposed calendar at Tuesday’s Board meeting. The Board had received feedback about the earlier start. Two parents read statements at the Board meeting about the “reduced summer”. Paula Buckner did a great job reading a statement about the work of the calendar committee.

Click here <http://www.lps.org/about/calendar/2011proposal/> to view and comment on the new calendar proposal the Board requested. It moves the start date to August 15 and eliminates all but one day of Fall Break.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH POINTS FOR LEA WORK 2009-2010

Tenured certificated employees are required by law to give evidence of professional growth during the Professional Growth Period of six years. LEA FRs and Board members can claim the professional work of the Association. Acceptable work may include: serving as officers, serving on committees, attending national or regional conventions or conferences or other work of a professional character. Five hours of time spent in professional education service will entitle the applicant to two points. (Time spent typing reports, collecting dues, telephoning or other routine or clerical services do not come within the intent and purpose of the law for professional growth credit.) Add the hours of those meetings you attended, then multiply by 0.4 to find your professional growth points. The same procedure can be used for attendance at DA or RA and for participation in LEA committees and LEA workshops.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEA AWARD WINNERS!

LEA Friend of Education Awards

- **Special Friend of Education**
 - ❖ Dave and Diane Nicholson
- **Corporate Friend of Education**
 - ❖ Lincoln Teachers Federal Credit Union
- **Volunteer Friend of Education**
 - ❖ Pat Etherton

LEA Foundation Scholarships

- **Student STAR**
 - ❖ Tyler Francis, Northeast
- **Student SOAR**
 - ❖ Tyler Petit, East
- **Barbara Buckingham Patronsky**
 - ❖ Tim Bayne, East
 - ❖ Liz Wysong-Hoffart, Kahoa
- **Christa McAuliff**
 - ❖ Sibyl Gruhl, Maxey

LEA Faculty Representative Awards

- **Elementary FR of the Year**
 - ❖ Jan Enstrom, Randolph
 - ❖ Cheri Karr, Clinton
- **Middle Level FR of the Year**
 - ❖ Karen Krull, Irving
 - ❖ Linda Nelson, Irving
- **High School FR of the Year**
 - ❖ Dave Grothen, Northeast

LEA Special Recognition

- **Negotiations Team**

- ❖ Jenni Absalon, Marcia Benner , Linda Freye , Michael Geist , Jan Olmstead, Jim Rea, Daniel Ross, and Dan Studer.
- **Outgoing Board Members**
 - ❖ Julia Doerr, Lincoln High

LEA COMMITTEES 2010-2011

YOU ARE the LEA!! Please consider serving on LEA Committees, and Legislative or School Board Contact Teams.

Please click on the following link for a list of opportunities to be involved.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XY6Y92L>

FR COUNCIL TRAINING – AUGUST 11, 2010

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 11, 2010 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for our annual LEA Faculty Representative Training. The Training will be held at Calvert Elementary in the Multipurpose Room. Any LEA Member who has an interest in learning more about LEA or becoming a more active member is welcome to join us. Supper will be served.

LEA MEMBER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

LEA Members needs help from colleagues in the form of donated annual leave. As per the provision in the negotiated agreement pertaining to the voluntary transfer of leave for catastrophic illness, I am forwarding the appeals on to LEA Members.

Individuals may voluntarily transfer any amount of their annual leave (not accumulated leave-- IRS regulations won't allow that) to a colleague in need within the bargaining unit. Leave that is not used by the individual this school year will be returned to the donors.

Please contact LPS Human Resources directly by calling Kyla Jensby at 436-1593 to request a Voluntary Leave Transfer Donor Application or e-mail her at kjensby@lps.org.

*** When you contact Kyla, be sure to let her know what site you are at so she can send you the form.

Although recipients of donated leave never know who has donated leave to them; and therefore don't know who to personally thank, donated leave makes a world of difference to people in need. Thank you for considering these requests.

May 25, 2010

Dear LPS Colleagues,

Back on April 16 I had emergency surgery for a ruptured disk in my lower back. I have learned over the past weeks that the doctor was correct in telling me the healing process is a very slow one and consequently I do not have clearance to teach again until next fall.

Because this is my "second time around" teaching in LPS, I have long since used up my sick leave. My heartfelt thanks goes out to those who have already donated days for me. But after paying the medical bills and looking at the remaining days of the school year for which I have no leave, I could still use help.

If you haven't already, would you consider donating one or two leave days to help with the remainder of the school year? It would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you for considering my request.

John Strain

Southwest Science Teacher

SAVE \$\$\$\$ LEA DISCOUNT CARD PROVIDERS

Take a minute to check out these LEA supporters.

Saving money is EASY!!

Kohler Care – <http://www.kohlercare.com>

Mowing, Decorative Rock & Mulching, Tree Trimming & Tree Removal, Stump Grinding, Deck Building, Aerating, Landscaping, Fertilizing, Edging, Retaining Walls, and Sprinkler Service.

LEA Members receive a 15% discount for services.

Horace Mann – <http://www.horacemann.com>

Dear LEA Member,

In these Economic Times, the "NECESSARY" dollars you spend become even more important.

Horace Mann has been serving Educators since 1945. My agency has been supporting the teachers and support staff of Lincoln Public Schools and the LEA since September 2007. When it comes to these necessities please think of your partner companies who support what you do.

Please contact me today for a "**FREE / NO OBLIGATION**" Auto and Homeowners (or Renters) quote. Thank you!

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Lincoln Teachers Federal Credit Union - <https://www.cusa-hfs.com/hfs/svc/lincolntcu/index.jsp>

Best Rates in Town!

Snap Fitness - <http://www.snapfitness.com/lincoln2>

\$99 Special Summer Offer!

Havelock Manor - <http://www.havelockmanor.com/>

Havelock Manor is a new discount provider offering a free in home assessment and consultation to help with any needs a family may have when looking for an extended care facility.