



LIVONIA  
Paraprofessionals'  
Association

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# Newsletter

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LPA... Providing support in education

Happy Spring!

Definitely not what all of us had in mind for extended time off. I am hopeful all of you are doing well. I have not been as productive as I would or should like to have been during this time. I am eating well and sleeping better than I have in a very long time and saving money because I am home behaving myself.

This pandemic has brought out the best in people as well as the not so good in people. If you have been in the stores or on FB you know what I mean.

We are very fortunate that we are being paid during this time. Be grateful and kind. Many people are struggling to pay their bills and keep food on the table. Condolences to all who have had to cancel or postpone graduations, weddings, travel or other major events due to this pandemic. Never would we have dreamed of this happening.

Wishing all of you happiness and perseverance during this time of uncertainty. "When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."

- Paulo Coelho

Best Wishes,  
Sue Gonyou

We would like to welcome back **Lisa Weber** from layoff!! Just before we were impacted with the school closure Lisa was welcomed back to Johnson to work in Title 1.

We would also like to welcome new hire- **Tina Lounsbery**-GSRP to our Association!

We also want to Congratulate **Leona Andres**-She was elected to serve on our board as Treasurer. **Lisa Durand** and **Cyndi Kaptanowski** will continue with their current positions.

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In a time such as this it is our mission to provide you with comfort and answers. We hope that this newsletter serves you knowing your union stands behind everyone.

Pat Gearn is able to answer any questions should you need to become caught up on your dues or need to get established in your payments.

You Can Join Us!

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Mention your with the Livonia Paraprofessionals' Association



# COVID-19 FAQ

## **What about contacting students?**

Please connect with students through school email. Each one of our students has a school email address and would love to hear from you. This I am asking for all paraprofessionals. (Transportation, Planning Room, classroom, etc.)

## **When can I get into the building I work in?**

After the Stay at Home order from the Governor has been lifted we will be allowed back into our buildings to collect our belongings. Some buildings have graciously opened for staff by appointment only. Check with your Building Administrator to see if this is an option for you.

## **What about Cash In Lieu?**

Cash in lieu payments will still be paid out in June.

## **Can I put a transfer request in?**

If you had put in a transfer request prior to March 15, they are void but you may put in for a new request and send it to Cathy Siedlik ([csiedlik@livoniapublicschools.org](mailto:csiedlik@livoniapublicschools.org)).

-A copy of the transfer request can be found on the LPA website.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycy3ybhg>

## **I planned on retiring what now?**

If any of you are planning to retire at the end of this school year or before the return in the fall please send Sue Gonyou an email.

## **Banquet 2020**

The Banquet in May to honor our retirees has been canceled this year. A big shout out to Melissa Wegener and her team for their efforts during this crazy time.



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## **I'm not working-what are my responsibilities?**

The District has been working very hard to keep us updated and informed. It is imperative that you check your school email frequently. Most of the questions and concerns that you have had have been addressed via email.

## **Do I continue to pay union dues:**

Yes!

## **I still have some questions for the union:**

If you still have questions ask your Building Rep. or Cluster Rep. for answers. If they do not know they will direct you to someone who can find the answer for you. Please do not get second hand information from others.

## **General Membership Meeting:**

This meeting has been canceled and will be rescheduled when school resumes in the fall.