



LIVONIA
Paraprofessionals'
Association

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Newsletter

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LPA ... Providing support in education

We are currently bargaining for our new contract. Members will be notified when a Tentative Agreement is reached. Per our bylaws, we will have a meeting to report the details to our members and they will be advised when voting will take place. Only dues paying members in good standing will be able to attend this meeting and vote on the TA (Tentative Agreement). If you are not a dues paying member of the LPA and would like to be, go to: <https://mea.org/join/> to fill out a membership application as soon as possible.

With the end of this school year, we would like to thank our President, **Cindy Ignash**, for all the countless hours she has devoted to our union. Her presidency ends June 30, 2019. We welcome our next president, **Sue Gonyou**, who will start her two year term on July 1, 2019.

Stamp of "Reasonable Assurance"

The stamp of "Reasonable Assurance" (for work next school year) should be on your paycheck on May 31, 2019. Please keep in mind that the stamp is not a guarantee of work and you could still be laid off. The LPA contract indicates that members shall be notified of layoff "at least two week prior to the end of the school year."

If you have elected cash in lieu of medical insurance, it will be paid on the 5/31/19 pay date. Please keep in mind if you were laid off on June 30, 2018 and not called back until September or later, the amount you will be reimbursed will reflect that.

If you intend to use vacation time before the end of the year, you must enter it into Aesop no later than May 31st, 2019.



Be sure to make it to the end of our last newsletter-Special thanks to Melissa and Pam for another great Banquet!

We recommend you refrain from making any social media comments regarding your employer or students. Please be mindful of your associations and the image you present.

Welcome New Paraprofs

Nancy Haverland – Randolph
Antoinette Guerresco – Frost
Kaitlin Molinaro – Kennedy
Jennifer Nienhaus – Johnson
Tracy Beasley – Roosevelt
Niki Coon – Coolidge
Charlene Souva – Hayes
Melissa Baker – Jackson
Amanda Hood – Transportation

Join the Livonia Paraprofessionals Union:

<http://tinyurl.com/y4pw48hn>

(or our webpage www.iammea.org/lpa
under the **New Members** tab)

Look forward to New Hire meetings next
year-dates to be announced soon!

All new employees receive a LPS email
account. If you have not received your
account information yet, please contact your
administrator.

Do you know? Newly hired members receive
\$15,000 in term life insurance free of charge
from the NEA in their first year of employment!
You can check out our website under “New
Members” to fill out the form or contact **Cyndi
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Join public education supporters from across Michigan at two events to support increasing funding for our students and schools:

TUES., JUNE 18

10 a.m.	Check-in opens at Lansing Center
11 a.m.	March to the Capitol
12 noon	Program begins
Post-program	Lobby activities

TUES., JUNE 25

11 a.m.	Check-in on the Capitol Lawn
12 noon	Program begins
Post-program	Lobby activities, including delivery of postcards to legislators

The two dates allow for differing school end dates across the state – please plan now to attend one or both!

RSVP now at mea.org/redfored to raise our collective voices with lawmakers to VALUE STUDENTS, RESPECT EDUCATORS AND FUND OUR SCHOOLS.

Questions? Contact MEA Public Affairs at (517) 337-5508.

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- LPA Banquet 2019 -

Once again, a big Thank You to **Pam Giroux** and **Melissa Wegener** for arranging another fabulous banquet!! Our members experienced an enjoyable evening of excellent food, door prizes and great company!

We proudly honor our 2018-2019 retirees!

Elizabeth Danko, Lynda Leventis, Christina Vayis



Happy Retirement!



