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DID YOU KNOW:

- LEA has nearly 600 members.
- Your LEA membership also gives you membership in KNEA and NEA and access to thousands of dollars in grant funds!
- LEA is your voice in the Kansas Legislature.
- LEA works for you.

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Welcome Back! A message from the president

Dear Members,

Welcome Back everyone! I hope that your year is off to a great start! I want to extend a special welcome to those of you who are new and let you know how excited we are to have you as a part of LPS. We will certainly face challenges this year in education, some new and some which are perpetual, but I am confident that **together** we can make this an amazing year. As I look back on all the hours that LEA members put in this summer alone, fighting for teachers and children in this community, I am touched and reminded that the core of what makes this organization thrive is the sheer amount of skill and determination we bring when we combine the efforts of nearly 600 talented members! When we reach out to support one another, and we stand strong behind the many teams and committees that give countless hours to further our interests; we are truly **unstoppable**. I am excited and proud to be your president and extend to you an invitation to join me in making this year one of the best yet.

~Adela

Meet Your Program Committee

LEA Executive Board

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Adela Solis-Cordley

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Valerie Johnson-Powell-Sunset

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David Reber-FSHS

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Essential Organization Foundations

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Marcia Hershiser-Sunset Hill

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Who is KNEA???



Supporting teachers and students in our local community is a given, but I've learned in my own experience that among those who join LEA there is a small minority of people who understand and take advantage of their membership in KNEA.

Sadly there are some people who don't join LEA because they aren't sure what their more expensive KNEA membership does for them.

Many of us gladly shell out the dollars, no questions asked, assuming that our money must be doing *something good for education*. Our organization thanks you and truthfully, the entire educational community of Kansas thanks you, but you deserve to know what a great deal you are getting and I want to help you **get what you pay for!!**

When you join **KNEA** you are securing membership in **the** professional teaching network working all over Kansas to promote quality public schools, strengthen the teaching profession and improve the well being of members.

Your **KNEA** support buys you news, practical information and teaching tips available through various publications, kits, websites and even training opportunities provide by KNEA. If you need something or someone to help in a curricular area, they are there to help you!

Your **KNEA** membership buys you a voice in the state's legislature by funding highly skilled lobbyists to be present in Topeka year-round lobbying for things such as lower class size, increased school funding, and higher salaries.

KNEA provides support and training opportunities for teachers and leadership of local organizations on negotiation skills, and grass roots political activism so that they can become more politically active and lead change in their areas.

KNEA provides you with liability protection and has professional staff are waiting to help you access legal services to include two free 30-minute consultations with a lawyer as well as up to 30% discount on legal fees provided from select attorneys.

KNEA provides financial benefits to include advice from people who understand educators plus good deals such as signature loans, home finance programs, insurance and retirement needs.

Best of all, **KNEA is good for kids**. It is their voice in Kansas as well and our way of helping our children get what they deserve.

Not sure how to access all the great things your KNEA membership buys? Start with their website: **www.knea.org** or **ask your building representative** to contact the LEA leadership team. We want to help make your dollars work for you!!

Make KNEA work for you!!



Happy Fall!!



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