*All home email addresses on file received the following email.*

*Check with your members at school to make sure there are receiving LCTA information.*

**We’ve only just begun!**

* Signed MOU making all employees who worked last year whole for the $1,000 relief payment
* A national TV affiliate interviewed three members.
* LCTA represented educators locally in three TV interviews
* An LCTA ESE educator spoke with Senator Ausely and Representative Tant about legislative concerns
* The Tallahassee Democrat published an editorial advocating for educators and students
* Numerous LCTA members have attended, spoken at, or emailed the Leon County School Board
* 40 NEW members have joined LCTA since the start of the school year

**We are not done yet!**

**Bargaining Highlights – See the attached proposal!**

LCTA proposed language you have said is essential to your working conditions. The District and LCSB have already rejected previous proposals for **paid** COVID leave. Join us as we continue to advocate for the following:

* COVID Days
* COVID Sick Bank – Caregivers
* No Hybrid
* Virtual Faculty Meetings
* All Employees PCR Tested when Exposed

[If the issues above matter to you, join us for the next session on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at the Howell Center at 4:30 PM.](http://leonteachers.org/calendar/2021/8/18/lcta-negotiations-with-lcs-august-18-2021)

**Engage your colleagues! Share our collective work!**

**Advocacy in Action**

The following are letters from the US Department of Education.  One letter was [sent to the Governor and Commissioner](http://leonteachers.org/s/Letter-from-Secretary-Cardona-FL-08-13-21.pdf), and the other was [sent to Superintendents](http://leonteachers.org/s/Letter-from-Secretary-Cardona-FL-Superintendents-08-13-21.pdf).  These letters directly result from your hard work in coordination with FEA, NEA, and AFT.  The bottom line, the US DOE has the back of local school boards and superintendents who are doing all they can to keep kids, faculty, and staff safe.

**Stabilize Our Schools**

All of our schools need something different to ensure the success of educators and students. When each of our sites and members focuses on the things that matter to us, such as salary increases, affordable health care, favorable and safe learning and working conditions, the ability to provide for our families and students, and more, WE, the LCTA, can move mountains! We can do more with more, so engage your potential member friends and colleagues about the success and work of LCTA.

Visit the website with a potential member. [www.leonteachers.org](http://www.leonteachers.org)   Ask them to join us today. [http://bit.ly/JoinLCTA](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fbit.ly%2fJoinLCTA&c=E,1,ezrdZR3KNS6y04ySh6R9uKhW5RjDpjfPBB2p1V76iwclhnnbOn0t6e7GBRrk2ic_IpKvcQlVAofQiIcW9IKruO0GHu1xOf-IxV8smf3m6njIHQs,&typo=1)

In solidarity,

**Scott Mazur, LCTA President**

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