**Leon Classroom Teachers Association**

Visit the [LCTA website](https://leonsclassroomteachers.org/) for more information. Join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LeonClassroomTeachersAssociation/), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/leonteachers), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/leoncta/).

***All LCTA home email addresses on file received this email.***

**LCTA on the Move!**

Countless members are taking action to ensure we advocate for our colleagues, students, and community.

* [Ruediger Playground](https://www.wtxl.com/news/local-news/ruediger-elementary-pre-k-ese-playground-in-running-for-25k-grant) – Let’s make this happen!

*“I'm one of 200 finalists for a 25k grant. With this grant we plan on improving our PreK/ESE playground. In order to win we need to be in the top 40.* [*Please vote for us, we're the only school in Tallahassee so there is no competition. You can vote everyday*](https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2038243)*”  -* Caitlyn Whitley, Ruediger LCTA Member

* Editorial – You can do it too. Let us know if you’d like LCTA to assist you in reviewing your editorial submissions.

[*We're using all strategies to fix red tide. Why not to protect our kids?*](https://www.tallahassee.com/story/opinion/2021/08/11/covid-19-schools-florida-ron-desantis-our-kids-health-important-red-tide/5552900001/?fbclid=IwAR2sBSEsMvQDWrUxb-bdeZaYa7qxmjNdZB6wvA1GWkE3r7dfpzQP5PQJnTA) *|* Opinion - Scott Mazur

* In the News -  [*COVID: Over 600 quarantined at Leon Schools; Chiles leads the county in mask opt-out forms*](https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2021/08/18/leon-county-shools-covid-mask-opt-out-quarantine-cases-chiles-deer-lake-tallahassee/8177390002/)

**You are LCTA!**

**Bargaining UPDATE – No + Advocacy = Yes!**

Last week LCTA reached a tentative agreement to provide all instructional staff 10 Paid COVID days. This is worth about $3, 000 in paid leave that was not provided until you advocated for it. Now, LCAT is going back to the table to negotiate additional measures that are needed and deserved. Review the attached proposal from LCS, [join us on Monday for an internal discussion](http://leonteachers.org/calendar/2021/8/20/internal-lcta-meeting-bargaining), and LCTA will meet with LCS on [Wednesday at 9 AM to negotiate](http://leonteachers.org/calendar/2021/8/25/lcta-negotiations-with-lcs-august-25-2021) for you, your family, and your students.

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

**Advocacy in Action**

Here are some of the ways you can get involved with LCTA!

* Download the UnionStrong app and stay connected to the things that matter most to you.  - <https://unionstrong.app.link/LCTA>
* As one school, membership doubled and more than half are involved with collective action efforts. It only takes that first step. You are LCTA! Work with the members at your site to ensure one person from each site is signed up to serve on a committee. <https://forms.gle/AcYGCTDmDgwzMdQW7>
* Labor Day of Action! – Join LCTA as we collaborate with our local brother and sister union members to provide for our homeless veterans. See the attachment for more details and work with our site members to collect supplies.

**Stabilize Our Schools – September 13, 2021**

Please work with the LCTA Social Justice Committee to ensure COVID recovery money can be used to what we need locally. The state is planning on limiting the Districts ability to meet our needs. Students, parents, educators, and more can make this happen, but we need you to guarantee our local success. Contact the social justice committee with contacts for your school’s:

* Interested members and organizations
* Student group leadership
* Parent group leadership

**Strength in Numbers**

We continue to grow and be successful, but there is more we can do. The power of collective action is democracy and unity in action. Visit the website with a potential member. [www.leonteachers.org](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.leonteachers.org%2f&c=E,1,tKl3o8q_L7FFkivVYx_Jbtv01Fm-D-uzR_pxpty4LxaroulWdbv87prWk6FQ15XHsoTIEdfpBWRV1h2I5YQfFiRDVixCMkD1yLSqWwx5Buw4huvy73QY&typo=1)   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) Get them involved.

In solidarity,

**Scott Mazur, LCTA President**

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