



# LSSA – Lakota School Support Association

Together as One WE are stronger

Welcome to Lakota Local Schools. We are glad that you are joining us!

As the president of the Lakota School Support Association (LSSA), I am sending you this note to ask you to consider joining the LSSA union.

As part of our negotiated contract with Lakota Schools, you have the option to join the LSSA union. You are currently employed under the contract that was negotiated by the LSSA on behalf of all support staff employees. However, you are not a member until we receive your completed membership form. Your participation in the union is completely voluntary.

As a member, you will receive full member benefits, including representation from the LSSA local union, membership in OEA (Ohio Educators Association) and NEA (National Educators Association), legal representation from OEA and NEA, free liability coverage protecting your personal assets, voting privileges, and much more. **A non-member does not enjoy any membership benefits.** You currently do not have any voting rights, liability or legal coverage, or the right to participate in the governance and activities of the local association. Additionally, members enjoy the many discounts that come from being a part of the association. These include additional complimentary life insurance, free college tuition, free legal services for personal matters, reduced prices on a variety of goods including Verizon, cars, mortgage rates and more. The cost of membership is based on how many hours you are employed.

**If you have any questions or if you would like to become a member, you must contact Karen Gantzer ([karen.gantzer@lakotaonline.com](mailto:karen.gantzer@lakotaonline.com)), membership chairperson.** Karen will be able to answer any questions, including the cost of membership.

I sincerely hope that you consider full membership into the LSSA. Not only will you enjoy all that membership has to offer, but more importantly, you will be a part of the LSSA voice.

Thank you for your consideration!

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