

LACA UPDATE

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TRAINING & MEETINGS

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NEW FACES



Tiffany Murphy
LACA Fiscal Support
Coordinator

Tiffany will be supporting USAS-R, USPS-R, & Kiosk. Also, she has experience with eFP.

MARY MYERS RETIREMENT PARTY!

Mary has been with LACA for 31 years!

LACA is throwing her a Retirement Party on May 23rd at the Roosevelt Building, Meeting Rooms 151 A & B 1:00-5:00 PM.

Stop in, grab a snack, and chat with Mary before she starts her retirement in June!



NEWS

FISCAL

- **Staff EMIS:** Final Staff Course Collection open
- **Salary Notices:** No later than July 1
- **STRS Advance:** Districts no longer need to advance funds

For more news read Fiscal Update on P. 3

STUDENT

- **LINK Application:** Process started
- **RosterVerification:** Process started
- **Special Education:** 7 new SameGoal districts

For more news read Student Services Updates on P. 3 & P. 4

NETWORK

- **E-Rate:** Form 470 closed on February 28th and Form 471 is open until March 28
- **Zoom Phones:** LACA switched to Zoom phones

For more news read Network Updates on P. 2

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Greg Rhoads,
LACA Executives Director

New Zoom Phone System

Licking Area Computer Association (LACA)
150 S. Quentin Road, Roosevelt Bldg. 3rd Floor
Newark, Ohio 43055

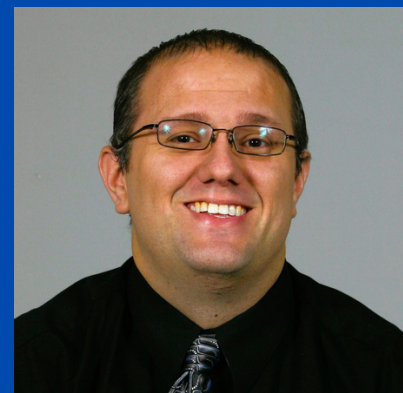
LACA installed new Zoom phones as of February 17, 2023. All direct numbers will remain the same. Please use the team lines to reach the staff.

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Summer Updates

LACA has several network projects in the works for this summer:

- migrating from a local Exchange environment to a hybrid Exchange online environment
- implementing a new virus protection and EDR software starting in June to the LACA network
- migrating to a new logging system
- implementing a new ticket system



Joey Alexander,
LACA Technology Director



David Stein,
LACA Video Services Manager

E-RATE UPDATE

For those involved with the E-Rate program, the Form 470 window closed February 28 @ 11:59 PM, so requests for new services needed to be filed by that deadline.

The Form 471 window is currently open through March 28 @ 11:59 PM. Although LACA as an E-Rate service provider cannot directly assist with 470 filing, we can answer questions and help you with technology planning at any time.

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Mary Myers,
LACA Administrative
Application Manager

Fiscal Update

Whether your district uses State Software Redesign (Redesign USAS, Redesign USPS, Inventory) or eFinance Plus (eFP), these items need attention over the next several months. Each item will be discussed either in a Payroll Roundtable, Fiscal Advisory Meeting, specialized training, or email with instructions. For eFP districts, watch for the emails with training opportunities from TCCSA.

For more information about Staff EMIS, Salary Notices, and STRS Advance, Budgeting, and Inventory:

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LACA Spring Round Table Meetings

- **ProgressBook Round Table Meeting:** March 27 (1:00-1:45 PM)
- **PowerSchool Round Table Meeting:** April 11 (1:00-1:45 PM)
- **Health Management Round Table Meeting:** April 27 (8:00-9:00 AM)

For more information, contact Kellie Hayden, khayden@laca.org.



Meghan Stoker,
LACA Student Services
Support Manager

Student Services Update

Last year, LACA participated in a program via the Management Council where we extracted the data from your SIS and loaded it directly into the LINK Application. The success and ease of this program has helped us to develop a smooth process for our districts. We have already started the process of loading data in for LACA districts. Data extracts that have no critical errors are automatically loaded into the SIS Data Loader. Your RV District Coordinator has received any error messages and are diligently working through to address these errors.

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Intent to Participate	Data Loading	School Set-Up	Teacher Roster Verification	Principal Review and Approval	Teacher Value-Added Reports
December	February - March	March 21 - April 11	April 12 - May 2	May 3 - May 18	Fall 2023

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Jeni Garee,
LACA Student Services
Support Coordinator

Special Education Software Update

Welcome to the end of the year! This year in Special Education, LACA has transitioned 7 districts to SameGoal and provided support for 4 different software packages. If you are looking to change software please reach out to LACA so we can provide a list of software that we support and provide a demo to help you make the best decision to suit your Special Ed needs.

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EMIS Update

EMIS (Education Management Information System) is the statewide data collection system for Ohio's primary and secondary education. Staff, student, district/building, and financial data are collected through this system. Staff data includes demographic, employment, attendance, and course information. Student data includes demographic, student attributes, attendance, program/membership, course, and test data in which all are submitted to ODE at the student level. General school district and school building data, including financial data, are also reported through EMIS. EMIS takes a

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Annie Epperson,
LACA EMIS Support
Coordinator



Melissa (Elliot) Duling,
LACA Instructional
Resource Coordinator

Library Update

Teachers, do you have a class project, research assignment, or looking for a book to read? This is a sign to reach out to your school librarian and allow them to help guide you in the right direction. They are filled with knowledge and can lead you to the most productive, educational tools, books, and resources. Ask about the free online INFOhio resources available to help engage students and push them to the next level.

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**Kim Watson,
North Fork School District**

District Success

LACA would like to highlight a district success in each LACA Update newsletter. Kellie Hayden, LACA Director of Operations, asked Kim Watson from North Fork to share her thoughts about LACA. Watson is the Technology Training Coordinator, Student Services Team Leader and District Lead Mentor at North Fork Local School District.

This success story is set up in a Q & A interview style format.

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Overview of LACA, Updated

Owned and operated by 18 member school districts, LACA (Licking Area Computer Association) is a non-profit K-12 consortium. It is one of 18 regional Information Technology Centers (ITCs), providing services to school districts in their own regions of Ohio. At its core is the desire to deliver great customer service.

LACA has two main branches in its organization: Fiscal/Student/Library and Network.

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**Kellie Hayden,
LACA Director of Operations**



**Mary Myers,
LACA Administrative
Application Manager**

LACA Spotlight: Mary Myers

Mary Myers is retiring June 30, 2023, after 31 years of service at LACA and 35 years in school finance. We thought we would share from her experience. Jake Erb and Tiffany Murphy from the Fiscal team interviewed her.

Tiffany: What knowledge or wisdom would you like to pass on to the LACA Fiscal support team?

Mary: Have fun, laugh at yourself, be yourself. Learn as much as you can about your job and attend as many meetings and trainings as possible. Attending in person allows you to network with your peers so you have someone to reach out to with questions.

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