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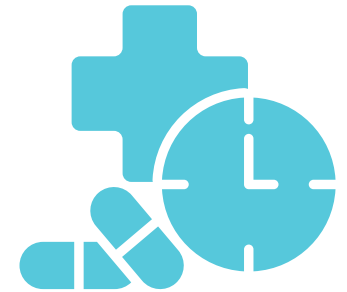


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May 24, 2023

WA Cares Act - Long Term Care Begins Again July 1, 2023



The WA Cares Act, passed by the legislature, mandates long term care benefits for Washington state residents, which will be funded by premiums collected from employee's wages. On January 27, 2022, the Governor signed house bill (HB) 1732 delaying the collection of the Washington Cares Fund premiums until July 1, 2023. Beginning in July 2023, employers must deduct 0.58% (or \$0.58 per \$100) of employees' wages to fund the new State Long Term Care Program.

Beginning in July 2026, each person who is eligible to receive the benefit can access services and supports costing up to \$36,500 (maximum lifetime benefit). To be eligible to receive the benefit you must meet certain qualifications. To learn more about the contributions, benefits, eligibility, and timelines, please visit: [WA Cares Fund](#)

Employees who have private long term care insurance plans established before November 1, 2021, had a one-time opportunity to apply for a lifetime exemption from this payroll tax. Exemptions must have been applied for between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022.

If you are new to the district and have not turned in your exemption letter, please email a copy to Shelly Fanning at sfanning@lwsd.org. If you turned in your exemption letter prior to January 31, 2022, you do not need to resubmit your letter.

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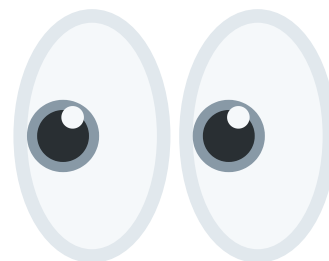
Coming Soon

2023-24 Certificated Contracts

Electronic Signatures through Employee Access

Human Resources will continue to electronically disseminate, accept, and retain certificated employment contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Contracts are NOT sent via email. All certificated staff will be provided information on how to access their 2023-2024 contracts using Employee Access and to acknowledge acceptance with an electronic signature.

Look for an email coming this Friday, May 26. The window to sign your contract will be Friday, May 26 through Friday, June 9.



High School Representative 2023-24 Executive Committee

On the first ballot, there were no candidates for the HS Representative position. Therefore, we asked for HS nominations again to fill this position. An election ballot will be sent to all HS teacher members home emails on Thursday, May 18. **Ballots will close on May 31.**

Please let your voice be heard VOTE!!





2022-23 End of Year Tech Reminders For All LWSD Staff



It is that time of year again as we prepare for summer technology maintenance and laptop returns and we need your help. Please read the “[End of School Year Technology Reminders](#)” document that highlights information for what equipment to return when leaving the district, how to maintain Skyward access for tax purposes, as well as a reminder to leave classroom tech equipment unlocked and available for summer maintenance.

This would also be a good time to register for self-service password reset if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your support and please let us know if you have any questions:

HelpDesk@lwsd.org

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads must include a home email and/or phone number.

Send directly to **Terri Neely** in the LWEA office.



MAY 29

Memorial Day

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Snow Make-Up Day

Take Care of Yourself
and
Each Other!



A Friend In Need



Kacie Brown, Norman Rockwell Elem, is in need of sick hours as she attends to health issues that are keeping her from returning to work. If you can help Kacie, please complete the shared leave form. Thank you for your support.

Please consider a [Shared Leave Donation](#) by filling out the donation form and sending it to HRLeaves@lwsd.org. Thank you.