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Happy First Day of School from your Executive Board

You made it.

Today did not look like anything we've ever seen before. There was no morning gathering, catching up over breakfast with our friends and colleagues. There was no rapidly moving between one room and another as we travel for different meetings, PD, PLCS and time in our class. We are not preparing for an open house for Tomorrow / Wednesday / Thursday.\

And yet....

Nearly 4000 division employees signed on in some capacity today to plan on how to make this non-traditional year as familiar as we can.

And so many things are familiar. The context we love.

The school families we love.

The kids that we love.

As we move forward, remember that you are not alone. We are all having our first day teaching again. We are all uncertain on what the next two weeks, September - the year will bring. We are all learning new things to help us help our kids.

It's all about the kids. So, as you move forward this week in your staff meetings, your PLCs and yes, even your Canvas training, know that SEA is here for you. If you need an ear, if you need an idea, if you need an advocate or if you just need encouragement. We are here for you. With you.

In closing, we'd like to leave you with a thought:

**Success is not final. Failure is not fatal.  
It is the courage to continue that counts.  
- Winston Churchill**

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Hello beautiful people!

I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy!

As we go into the new school year, my wish for all of us is to have a great year. As we navigate this year, know that we've got this. Yes, there is uncertainty, but we're educators. We're going to do what we do best...and that is to take care of each other, and our students.

We have Liaisons for all of our districts in the county as well as Building Representatives at all of our locations.

Liaisons are members who are the SEA point of contact between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. The goal is to establish a working relationship between the boards and the SEA. The liaisons reached out to their Board of Supervisor and School Board Member to introduce themselves and begin the lines of communication.

Building Representatives (BR) play a vital role in conveying SEA information to our members at each location. They will be working closely with the Membership Committee to promote membership. Building Representatives are the first ones to reach out to for any general questions or guidance. BR's will be meeting with staff at their locations in the upcoming weeks.

Kathy Butler  
SEA Vice President



Hello, from our newly elected Membership Committee Chairperson...

Hi, my name is Tara Bokum. I am a first-grade teacher at Moncure Elementary. I'm going into my 4th year of teaching, all in SCPS.

I joined the SEA at New Teacher Institute, I don't know what it's like to not be a member. I joined because of peace of mind. I saw SEA as "teacher insurance" and recently learned how much MORE SEA is and does for its members.

I served as a member organizer over the 2020 summer. I'm excited to lead our Membership Committee to not only grow our membership but also improve membership for its current members. We plan to do this by surveying current members about their favorite parts of SEA but also learn what more they would like from SEA. I would also like to survey nonmembers and learn why they haven't joined yet!

Bet you didn't know.....

I'm from Doylestown, PA. I LOVE food and run a food blog on Instagram. I used to make YouTube videos for fun, I have one with 2+ million views. I was a competitive cheerleader for 11 years. I knew I wanted to be a teacher in first grade. I was born out of the country.

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## UPCOMING IN AUGUST

- 10: School Board's Finance & Budget Committee Meeting (6:00 pm) @ School Board Chambers
- 10-28: Teacher Professional Days
- 11: School Board Meeting (7:00pm) @ Board of Supervisors Chambers
- 27: School Board's Governance Committee (5:30pm) @ School Board Chambers
- 31: Students first day back.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

- 4-7: Labor Day Break
- 8: School Board Meeting (7:00pm) @ School Board Chambers
- 11: School Board's Finance & Budget Committee Meeting (6:00pm) @ School Board Chambers
- 15: School Board Mtg. w/ PTO & PTA Reps. (re: Budget Priorities) (6:00pm)  
Virtual Meeting (watch via live-streaming)
- 17: School Board's Governance Committee (5:30pm) Executive Session Room
- 22: School Board Meeting (7:00pm) @ School Board Chambers

## ?ANYTHING NEW OR CHANGE?

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