



# Lakes Country Service Cooperative

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Dear Member,

Enclosed is your annual membership agreement for fiscal year 2016. We've filled in the student count for your district from the Department of Education's data center. If the number is not correct, please feel free to correct it and adjust the total accordingly.

We appreciate your support and guidance and look forward to providing strong programs and building new services that meet your needs. Your support is critical to the continuation of our work together.

LCSC is your cooperative. When you use LCSC services or purchase from LCSC vendors, *your dollars stay local and are re-invested into the cooperative to come back to you in direct service over and over again.*

Here are few highlights of what we achieved together this past year.

- ✓ Our school advisory committee adopted new bylaws this year, and added a Special Education Director to the group. This group meets monthly and provides important input and guidance for LCSC.
- ✓ LCSC made the Star Tribune's Top 150 workplace list for the second year in a row. This award is based on surveys of our staff. We are proud of our service-driven, member-focused team at LCSC.
- ✓ Together we hosted an effective day at the legislature in support of a strong educational platform. Our voices made a difference! LCSC continues to work with our national partners to advocate for strong education support.
- ✓ The Education Services Department worked with local literacy leaders to start the regional Literacy Action Network.
- ✓ The Express Marketplace, a one-stop online purchasing site with guaranteed savings from multiple vendors, passed the 1 million dollar mark after opening just over a year ago. This success translates into additional savings in time and money for your district.
- ✓ Our Technology group added two new staff members. In addition, we are offering data backup services and iPad repair services.
- ✓ LCSC continues to spearhead the statewide Charting the C's Special Programs Conference where attendance hit 680 educators across the state. The Paraprofessional Conference attracts over 300 attendees from our region alone.
- ✓ The Fresh Connect Food Hub completed its pilot year and will continue because of overwhelming support from participating districts.

These are just a few of the successes we have achieved with your support. When you think service, think of your cooperative first!

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