



We are heading into week two of the new normal! You are all rising to meet the needs of your students to provide continuity, engagement and connectedness. These are trying times and the students are so lucky to have you. I know it has been hard and you are missing your students. Continue to be **GREAT!**

I wanted to clarify a few things as we start week 2! Just a reminder that information is changing rapidly and don't be afraid to ask for clarification.

I have reached out to OPS and asked the following questions and their response is below the question. OPS is in the pre-planning stage making sure the needs are being met across the district. This is a process, your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Do teachers need to be in contact with students/guardians?

- **YES, we need to continue communicating with the students and guardians. Staff should be reaching out to them at a minimum of one time per week. I know all will be doing that multiple times a week. So, continue the great work. Dr. Logan is encouraging this to take and apologizes for the lack of clarity!**

I have been told to stop using the additional resources and only use what is provided by the district. Can I use other resources?

- **YES, please use additional resources to engage students in the learning process. You know what works best for you students.**

Are we allowed to use other technology programs such as Zoom, Class Dojo and others to interact with students?

- **YES, you can use any district approved applications and/or programs to work with students. If you are not sure that it is district approved, check out "Common Sense Media" and see if it is on the list. If it isn't you can reach out to Melissa Cleaver. If you hear nothing from her, it is a "GO" to use.**

You need to be aware that there are district policies and you must follow them. This is a new kind of learning for everyone, we are all trying to do what is best for kids.

Again, things are changing so fast and daily! Let me know if you have any questions.

You ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE and the students are so lucky to have each and every one of you! Make this a GREAT week!

Be well,

Robert

OEA President

Resources to check out:

The Commissioner and Department are collecting questions to build a response so please use the NDE website to submit questions here:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/contact/>

We will continue to update Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with answers about this pandemic's effect on you and your students at:

<https://www.nsea.org/covid19-faqs>

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