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Lots of information for a Tuesday message as you are preparing for the week! I hope this finds you doing well! I am seeing and hearing loads of great things happening out there, please keep it up and most importantly take care of yourself! I have received many questions and wanted to share the responses with all of you.

- **Early Enrollment is now OPEN! Do you know of someone who is waiting to sign up? Now is the time to reach out to them! Our new form is on our website and if you click here you can also view the form.**
- **Teacher TV is in need lessons and TEACHERS! If you are interested in teaching a lesson from the comfort of your own home, please go to [www.nsea.org/volunteer](http://www.nsea.org/volunteer) to sign up! They will contact you once you submit the needed information.**
- **Student Loan Relief: What the COVID-19 relief law means to student loan borrowers**

**!!!TIME SENSITIVE!!!**  
**TODAY, Tuesday April 7, at 2 pm ET.**  
Register here: <https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/266202/>  
*Are you still in the process of paying off your student loans? You're not alone. Educators, and particularly educators of color, have been burdened by student debt for far too long. And the COVID-19 crisis risks making that debt even more burdensome. Recently, Congress enacted the CARES Act, a COVID-19 relief law that includes big changes to federal student loans starting this Friday, April 10, 2020. Join our NEA Government Relations and Office of General Counsel as they dive into the details of how the CARES Act impacts you and the student loans you may have. Our webinar takes place today, April 7, at 2 pm ET.*

- **Food Bank of the Heartland who has been stepping up to help our students and families could use additional support. OPS is making it easy to donate by allowing employees to participate through payroll deduction. If you wish to donate, simply email [payroll@ops.org](mailto:payroll@ops.org) with your name, employee ID number and the amount you wish to contribute per pay period. Please allow a few weeks for the request to be processed. Deductions will continue through December 2020 unless directed to end earlier.**
- **The electronic platform that is being used by the District is TEAMS. Just a reminder that you need to be using the apps provided within TEAMS to reach out to your students and families. A few reminders on frequency of contacting families: Secondary is being asked to provide one learning opportunity a week, have students submit work, provide feedback (not grade) and provide other engagement opportunities for students. Elementary is being asked to provide multiple avenues for student/parent engagement per week. These can be a mixture of verbal and email. You do need to keep track when contacting students/parents. Each building is different so talk with you administrator.**
- **Survey you have received, the district is trying to gather additional information to see what support teachers and other staff may need during this virtual environment. This is all new and they are wanting to assist in filling the gap. The data collected will not shared, but rather the entire group needs from access to devices to apps/software to training.**
- **Can Principals ask to be added to parent communication via Remind, Class Dojo or other methods being used? YES, this is being requested in part to protect the teachers from allegations of inappropriate use. In reference to sharing user name and passwords with administration if they ask for it, the answer is YES, the Board Policy 4040 states the reasoning.**
- **If you are an AR, we will be holding the AR meeting next TUESDAY, APRIL 14th at 4:45. You will be receiving a ZOOM link on Monday!**

If you have questions, please reach out to me and I will get the answers you need! As always, thank you for showing grace and being dedicated to your students to educate them virtually! You are all ROCKSTARS! Keep up the great work!

Be well,

Robert

OEA President