



Colleagues-

I hope you all are ready to start your summer off with some great weather! Mother nature is giving you all the gift of sunshine this week. Take time to relax and enjoy it. Thanks for all you do to develop your craft to continue to educate your students on various platforms. I wanted to bring your attention to three things...

1. **OEA and OPS have been in discussion of a possible calendar change.** Remember that setting the school calendar falls under “**Management Rights and Responsibilities**” in our Master Agreement. OEA offered suggestions and made sure that the 188 days you are contracted to work are still being met and they are. We do not know what the future will look like but want to make the most of the time to have in person instruction happening at all levels. If the OPS Board of Education votes to approve the calendar change, staff will need to report to work on **August 4th** and with students first day being **August 11th**. This is moving the start time up a week. Other area districts are doing similar changes to their calendar to increase in person instruction should we need to turn to virtual learning in the future. By starting a week early, this will add a week to the winter break starting **December 14-January 4, 2021**.
2. **NSEA-U** is being held virtual on July 7th. When you register to attend you will also have the opportunity to take advantage of the NNSTOY Conference on July 8th and 9th. Click here to <https://www.nsea.org/nseau2020>.
3. **NEA Member Benefits Virtual Campaign** focusing on www.neamb.com website registration and Complimentary Life Beneficiary registration
 - Drawing to give away five (5) \$100 gift cards
 - Deadline **June 14, 2020** by 11:59 pm Central Time
 - NSEA members only
 - View information at the following link:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMAACoZWuVUODJEMIFXR01MREZTUFRaRzgzUTdGSUE5Ty4u>

You have all worked extremely hard this year and faced several challenges, but handled it professionally. Take this time for yourself, you deserve it. Our job is never done, OEA continues to advocate for you during the summer. Please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns.

Be well and have a great summer!

Robert
OEA President
