



A message from the OEA

The time is quickly approaching and before long you will be seeing the smiling faces of your students through the screen of your computer. They will be eagerly awaiting the remote learning to begin, and you will be able to set the stage for that learning to take place. This will be a new adventure for everyone this year and educators know just how to make it work or will find success with help from one another.

You may not have been told lately, due to the hustle and bustle of adjusting to the many changes to the return to school plans, but I wanted to let each of you know that you are AMAZING. What you have done in a matter of days is an incredible accomplishment that will go down in the books on how dedicated and professional teachers were during the pandemic of 2020. I have seen how hard you all have worked to get ready for distributions of books, iPads and computers through social media posts and even participated in two different methods of distribution. I am not saying it wasn't hard or challenging, but it was handled professionally and with unknown certainty of what the final plan would be. [You, the educators did that!](#) You should be proud of the work you did, and it was noticed by those who matter.

As with anything being developed, these changes bring many questions. OEA continues to get feedback from teachers on what the status is, ways to improve it and we are addressing your concerns and questions as quickly as we can. Just a reminder, it is always best to start with your principal to get it addressed or identify a solution. We are all in this together making a difference in the lives of students and our community.

Educators have always given more to others and expect nothing in return. You need to take care of yourself, give grace and focus on what matters. In the remaining days before school begins, do something that makes you happy. Get lost in a book (preferably one that is not education related), dedicate time to your family or take a road trip to see the secrets that nature holds. Whatever it is, enjoy it and be present. [You've got this!](#)

Your students are blessed with the dedicated individual that will impact their life. Continue to be great, unlock the love of learning and inspire your students to be the best version of themselves.

Have a great school year, OEA is here for you and continues to advocate on your behalf.

[You were born to make a difference!](#)

Robert
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