



OEA Update

Colleagues,

Welcome back to another academic year. I hope you had some time to relax and enjoy what summer had to offer you. The weather has not been too terrible but stick around that may change too.

You are receiving this message because you are an OEA member! Those that have retired, resigned or cancelled membership are still on the mailing until September 1 at which point the new membership year begins and you will no longer get these messages.

I wanted to share with you a few things that OEA has been working on over the summer.

- I was hoping for a traditional start of the school year, but over the last 18 months I have learned to adapt. Your OEA Board held its monthly meeting this week and came out in support for a universal mask mandate. A message was sent to our members, members of the Board of Education and Dr. Logan. [Click Here](#) for the message that was sent, it is a document and may open in another window or in your download files.
- Using the data that was received on the Academies/Pathways from you assisted OEA in addressing with the district the concerns of the membership. A public comment was made and asked for three things to happen
 - OEA must be at the table in identifying what the implementation looks like and how it will be done;
 - Invite students to join academies and pathways but not requiring students to do so and not forcing them to continue in programming and classes beyond our graduation requirements; and
 - Create a Teacher Advisory Board –to share -- in a safe environment -- the inner workings of this plan with the Superintendent, before, during and after going live with a plan.
- SHOUT OUT to the following member organizers: Katie Cameron, Christian Schuerman, Megan Moderow, Shannon Heng, Jacqelle Lane, Monica Wynne and Ed Ventura. They spent the summer having multiple conversations with the new hires for OPS. Their 'Coffee Conversations' were a huge success, they had a goal set and they surpassed that goal. We are ALL the OEA and are very proud of their efforts to reach all of the new hires.

As you begin to head back into the classroom to prepare for the arrival of your students remember to take care of yourself. OEA is here for you, don't hesitate to reach out!

Be well,

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