



Colleagues,

Hopefully, this finds you nestled at home with a good book, a movie marathon or a chance to play those games you may have received as gifts. What ever it is, enjoy the time and stay warm!

I wanted to pass a few things along to you...

Vaccine:

- Teachers are being pushed back on the list to get the vaccine. OEA/NSEA has been actively seeking solutions to this problem and asking the assistance of others to help with this request. However, on Friday we found out that Governor Ricketts is pushing school employees farther and farther down the list of those who can receive COVID-19 vaccines. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the letter that was submitted by the NSEA to the Governor.
- NSEA continues to advocate for school employees to have access to the COVID-19 vaccine – and we need your help. If you have not yet received the vaccine and want to be vaccinated as soon as possible, please email Governor Ricketts by <https://bit.ly/37a8Ft1>.
- A letter was recently submitted to Dr. Pour and City Council Members on the suggested changes for the mask mandate. We urged them to keep the mask mandate as it currently is for the safety of everyone and to listen to science. Our efforts were successful, and the mandate remains unchanged.

Election-

- The OEA General Election will be taking place on Monday, February 22nd to March 1st. UNANIMOUS will be sending out ballots to vote. We are using your HOME/PERSONAL email address, if there is no email on file, OEA will be sending out a card with information to vote using a

provided link. OEA has been diligently working to make sure the information is correct. Check your spam and junk folders to find the email. OEA is limited on what can be done during the election, we are unable to request additional ballots. If you did not receive your link/ballot, contact the office to identify the reason at 402-346-0400.

The ballots have been created and there are three of them:

Senior High-Level Ballot-

- Voting for Vice President of Member Benefits, Senior High Rep and NEA RA Delegates

Middle Level Ballot-

- Voting for Vice President of Member Benefits, Middle Level Rep (1 year term) and NEA RA Delegates

Elementary Level Ballot-

- Voting for Vice President of Member Benefits and NEA RA Delegates

There will be NO voting for the following positions due to acclimation.

- Middle Level Rep (1 3-year term)
- Elementary Level Rep (3 3-year term)
- NSEA DA Delegates

Student Loan Forgiveness Workshop:

A workshop is being offered by the NEW Member Benefits, Susan Estes. This event will take place on Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00. Contact the OEA Office at 402-346-0400 to register. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer.

Retirement Seminar:

We are hosting two dates for a retirement seminar on March 3rd at 4:00pm, we know that there are elementary conferences that day. We have another seminar set for March 15th at 7:00pm. Contact the OEA office at 402-346-0400 to register! [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer.

Be well,

Robert
OEA President

