



Colleagues-

The year has come to an end and with it brought a lot of first time events for all of us. I would like to take the opportunity to say THANK YOU for your dedication and your willingness to make learning continue to happen and the activities memorable. You are all truly AMAZING educators making a difference each day.

I wanted to bring to your attention a few things...

- Due to the retirement of the individual who was elected to represent the certificated staff on the OSERS Board, there will now be a vacancy. If you are interested in applying for this appointment, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the link and fill out the needed paperwork to be considered. There are two years remaining and then you would have the ability to run for the position for a full term. If appointed, you will be asked to also sit on the OEA Retirement Committee.
- OMAHA GIVES - **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020**. Every building in the OPS systems has benefited from the funds raised by the Omaha Public Schools Foundation. This year they are wanting to support teachers as they assist their students in transitioning back into a more structured learning environment. This will look differently at each building and each teacher who may request items. Please consider in donating to the OPSF through the OMAHA GIVES campaign.
- Reminder that you have 42 hours of Professional Development from May 21st - June 5th to be completed. All the sessions have been identified as asynchronous and can be viewed when you need it. The only sessions that are synchronous, is the ELA adoption for K-5 teachers. There is no need to register for the asynchronous session, however you should have already registered for the ELA adoption session. If you choose to complete any session outside your duty hours, you will NOT be compensated for that. Collaboration and planning can be done with natural teacher groups. Administration cannot require you to participate in a session on a specific date, however you will be asked how the 42 hours were completed and you NEED to document!
- The Comp and Benefit survey is still open and will close on Friday. If you have not completed it, please do so by Friday. The team will be working over the summer to prepare for our meetings in the Fall. We are needing input from you, our members!
- Mark your calendar to assist the OEA on August 5th to recruit the new teachers to OPS. This is the time to tell our stories and show just how important OEA is and what we do for teachers. It will look a little different as in years past, but we are still needing the help! If you are interested to help, please let the OEA office know 402-346-0400. More details will be shared as the event gets closer.
- AR Training is set for June 9th at 10-11:30, please email Lorrie at lorrie.krejci@nsea.org to sign up for this training. It will be held via ZOOM and the link will be sent out to participants as the date gets closer.
- There are also NEA Webinars being offered on many topics, including virtually recruiting. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.
 - Other topics to be offered...
 - May 26: Online and Digital Recruitment Strategies
 - June 2: Ensuring Success for Member Organizers in a Virtual Environment

OEA appreciates all that you have done this year for your students and our members. I hope you find time to recharge in the weeks to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know and I will address them accordingly. OEA will continue to do the work on your behalf as we prepare for what life will look like in the future.

Be well and stay safe,

Robert

OEA President