



Colleagues-

Some information to share with you...

**NDE SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT APPROVAL, ACCREDITATION, AND ACCOUNTABILITY REGULATIONS**

- The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) released drafts of three new regulations regarding approval, accreditation, and accountability and is seeking input from the public. The information collected will be used as part of the rulemaking process.
- The NDE is required to accredit and/or approve all schools in Nebraska, guided by current Rule 10: Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools and Rule 14: Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools. As part of its commitment to advancing equity, the State Board of Education directed the NDE to begin a process for revising and reinterpreting these rules in the Fall of 2018.
- During this revision process the NDE created three separate, but interrelated, draft rules for approval, accreditation, and accountability of public and non-public schools.
- Approval outlines the minimum standards for a school to operate. Accreditation emphasizes quality of programming and a focus on continuous improvement. Accountability uses data to inform stakeholders how a school is performing.
- The draft rules are available for review at the following link: <https://www.education.ne.gov/apac/approval-accreditation-and-accountability-rule-development/>.
- The public can provide input on the draft rules through the survey at: [https://nde.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6F2H1kqTu7rzLPU](https://nde.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6F2H1kqTu7rzLPU).

**OPS Climate Survey**

- OPS has sent a survey out to staff on the climate of the building. There have been questions around it remaining anonymous with staff having

to use their employee number. OEA asked the district why the need for the employee number to be used. The district stated that no one sees the response of the individual and that it is a measure being used to limit the number of times a staff person with the same ID can submit a response.

## **NSEA U**

- NSEA U is our members-only professional development conference. NSEA U 2021 will be held Tuesday, July 13 through Thursday, July 15, 2021, and is currently scheduled to be held at Innovation Campus in Lincoln. Check out the details and register here...  
[www.nsea.org/nseau21](http://www.nsea.org/nseau21).

## **Personal Days**

- OEA has received many questions around personal days. All staff receive 2 personal days, however those who are commencing their sixteenth year of service will receive one additional personal day for a total of three days to be used for the academic year. If you do not use your personal days, the district will buy back those days at \$150/per day. This buy back will be reflected on your June/July paycheck.

## **Insurance 101 with BC/BS and EHA**

- Making sound decisions requires knowing what the best options are for you and your family. There are three different options to consider for next year. With the changes in the Health Insurance for next year, OEA has partnered with the Educators Health Alliance (EHA) and the Blue Cross/Blue Shield to offer many sessions to educate our members.

### **April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:45**

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session** on **Apr 27, 2021**  
4:45 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8468169590527295502>

### **May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:45**

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session** on **May 4, 2021**  
4:45 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7955799371006938126>

### **June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:45**

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session** on **Jun 8, 2021**  
4:45 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1638159489433935630>

### **July 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:45**

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session** on **Jul 6, 2021**  
4:45 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3133389750093033230>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the**

# webinar.

## Resignation Date

- April 15<sup>th</sup> was the statutory deadline to resign. OPS has extended that time to **April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00**, if you do not submit your resignation, you will be employed by OPS for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> retirees must notify the district how they want their insurance paid out.

## Finders Keepers

- OEA will be hosting an event called 'Finders Keepers' for our new hires on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We would like to offer them the opportunity collect items to be used in their first classrooms. If you have classroom materials that are gently used, please consider donating them to the OEA. We will begin collecting them here at the OEA and organizing them for our event. We all know that at the end of the year a table appears in the staff lounge with unwanted items for the taking. Why not share those items with first year teachers? Gently loved materials are happily accepted. Help OEA share the LOVE to our new hires.

## Virtual Author Event

- Join the OEA for a virtual author visit with Lacey Lamar and Amber Ruffin, co-authors of You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism. Dates, details, and registration info can be found here: <https://omahaoea.org/2021/04/virtual-author-visit-for-members-only/>.
- We are asking that questions be submitted to ask Lacey and Amber. To submit your questions using the same link above.

## Admiration Survey

- OEA sent out a survey to the membership to have members identify other educators who are doing great things and are being admired for that. The window for that survey will remain open until Friday 4/30. If you did not get the survey link, please contact Robert.

Be well,

Robert  
OEA President

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