



Colleagues,

Sharing a few things with you...

CORRECTION from TIPOFF

- April 15th is the last day to submit your retirement papers.
- **April 30th** is the statutory deadline to resign from OPS. If you do not submit your resignation you will be employed by OPS for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- May 1st Retirees must notify the district how they want their insurance paid out.

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 (BC/BS) to offer many sessions to educate our members.

March 30th at 4:45 (TOMORROW)

Please register for **OEA Insurance Educational Session** on **Mar 30, 2021 4:45 PM CDT** at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3937189924601909774>

April 6th at 4:45

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

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6414963567050944526>

April 27th 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 4th 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 8th 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 6th 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.*****

NewGEN Event

There has been a name change for the New Generation of Educators in Nebraska committee. It was brought to the OEA's attention NGEN could be a negative stereotype for Native Americans. Going forward this committee will be identified as **NewGEN**. This committee has been working hard to host virtual events and they have been very successful! Huge shout out to the committee chair Hana Krommenhoek for her dedication to make this a true success. Their next event is set for April 8th entitled "Glow and Grow." [Click Here](#) to view the flyer.

To learn more or to sign up for the RSVP for this event here is the link <https://forms.gle/KoruuKSQ3xNqHJoS7>

Personal Days

OEA has received many questions around personal days. All staff are given 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. If you do not use your personal days, the district will pay \$150/per day and this would be reflected on your June/July paycheck. [Click here](#) to view the language in the Master Agreement.

Webinars

Check out what NSEA is offering. We know the learning never stops, and that now, more than ever, educators will need to be as proficient at distance learning as they are in the traditional classroom. To address this need, NSEA is hosting the following webinars and professional development opportunities are available.

Click the link to sign up!

<https://www.nsea.org/webinars>

Mark Your Calendar

As we are into the 4th quarter of school, many are thinking about your classroom materials. OEA will be hosting an event called 'Finders Keepers' for our new hires on June 16th. We would like to offer them the opportunity collect items to be used in the first classroom. If you have classroom materials that are gently used, 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 gets identified in the staff lounge where unwanted items are placed for the taking. Why not share those items with first year teachers? More specifics will be shared, but wanted to make everyone aware of our event, 'Finders Keepers.'

Be well and enjoy the nice weather!

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