



## Best Teacher Ever



Colleagues,

I hope that you felt the love and appreciation from those around you this week. Your hard work and dedication in educating the leaders of tomorrow does not go unnoticed. You are seen and appreciated in all you do. **THANK YOU!**

Sharing some information...

### Legislative

- This week, LB364 failed to advance during General File debate on a vote of 29-18-2. The bill needed 33 yes votes to invoke cloture and cease debate. The filibuster lead by Omaha Sen. Michaela Cavanaugh stopped the proposal that would have annually diverted up to \$10 million of state public dollars toward private K-12 schools. Here is the highlight video of those who spoke against LB364: <https://youtu.be/s4i8RKYqIRE>
- LB364 would have created the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit, a dollar-for-dollar tax benefit for those who donate to an organization that provides private school scholarships. The scholarship tax credit would have been among the most generous in the nation. It was significantly more generous than any other credit, including that for other charitable donations.

### Capitol Update

- NSEA members may [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up and receive the Capitol Update newsletter that keeps everyone informed with up-to-date information on education and school finance legislation. You may also forward this to the **personal** email address of other NSEA members and encourage them to sign up.

### Assault Form

- We want to hear from you if you have been injured or assaulted while doing

your job. You need to document, document and document! OEA has made it easy for you to do just that. [CLICK HERE](#) and fill in the required fields. You do not need to be a member for us to collect this data. OEA will reach out if further information is needed. Your working conditions are the student's learning conditions, this is very important.

### **Early Enrollment**

- We are in the season of Early Enrollment, which goes from April 1 to August 31. Any educator can join at no cost until October. Ask your fellow colleagues to join us. If you have a student teacher who has been offered a contract by OPS, they can join at no cost until October and take advantage of the member benefits for their summer adventures. Colleagues who have been reluctant to join can also take advantage of this early enrollment. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to sign up a fellow teacher. We are stronger together!

### **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, [CLICK HERE!](#)

### **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.

### **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.

**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.**

HAPPY APPRECIATION WEEK!

Be well,

Robert  
OEA President