



Raising achievement and closing the gaps for ALL students.

# Tip-Off

January 13, 2021



After several conversations with the district voicing concerns about the proposed snow days and how synchronous lessons would cause unneeded challenges for our students, families and staff, the district is continuing with the plan as it was proposed. The district has stated that there is an option to revisit if necessary.

OEA laid out multiple times the many reasons why asynchronous lessons would be more beneficial for everyone, but it was denied. When the district announces a snow day, it will be identified as an Inclement Weather Day. Students and staff should be taking your devices home daily.

## Public Health Leave Update

The Cares Act has expired effective 12/31/2020. This means that there are no federally mandated paid days given to employees in the event they contract COVID or are in quarantine. We discussed this with the district, and they have agreed to continue up to 10 days (80 hours) of public health leave through March 31 for those who have not used their allotted time. This will be communicated from the district in the next few days.

Those who used COVID related sick days this week will have those days converted to public health leave, providing they have time remaining.

## K-5 Adjustments for live streaming

K-5 teachers you will be required to complete two things during live streaming of instruction, a Morning Meeting and Foundational Skill lessons. If you feel that your students would benefit from additional live streaming needs, then collaborate with your team and administrator to identify a plan. You are **not required** to do anything other than the morning meeting or foundational skill lesson for live streaming.

## On-line W2's

The district will no longer mail out a paper form of the W2's. You will need to access them on OPS Anywhere. You will be notified on when they are available. Many times, they get lost or staff never receive them, so this will assist in allowing the employee the opportunity to access it. Watch your email for further notification.

## A 'SWEET' Deal for the Just One Campaign

New teachers are eligible for partial year membership depending on their hire date. Your building AR should have membership forms available to join. For the rest of January and February, membership dues are pro-rated. Now is the time to recruit those who have been on the fence about joining OEA. Dues are \$412 until the end of February. It is \$58.85/month until July. Dues in the full amount, will resume for the new school year in October. There are incentives for the recruiter for every new member you get to join. It's a win-win for everyone, plus you get a sweet treat. It is a great time to join, we are stronger together!

**Need forms or have questions? Contact the OEA  
Office 402-346-0400**

## NGEN Event

If you're within your first 5 years of teaching, join others new to the field for a free virtual cocktail class and more on January 14th at 5:30!

# TIME TO VENT

We know that sometimes you just need to vent.  
Join OEA-NGEN for judgement free time to let loose!  
Call the OEA office to get connected, 402-346-0600.



To help us continue to advocate for all educators OEA asks members to sign up at least ONE new member between January 4 and February 28, 2021.

Dues are prorated and new members also will be given the opportunity to be entered into the drawing. You can earn up to **\$200 in AMAZON gift cards** and **4 sweet treats**.

Plus, your name will be entered into a drawing for a set of APPLE AirPods PROS.



### New Educator Info

Scan so OEA can provide resources, support, & engagement

## NSEA Webinars

Check out the many webinars that are being offered by the NSEA. These are just a few that will take place in January.

Upcoming sessions:

- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 • 6 PM • NEA Member Benefits Overview
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 • 5:00 PM • Charting the Course
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 • 5:30 PM • Women and Retirement

To register for the webinar and others that are being planned, please go to the following link.

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

## Committee Corner

Our committees are up and running and need members to become active and serve.

All committees are scheduled at 4:45 unless noted otherwise. Contact Lorrie Krejci at [lorrie.krejci@nsea.org](mailto:lorrie.krejci@nsea.org) to get the Zoom link.



Comp and Benefits Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13  
4:45pm

Instructional Advocacy  
Tuesday, January 18  
4:45pm

Governance Meeting  
Wednesday, January 20  
4:45pm

EMAC Meeting  
Thursday, January 21  
4:45pm

Public Community Relations  
Tuesday, January 26  
4:45pm

PACE Meeting  
Wednesday, January 27  
4:45pm

MEMBERSHIP Meeting  
Tuesday, February 2  
4:45pm

Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, February 3  
4:45pm

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