



Colleagues,

As you are working diligently to create a classroom environment where students are prepared for a year of learning, the OEA has been addressing the concerns with the district that you all have shared with us.

I wanted to share with you some updates...

COVID Dashboard for OPS

The OPS dashboard is being utilized again. This will give you the active cases of both STUDENTS and STAFF. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the data. Cleaning protocols should still be taking place. If you feel that your room is not adhering to the procedure, talk with your administration on steps to resolve the concern.

Thanksgiving Break

Thanksgiving break is from November 22-26. Staff are not responsible for any activity that is being offered during that week. If your building is offering services to students and families, you are not obligated to participate. If you choose to participate, compensation must be offered at the rate of \$28.50, which is the extra duty pay. If events/sessions are being held, the week may look different at each building. You should not feel pressured in to participating.

Personal Leave Days

As a reminder that your personal days can not be used on days immediately preceding or following a district observed federal or school holiday. There are some exceptions to this and can be found in the master agreement by [CLICKING HERE](#) and going to page 23, counting the cover page.

Student Debt Workshop

Is Student Debt driving you BATTY? Don't Fall Prey to those Predatory Student Debt Companies. Mark you calendar now, Tuesday, September 21 at 5:00 to hear from NEA Member Benefits on the SUPERHERO you need. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Financial Fitness

The OEA is hosting a virtual Financial Fitness workshop Thursday, September 23 from 5-6PM. Join us to learn about NEA Member Benefits that can save you money, retirement info for staff at any point in their career, and a session on how to read your paycheck and what to look for each month on your paystub. Attendees will receive a small gift bag via school mail with some essentials to keep both your body and your wallet healthy! [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

NSEA Webinar

NSEA is hosting an all-member webinar on Thursday, September 2 at 8 p.m. Central Time. In order to receive the call information, you must register by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1 at www.nsea.org/SeptWebinar. The Zoom link will then be sent to you on Thursday, September 2. Participants on the webinar will hear from NSEA's legal team as well as NSEA leadership regarding multiple items that may affect you this year, including new legislation, CDC guidance, and other timely issues.

Committee Schedules and Sign Up

The OEA Committees are set and ready to complete the tasks at hand. All meetings will be held via ZOOM and start at 4:45. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. You will be sent the link the day before every meeting.

- Instructional Advocacy will meet the first Tuesday of the Month.**
- Governance will meet the second Thursday of the Month.**
- PACE will meet the third Tuesday of the Month.**
- Membership will meet the third Wednesday of the Month.**
- PCR will meet the third Thursday of the Month.**
- Comp and Benefits will meet the third Thursday of the Month.**
- Retirement will meet the fourth Wednesday of the Month.**
- EMAC will meet the fourth Thursday of the Month.**
- NewGen will meet the fourth Thursday of the Month.**

Early Childhood Teachers

Coming soon to the OEA web page will be a landing site for you to contribute data about class sizes, SPED ratios, and classroom coverage. If there are additional areas of concern you believe the OEA should collect data on, please email becca.dingwell@nsea.org.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield

You may have seen apples popping up in yards of those who LOVE Nebraska Educators. If you are interested in getting one sent to you, send me an email. OEA has some on hand to distribute.

OEA Board and AR Meetings

The OEA Board and AR meetings will be happening via ZOOM. Maintaining all safety measures, we are limiting large gatherings in our building. If you would like to be sent the zoom link for a meeting, please send me an email and I will send you the link to attend the meeting.

OEA continues to address the concerns that are impacting your classroom. Continue to reach out to myself or the Organizational Specialist to share them and we will get them to the right people to get it resolved.

Have a great week!

**Robert
OEA President**