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## OEA Updates

Colleagues,

As we enter the 6<sup>th</sup> week of school, there have been successes, struggles and on-going concerns shared with the OEA. We have been in weekly communication with the district to get a resolution on several concerns. I wanted to share with you a few updates for this week.

### **TipOff**

The monthly newsletter is titled the 'TipOff.' It shares information on what OEA is doing, events being held and ways to get involved in your association. Your building AR receives a few hard copies to be displayed in the work room after the second Tuesday of the month. A constant contact will typically follow with a link to the newsletter. [\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#) to view the September TipOff.

### **Student Debt Webinar**

Student Loan Debt forgiveness workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 5PM [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this webinar.

## **Financial Fitness**

A member's only Financial Fitness workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 23 at 5PM. Information will be shared on How to Read Your Paycheck, Your Membership at Work and Retirement 101. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

## **September 24<sup>th</sup>**

This day is a Teacher Plan Day. What does that mean? It is your day to be used as you need it. Can meetings be held? No administrative initiated meetings should be scheduled. If you, the teacher, agree to work as a Grade Level Team or Department to meet and plan, you may do so. If you hear that any meetings are being required for you to attend, notify the OEA right away so we can address it BEFORE Friday.

## **Educator Interest Cards**

We are asking that all members fill out an Educator Interest Card. This is providing us information on PD to offer our members along with issues that are important to you. [CLICK HERE](#) to share your interests.

## **OEA Poker Run**

Do you like the view of fall colors and helping fellow colleagues when they need it most? We are hosting a Poker Run with all proceeds going to the MER-C fund (Member Emergency Resource Committee). Kickstands up at 12:30 on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> meet at the OEA to start the RUN. If you don't have a bike, no worries. Cars will be tolerated. There will be stops

along the way, Union Orchard, Kimmel Orchard, Arbor Day Farm and Mincer Orchard. [CLICK HERE](#) to state your interest.

## **OEA Committees**

If you are interested in serving on an OEA Committee, [CLICK HERE](#) to view and sign up for one. The links to the meetings will be sent out the day before along with the minutes of the past meeting. Committee meetings that are happening this week are PACE on Tuesday, Retirement on Wednesday, EMAC and NewGEN on Thursday.

## **Staffing**

We continue to bring up the need to address staffing in all the buildings as it impacts everyone. Your AR will be sent a document to fill in data on any open positions in your building. We have yet to hear what exactly the district is doing to fill the positions, it is one topic that is asked each time during our weekly meetings.

## **Capitol Update**

Are you getting any updates from NSEA on what is happening in the legislature? NSEA is working on legislation to be introduced regarding the Praxis and barriers into the profession. If you would like to follow along with the NSEA's work to advocate for teachers and students, [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for the Capitol Update.

## **Mentors needed**

The NSEA is working to help passionate young educators stay in the profession and be successful through its Mentoring and Instructional Coaching initiative. If you are willing to be a mentor, [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

We are here for you, let us know if you need anything. Have a great week!

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