



Colleagues,

Happy Thursday! Here are a few things that we wanted to share with you.

2022 Nebraska Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Lee Perez on being selected as the 2022 Nebraska Teacher of the Year! I had the honor of representing OEA and NSEA at the presentation. He is a standout in educator Omaha Public Schools and in the NSEA. He is driven to make a difference in the lives of his students and is dedicated to the work of the OEA that inspires other members to get involved. Mr. Perez is a coach, a mentor, a leader, and an outstanding educator. He teaches English as a Second Language to students in grades 5-8 at Alice Buffett Magnet Middle School in Omaha. Looking forward to the work Lee will do as the NEBRASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR! [CLICK HERE](#) to view some photos of the event from yesterday. Congratulations Lee well deserved!

AR Meeting Update

Each month your building Association Rep (AR) attends the AR meeting to get updates on what is happening, share concerns and provides further information on issues that are impacting your building and classroom. There are two times a year that the entire membership is invited to attend the ALL-MEMBERSHIP meeting, the first was OCTOBER and the second one will be in APRIL. There have been some requests for the recording of the meeting, and I wanted to address that. The OEA has never shared the recordings as they are used to complete the minutes. The minutes are then approved at the next month's meeting to be the official minutes. [CLICK HERE](#) for to view a copy of the 'unofficial' minutes. Again, these will be official once they are approved in November.

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Get ready to challenge yourself and your fellow educators by finding items around your home as fast as possible. Plan to attend the VIRTUAL

Scavenger Hunt. It is Tuesday, October 26th from 7pm to 8pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer and to register. Prizes will be given away.

October 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 our 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.

School Board Contact Teams (SBCT)

OEA is seeking strong advocates for the School Board Contact Team. Teams are given OEA positions on selected topics to share with your assigned School Board Buddy. Two OEA members are assigned to each Board member, and you will meet with your Board buddy together. This is your chance to talk directly to a School Board and share concerns on behalf of the Association and your colleagues. The School Board Contact teams *make a difference*. Contact Robert at Robert.miller@nsea.org or Becca Dingwell at becca.dingwell@nsea.org if you are interested in participating.

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 HERE](#) for the link to sign up.

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.

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.

ESP Corner

Bilingual Liaisons should receive back pay in the October 15 paycheck. Be sure to check your rate of pay against the contract and the documents sent to you during ratification. If you find an error, or have questions, please email elizabeth.figueroa@nsea.org.

Open enrollment for health insurance changes will be in November. Watch your school email for more information. If you are interested in changing to an alternate network plan, be sure to view the informational video [CLICK](#)

[HERE.](#)

Early Childhood

We have a dedication page just for you on the updated OEA Website. [CLICK HERE](#) to view it and let us know what other information would be helpful. We will update any information that ALL Early Childhood teachers could utilize.

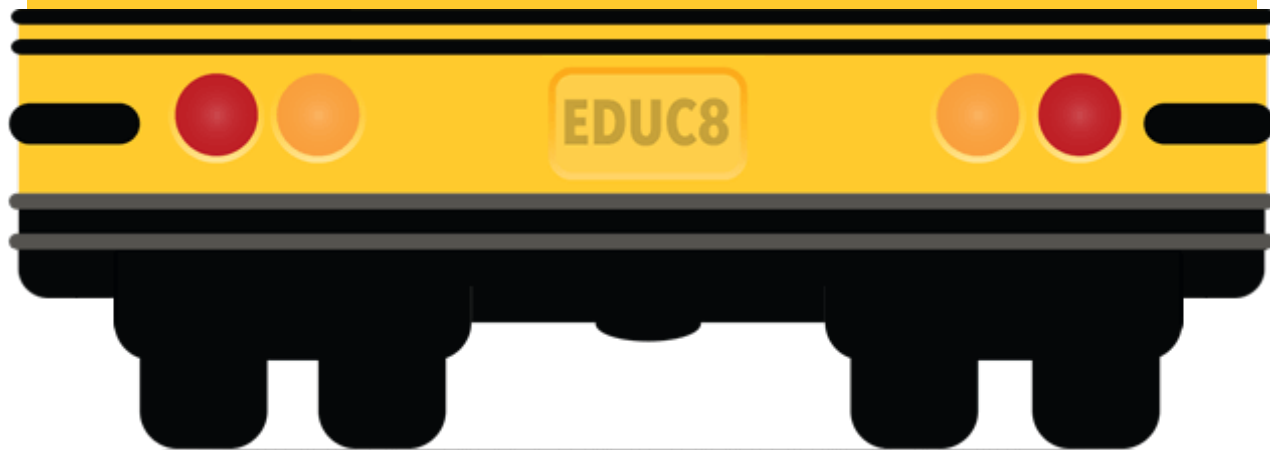
Your membership is about more than just pay and benefits. If you haven't already visited <https://www.neamb.com/>, be sure to visit and check out all the benefits of membership.

I hope those who have completed their conferences had a great turn out and to those who have yet to complete them, best of luck! Reach out if you have questions.

Be well,

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