SCHOOL BUS



Colleagues,

We are in the season of FALL, which is my favorite. It brings many changes in the weather, colors of foliage and some great wins for various sporting events.

Some information to share...

COVID Booster

Members has asked if the district is planning to hold clinics to provide boosters for those interested. There is no plan to hold clinics to provide this opportunity. There are various locations that you can get the booster if you desire (at your cost). <u>CLICK HERE</u> for additional resources. For information from the Douglas County Health Department <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

<u>October 8th</u>

This only applies to elementary teachers. There should be no district PD offered on 10/8. We have asked multiple times and the answers remains there should be NO PD offered and if there is it is to be voluntary. It is to be a Teacher TEAM PLANNING Day.

Grading Window

A reminder on meetings during the grading window. This is the exact language taken from the Master Agreement Section VI. Other Provisions, Letter C number 8:

 "No staff, team or other before/after school meetings at the building level shall take place during the three days prior to progress reports or report cards being due to the building administrator. The three days shall include the day they are requested by the building administrator. Exceptions shall be made for special education related meeting (IEPs, MDTs, SATs, etc.) or at the request of a parent/guardian." Have a conversation with your administrator so they are aware of the language. We added the bolded language during the last round of negotiations.

ALL Membership Meeting

October is the month that all members can attend the AR meeting. It is set for Tuesday, October 12^{th} @ 4:30. It will be held via ZOOM, so you need to **CLICK HERE** if you are interested in attending. The link will be sent out the day before.

Updated Website

The OEA website has been updated! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to check it out! You can also, sign up to join a committee! Look under the membership tab and click committees.

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

The Membership Committee is hosting a VIRTUAL SCAVENGER HUNT on Tuesday October 26th, 7-8 pm. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the flyer and the opportunity to register!

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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> 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, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to sign up for the Capitol Update.

Right Placement

Just a reminder to look at your paycheck on 10/15 to make sure you are placed correctly on the salary schedule. If you find an error, reach out to the Comp and Benefits department in OPS. Your Organizational Specialists are here to help you navigate but are unable to go and gather the information on your behalf from the district.

OPS Assistance

OEA has heard that OPS is offering assistance through the OPS' Employee Navigator Program. We have limited information on what type of assistance is being offered. We are seeking input from our members on their experience with the program. Email <u>Becca.dingwell@nsea.org</u> to share your experience.

Be well,



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