



OEA UPDATE, January 18, 2022

Colleagues,

Sharing information that we are aware of at this point.

Staffing Crisis Update:

OEA is in discussion with the district on finding solutions to the staffing crisis. We are aware of what other districts are implementing. Any information learned will be shared with membership.

Transfer Process REMINDER:

The transfer process will close at 11:59 pm **TODAY**, January 18, 2022.

COVID Testing:

We have received calls on where to get tested. Walgreens, CVS, and Nomi appointments are full and are a few days out to get an appointment. The best thing you can do is contact your primary care physician or visit the Douglas County Health Website, [**CLICK HERE**](#) for further information.

The two testing sites that OPS is offering was intended for *ONLY* OPS students. OEA has asked that staff be able to get tested as there is a wait to get a test. It is my understanding that OPS staff will now have the opportunity to get tested at those sites. Pay attention to emails that may come out with further explanation on

the testing process. Once I receive information to share, I will send it out to membership.

EHA Update:

The Secretary of Health and Human Services has extended the public health emergency another 90 days or until 4/16/2022. Thus, EHA will be covering COVID testing at 100%. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information on the EHA coverage.

2022 General Election:

The annual 2022 OEA General Election and NSEA Delegate Election will be held February 22-March 1, 2022. Elected positions in the elections include, OEA President, OEA Board of Director members, NEA Representative Assembly delegates, and NSEA Delegate Assembly delegates.

The following positions are open for election in 2022:

- OEA President (3-year term 2022-2025). *The entire membership votes for this position.*
- (Two) Elementary members (3-year term 2022-2025). *Only Elementary members vote for these positions.*
- (One) Middle Level member (3-year term 2022-2025). *Only Middle School members vote for this position.*
- (Eighteen) Delegates to the NEA Convention (1-year term 2022). The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office; therefore, 15 classroom educator delegates can be elected this year. *The entire membership votes for this position.*
- (Fifty-Five) Delegates to the NSEA Delegate Assembly (1-year term 2022). The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office; therefore, 52 delegates can be elected. *The entire membership votes for this position.*

Candidates may be secured in any one of the following ways...

- By personal filing of candidate for office. Due to the OEA President by 5:00 on Monday, February 7, 2022.
- By Nomination from the floor of the February 8th Representative Assembly. (Consent of Candidate form MUST be received by Wednesday, February 9th).
- By Filing of the Nominating Committee.

[CLICK HERE](#) for all the needed documents on the 2022 General Election. Each building AR received two packets to post on the OEA Board.

Membership Event:

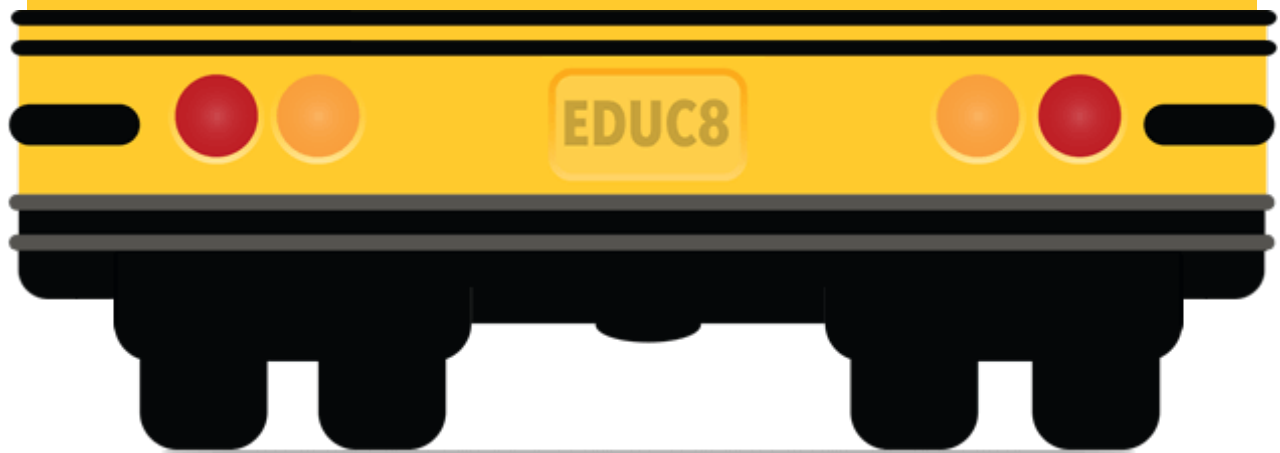
The membership Committee is holding a Virtual Trivia Night on January 25th at 7:00pm. It is set to be a GREAT night of fun and laughter. This is open to members and NON-MEMBERS. Gather your colleagues and register as a team! [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer and share with your colleagues. You can also [CLICK HERE](#) to register!

2022 Bylaw Amendment Voting:

An email was sent out on Monday, January 17th at 8:00am to vote on the proposed 2022 Bylaw Amendments. It is being sent out via Survey Monkey, check your spam, junk, primary, social and promotion folders to see if it is there. If you did not receive a link to vote, please contact the OEA office. If you have opted out of survey monkey in the past, there are steps you need to take to begin receiving future surveys. The window will close at 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, January 21st.

Be well,

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