



Update January 24, 2022

Colleagues,

Sharing some information that has been received...

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Parents have the option of either doing a virtual or in person parent teacher conference. The district will not mandate one or the other. Parents should work with their school to schedule in the appropriate manner. Work with you building administrator on what the plan looks like for your school community.

Last Call for Virtual Trivia Night

- Tomorrow, the membership Committee is holding a Virtual Trivia Mafia 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](#) to register.

Just ONE Campaign

- The campaign is taking place from January to February 28th. If you have a new teacher that was hired at semester or a fellow colleague that has been hesitant to join OEA, now is the time to make that ask. Joining your professional association gives you a voice in decisions that affect our classroom and career. They can join the

OEA and pay the remaining portion of the association year's dues. Remind them that no dues will be taken for August and September. They will begin to have dues deducted again in October for the 2022/2023 membership year. [CLICK HERE](#) for the link to have them join their professional association!

Incentives to recruit:

- For every recruiter that gets one individual to join, each will get a \$30.00 Amazon Gift Card (Recruiter and NEW Member)
- For every recruiter that gets two or more individuals to join, Recruiter will get \$75 and NEW Member will get \$30.
- The names of the recruiters will get placed in a drawing for the opportunity to have PAID local DUES (\$208) or a MASSAGE giver certificate for the price of \$208.
- Two drawings will be held, one for the month of January and one for the month of February.

NSEA PD

NSEA is offering PD for our members. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for any or all that are being offered. Below is a snapshot of what is being offered.

- March 22nd 6:30 pm CST Member Benefits Overview **All educators**
- March 29th, 2022, 7 pm CST Student Debt Management (including SAVI navigator) **Members only**
- April 26th, 2022 6:30 pm CST Student Debt Management (including SAVI navigator) **Members only**

Legislative Updates

- The legislature is in its 12th day of a 60-day session. Many bills were dropped within the first 10 days. If you are not signed up to get the NSEA Capitol Update that comes out weekly when the legislature is in session, [CLICK HERE](#). It gives you an update on what has taken place over the week, where the bills are out in the process and any call to action for educators to reach out to their representative. It is a very helpful resource.

Information from BCBS

You are invited to attend a webinar that covers the benefits of both the EHA Direct Bill plan and the Educators' Medicare Supplement plan. All Nebraska public school employees are welcome to participate. The sessions are hosted by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE) and will include important information about:

- EHA Direct Bill plans (ages 50-64)
- Medicare
- Educators' Medicare Supplement plan (with optional dental coverage)
- Plus, a question-and-answer session. Questions may be submitted to EHASeminars@nebraskablue.com.

Monday February 28, 4:00 – 5:30 PM CST

Registration <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8399069689509796878>

Monday March 21, 4:00 – 5:30 PM CST

Registration <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8918759357936353293>

Information from NEA

- **2022 Read Across America Sweepstakes.** This year, for the very first time, participants have the chance to win a virtual visit with an author who wrote one of the books from our Read Across America's 2021-2022 calendar! Entries must be submitted between January 10, 2022, at 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time and January 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. NEA will draw the Sweepstakes winner on February 1, 2022. Share the 2022 Read Across America Sweepstakes page with friends, family, and colleagues to have them enter.
- **The NEA Foundation** has three grant opportunities open to NEA members. Applications to apply for Student Success, Learning & Leadership, and Envision Equity grants can all be found on the NEA Foundation's website. In this year of restart and recovery, we hope to provide as many educators as possible with what they need to support their students, grow professionally, and to promote equity and justice. The deadline to apply for the Spring 2022 round is **February 1, 2022**.

Webinars offered by NEA

- **ESP Learning Network – Resilient and Ready: Practicing Resiliency in the Education Community** February 17th, 2022, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. EST [Register](#)

NEA TQ Professional Learning Supports

- **NEA Social-Emotional Blended Learning Courses – Registration Closes Jan. 28.** NEA's Social-Emotional Learning Blended Learning courses offer participants an online classroom environment with peer-to-peer exchange and instructor feedback. In addition, all NEA

online blended learning courses run six-weeks and are facilitated by NEA trained blended learning course instructors—and provide a certificate for 15-hours of professional development upon completion.

- Courses run **February 7 to March 18**
- **Trauma Informed Remote Learning Independent Study Course.** This course will take participants through how to become a trauma-informed educator, with special application to the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Restorative Practices Micro-credential Stack.** Educators will learn how to use restorative practice strategies, such as restorative circles and conferencing, to build a loving and positive classroom and/or school community.
- **NEA-WETA Resources for Educators & Families**
 - **For Families:** How can families support their children’s social emotional health during these challenging times? Here are some ideas.
 - **For Educators:** Equity Through Language Access: Best Practices for Collaborating with Interpreters. Learn how teachers, administrators, bilingual staff, and families can collaborate with interpreters to ensure students have equitable access to their education.

Results of the 2022 Bylaw Vote

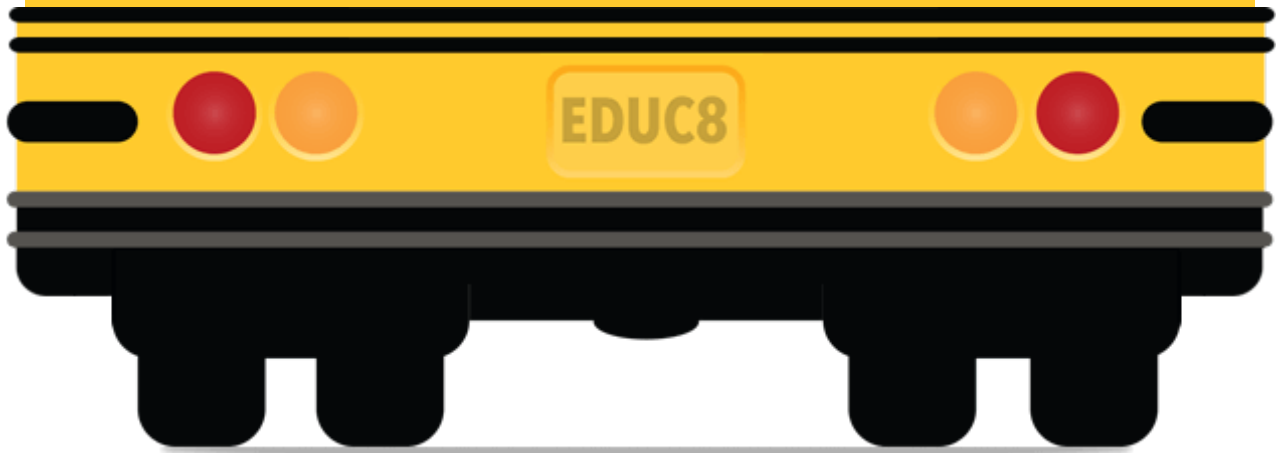
- All Bylaw amendments passed. **CLICK HERE** to view the language that was proposed.

2022 A- FOR 88.27% AGAINST 11.73%
2022 B - FOR 90.26% AGAINST 9.74%
2022 C- FOR 97.44% AGAINST 2.56%
2022 D- FOR 97.69% AGAINST 2.37%
2022 E- FOR 90.54% AGAINST 9.46%
2022 F- FOR 92.84% AGAINST 7.16%
2022 G- FOR 91.26% AGAINST 8.74%
2022 H- FOR 91.03% AGAINST 8.97%
2022 I- FOR 91.05% AGAINST 8.95%
2022 J- FOR 93.57% AGAINST 6.43%
2022 K- FOR 98.19% AGAINST 1.81%
2022 L- FOR 91.58% AGAINST 8.42%

We are still seeking information from the district on the questions that are being asked by our members. Once we receive a response, we will send it out.

Be well,

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