



Colleagues-

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the winter break filled with memories of family and friends. I wanted to share with you a few things that we have been addressing.

COVID Leave

We have once again asked the district to address the need for COVID Leave/Emergency Paid Sick Leave or something like that which was utilized last year. The data collected revealed that financial hardships will be felt by many should they need to take days second semester. The district has denied our request. We will continue to advocate for it. We have been asking since August to ease the burden that many are feeling. If you have not completed the COVID Leave form, [CLICK HERE](#) to add your data.

Testing Resources

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on testing and other resources.

EHA Clarification

Many of you have reached out to us saying that you heard Blue Cross/Blue Shield will not pay for COVID testing after January 15th. EHA is covering COVID testing at 100% as long as the Secretary of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency. Currently that is

through 1/15/2022. The last 90-day extension was declared on 10/15/2021 and extended to 1/16/2022. If it gets extended, I am certain EHA will cover the cost of COVID testing. We are monitoring this closely.

Letter of Intent

A letter of intent (and/or accompanying contract) signifies your plan to return to teaching in your district next year. State law allows school districts, on or after March 15 each year, to require certificated employees – teachers, counselors, speech pathologists, psychologists and others – to sign binding letters of intent and/or individual contracts. Check your January VOICE Magazine or **CLICK HERE** for further information on letter of intent.

Transfer Process

The transfer process opened on December 13, 2021, and will close on January 18, 2022. An email from the district was sent out to all staff. OEA encourages everyone to apply for a transfer even if you are unsure. The document had specific details on the timeline and steps to complete.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Be well,

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