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Colleagues,

A few updates...

### **February 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 your 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 February TipOff.

### **AR Follow-up**

We appreciate the questions that are shared at the AR meetings. OEA uses these questions in our discussion with the district. We meet weekly with district on COVID related concerns and monthly regarding a variety of topics that we hear about from you. Here are a few answers to some questions that we received.

- Staffing- This is an ongoing concern and addressed weekly. We are currently collecting data on the exact number of coverages that take place in the buildings. If you are an AR Captain, check your email. We sent out an email asking for you to provide data to us. If you have questions on that please reach out.
- Student Teacher Stipend- Student Teachers that are placed in OPS for their student teaching experiences, from January to May, are being given a stipend/scholarship. There are no strings attached or expectation, but a hope that they apply to work for the district. OEA did sign an MOU to allow the Cooperating Teachers additional compensation when a student teacher is placed with them. This is only intended for classroom teachers.

- Transfers- Interviews are beginning to take place. Remember only HR can officially extend an offer to you. You can always decline the offer.

We are working on getting answers to address the other concerns shared.

### **EMAC Community Project**

Together we can make a difference. EMAC will be assisting the Foodbank for the Heartland on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7pm distributing food to those who need it. They would appreciate anyone who is willing to assist. It is set to be a great evening giving back to the families of Omaha. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer and register for this event.

### **Reminder of the GENERAL Election**

The 2022 General Election will be taking place. We are finishing up on getting the candidate consent forms back from those who were nominated.

We will have an election for the following positions.

- OEA President

**All** members will vote for this position.

- (1) Middle Level Rep

**Only Middle Level** members will vote for this position.

- (2) Elementary Rep

**Only Elementary** members will vote for this position.

- (14) NEA RA Delegate

**All** members will vote for these delegates.

**The election window will be Tuesday, February 22 at 8:00 and close on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:00pm. Voting will take place ELECTRONICALLY.**

Your building AR should be checking with you on your correct HOME EMAIL address. If you have changed it, please let them know so you can vote in the election

### **OEA Sponsored Spring/Summer League**

The OEA is wanting to put together a team to participate in a volleyball league for the Spring season. Would you play on an OEA sponsored sand Volleyball team? We are thinking of entering one to two teams, depending upon interests, in a Wednesday night league at 7:00. [CLICK HERE](#) to let us know if you are interested.

Be well,

Robert  
OEA President

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