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Colleagues,

Sharing some information...

**Mask Mandate...Optional**

- The OPS BoE rescinded resolution 22-001 The Use of Face Coverings. Students, staff and community members have the option to wear masks in any OPS Building . Other safety measures are still being followed. If they are not reach out to your building administrator to get it addressed. The district stated that the number of cases has dropped significantly, and the city lifted the mask mandate. The resolution authorizes the Superintendent to require face coverings in individual classrooms or schools in the event the conditions in such classrooms or schools warrant it.
- OEA appreciates all those who responded to the constant contact to share your view, the membership was 52% in support of the resolution to allow masks to be optional while 48% were not in favor. OEA made a public comment at the BoE meeting and shared the concerns for each side. We asked that it go into effect after elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences or wait until after Spring Break, sadly there was no discussion from the BoE. Just a motion to approve and a vote.

## **OEA General Election**

- You all should have received your ballots on Tuesday, February 22 at 8:00am. The window will close on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:00pm. If you have not located your ballot, please look in your spam, junk, social or promotion folders. Many have been finding them in one of these folders. If you are still not able to locate it, please email Robert and he will address it with the company that is running the election and get back to you with the solution.

## **All Membership Meeting**

- Once a month building AR's attend a meeting getting information on what the OEA has been doing to address the wide concerns or issues being faced by members. There are two months in the academic calendar where all members are welcome to attend. Once in the fall and once in the Spring. March is the month where ALL members are invited to attend our meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday, March 8 at 4:45 [CLICK HERE](#) to ask to receive the link to the meeting and agenda. IF YOU ARE AN AR, CAPTAIN or ALTERNATE you DO NOT need to register. We will send you the link the day before the meeting.

## **Laurels Night Award Nominations**

- OEA believes in the promotion of school-community partnerships where educators and citizens share in the responsibility to create quality teaching and learning for all students. To recognize contributions made to that end, the following awards are also presented at Laurels Night: • Spirit of Collaboration Award • Human Relations Award • Media Award • John E. Jensen Award • Rookie of the Year Award • Distinguished Educator Award

[CLICK HERE](#) to Nominate. The deadline is the Second Friday of March.

## **First Nebraska Credit Union**

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First Nebraska Credit Union is pleased to offer financial wellness webinars that answer some of life's most asked financial questions. [Click HERE and register today!](#)

**Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm-2:00pm.**

### **Retirement Seminar**

- If you are one of the lucky ones who are on the verge of retiring, congrats! We have heard from our members asking for information on retirement. The Retirement Committee will be hosting a RETIREMENT SEMINAR on the following days:
  - THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd at 4:30 pm
  - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9th at 6:00 pm
  - THURSDAY, MARCH 34th at 6:00 pm

**\*\*All SEMINARS will be virtual via ZOOM. A link will be sent out the day before with the documents provided.\*\***

**[CLICK HERE](#) to view the FLYER and [CLICK HERE](#) to register.**

### **Legislative Updates**

- The legislature is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 tool.

Be well,

Robert  
OEA President

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