



Colleagues,

Hopefully, the PD on Friday was beneficial, and you had the opportunity to take advantage of it being virtual.

Sharing a few things...

### **OEA 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.

**\*\*NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF THE AR MEETING,  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022. \*\***

#### **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.
- (Seventeen) Delegates to the NEA Convention (1-year term 2022). The President and both Vice Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of their office; therefore, 14 classroom educator delegates can be elected this year.
- (Forty-nine) 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, 46 delegates can be elected.

## **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](#) if you are interested and we will start the planning.

## **Tax Information**

Changes to the federal tax have meant that educators will no longer be allowed to deduct dues to professional associations as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. The best advice we can give is that you contact your professional tax preparer. Your deduction can be found by reviewing your monthly bank statements, your cancelled checks, credit card statements or your OPS check stub. Teachers and education support professionals can claim an above-the-line federal tax deduction for the first \$250 of 'out-of-pocket' spending on student supplies. The above-the-line deductions is important because an eligible school employee does not have to itemize deductions to qualify.

## **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. Building Administrators were given the option to work with their school community to identify what works best for them.

## **EMAC Community Project**

EMAC is hosting a community project at the Foodbank of the Heartland on Tuesday, February 22 from 5 pm to 7 pm. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this event. It is set to be a great time!

## **Legislative Updates**

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.

## **NEA Webinar**

**It's time to feel more confident in your financial future.**  
**All Omaha Education Association members are invited to attend a no-cost Life Stages Investing Workshop on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CT.**

- **With so many unknowns these days, we want to help members, like you, plan a more secure financial future**

that supports your personal goals, regardless of your age or financial situation.

- Take advantage of this no-cost financial planning resource to see how the NEA Retirement Program can help you put your future first.

**Register Today:** <https://www.neamb.com/omaha-millard>

### **NSEA Mentee/Mentor Program**

Are you a veteran teacher willing to share your expertise and successes with a colleague? Please consider becoming an NSEA Mentor. You can sign up [here](#).

### **NSEA Mentee/Mentor Program**

Did you recently change positions or curriculum and need some advice or additional resources? Are you looking for a mentor to help grow in your teaching discipline? The NSEA can help place you with a mentor. Sign up [here](#).

Be well,

Robert  
OEA President

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