



New Regulations On Charters from Department of Education

- The Federal Charter School Program is the single largest funder of charter schools in the country
- The US Dept. of Education has just proposed new regulations that would severely limit for-profit charters and abuse in the system
- The pro-privatization movement is flooding the DoEd with thousands of comments opposing this commonsense regulation

We and our allies have until **Wednesday April 13th to submit comments supporting the proposals - and urging them to go further**

- **We need your help in generating comments. Ask each of your local presidents to submit. Ask your members, your friends and your community allies.**
- Comments can be submitted through an easy-to-use NEA portal at <https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/action-center/take-action/end-federal-funding-corporate-charter-schools>. Submitters are encouraged to customize their comments, especially with information about local charter schools and the impact on the community and our public schools.

DETAILS:

- Most importantly, **the proposed regulations would:**
- **Prohibit for-profit operators from**

getting federal grants to open charter schools

- **Require that all applicants submit a "Community Impact Analysis" on the impact of opening a new charter on existing public schools; including whether additional student seats are needed, or whether there is under-utilized capacity in existing public schools.**
- These two requirements would significantly restrict the abuse, waste, and profiteering that is rampant in the current Federal Charter School program.

Additionally, we are advocating that the proposals go further in order to

- Require that all federally funded charters comply with state Open Meeting and Freedom of Information laws
- Require that all federally funded charters employ only certificated educators



Conversation on Race and Belonging

If you are interested in being a part of the Conversations on Race and Belonging (CORB), see the flyer to the right, by **click the button "CORB."** The CORB sessions are designed to encourage participants to improve their personal racial understanding based on self-examination and awareness. The program builds a peer cohort and peer-to-peer relationships through conversation and storytelling. This is a 6-week session, the first session begins May 25th.



CORB



Resignation/Retirement Dates

April 15th is the statutory deadline to resign. OPS has extended that time to **April 29th at 5:00**, if you do not submit your resignation, you will be employed by OPS for the 2022-2023 academic year.

May 1st retirees must notify the district how they want their insurance paid out.



Laurel's Night RSVP's

A friendly reminder that all RSVP's are due to Gloria Bustillos by April 18th gloria.bustillos@nsea.org. This is the evening when we honor those who are retiring and 25-year honorees. We have already honored those the honorees for the 2020 and 2021 years.



Building AR Election

It is that time to elect your building reps for the 2022/2023 year. Your current AR's have information on how to run the election at the building level, this will be given during the AR meeting today. Each school is entitled one representative and one alternate. Schools having more than 15 OEA members are entitled to one representative and one alternate. Buildings can have one representative for every 15 or major fraction thereof. To identify who the building Captain shall be, an election must take place from those who have been elected as association reps. **Click the button** to the right to view the form and explanation on how to determine your reps. This is due to the OEA office by May 10, 2022.

**AR Election
Form**



Finders Keepers

OEA along with other locals in the Metro area will be hosting an event called 'Finders Keepers' for our new hires on June 15th. We would like to offer them the opportunity collect items to be used in their first classrooms. If you have classroom materials that are gently used, please consider donating them to the OEA. We will begin collecting them here at the OEA and organizing them for our event. We all know that at the end of the year a table appears in the staff lounge with unwanted items for the taking. Why not share those items with first year teachers? Gently loved materials are happily accepted. Help OEA share the LOVE to our new hires. More details to come. **Click the button** to the right to view the flyer.

**Finders
Keepers
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