



Pride Month

Our Response to the survey.

As the organizers of this year's OEA Pride Parade Participation, we feel we missed our goal of why we are participating... 'to show the community, our students and our fellow teachers that they are seen, we see you. That you can see yourselves in our classrooms and that you are not alone... Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Classrooms.'

We would like to express that the survey that was sent out may not have been fully prepared before it went out. It was our intention to just get an idea of the number of OEA members that represent / identify with the LGBTQ community in order to have that information to share whenever needed. Also to get an idea of how many members are already participating in the parade (perhaps with their faith organizations or another group, or may be interested in joining us, OEA, in the parade). In retrospect, perhaps we don't need this survey to get an idea of numbers, instead we could use national / community numbers when asked. Also, we don't feel this information is necessary in order to participate in the parade.

Please accept our apologies for the offense this survey caused and I hope you will be joining us on July 16th for Heartland Pride in whatever way you are comfortable (walking with OEA or another group, watching from the streets, continuing to support your students in your classrooms, etc.). It will be located in the Old Market. Parade starts at 10:00am, staging begins at 9:00am. Email Caitlin O'Connor at caitlin.oconnor@nsea.org, if you wish to walk in the parade.

The survey is no longer open to take responses.

Sincerely,

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