



Congratulations on a Successful Start to 2022-2023

Good day Fellow Educators,

Well, you all made it to the weekend. There may have been a few bumps along the way but you all finished the week strong and I am excited to see where the 2022-2023 school year may lead you. It has been a great privilege, honor and experience to get to see and visit eight schools this week, and speak with so many members and our students. I plan to visit all the schools, if you didn't see me this week, continue to watch for me. I will get there. I am truly humbled and grateful to be able to visit your buildings and participate in experiences with you and your students.

As educators, you have faced many struggles over the last few years. If these last few days are any indicator, I see and believe great things are on the horizon for our educators and students. You have taken it upon yourselves to problem solve, lead, create welcoming learning spaces for students, be sounding boards for your peers and leaders, and have maintained your professionalism through it all.

As the year progresses, please know that I am here, and your Organizational Specialists (Liz Figueroa & Kathie Garabrandt) are here, to help in any way possible. We have fielded a variety of concerns and questions over the last week and have found very reasonable and favorable solutions for some of our members. We know that there are still many serious issues to deal with and we are working with the district to find reasonable solutions to them. This will be constant and hard and take time, but we are prepared for that.

In the coming week, all educators (members and nonmembers) will be receiving a survey. The survey is designed to collect some very important data ranging from class sizes, overages, coverages, extra duty and other items. The purpose is to collect information to develop proposals and solutions for negotiations. Please encourage all

classroom educators to complete this survey.

For those educators that would like to participate in the Septemberfest Labor Day parade please reach out to Cathy Scurlock (cathy.scurlock@gmail.com). She will be able to provide all the information. This is a great opportunity to show the community of Omaha the power and value of a united collective voice of educators. It is my hope that you choose to join us.

Enjoy your weekend,
Michelle

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