



## What Is Going On?

Dear OEA Colleagues,

Good day, fellow educators. I hope you have had time to read and process the information from school district officials regarding the federally-funded stipend. While the information provided was accurate, there have been questions about the withholding rate.

The district informed educators that taxes and OSERS retirement contributions would be deducted from each \$1,500 installment. What was not made clear was the tax rate. The IRS considers the stipend “supplemental income” and, as such, it is taxed differently than your regular wages.

As always, please carefully review your pay stub. Should you have any questions, contact the OPS Payroll Department at 531-299-0224. If you have questions about withholding, your local tax professional may be able to offer assistance.

As always, Liz, Kathie, and I are here to answer any additional questions you may have.

In Solidarity,  
Michelle Settlemyer,  
OEA President

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