



**May 1, 2023**

### **Stipends**

You will receive your stipend as a separate check or deposit on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The stipend is considered additional income and therefore will be taxed at the appropriate rate (bonus rate) and have retirement withheld. Please consult with your tax or financial advisor if you have any questions regarding withholding on your stipend. The stipends for the 2023-2024 school year will be dispersed on the same dates as this past year: September 1, 2023, December 1, 2023, and May 15, 2024.

### **Available Year Long Opportunity – Member Organizing**

Are you a go getter? Like to meet and visit new people? Enjoy conversation over coffee? Want to become more involved with the Omaha Education Association (OEA)? Want to earn some extra income?

If you answered “yes” to any of those questions, then consider becoming a member organizer for the OEA. We are looking for members like you to recruit new individuals into the organization. The OEA is looking for those people that believe in the mission of the OEA, want to encourage others to become involved and belong to an organization that supports its members through a variety of activities and advocacy efforts.

If interested apply using the provided link:

## **NSEA Member Organizer Application 2023-2024**

The application deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup> with interviews following the next week. Any questions, please reach out to either Kathie Garabrandt ([kathie.garabrandt@nsea.org](mailto:kathie.garabrandt@nsea.org)) or Michelle Settlemyer ([michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org](mailto:michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org))

### **Personal Days**

You MAY NOT use personal days during the first 5 student contact days or the last 10 contract days. For those individuals who do not use their personal days, unused days will be paid out at a rate of \$185/unused day. That payment will occur on the June 15<sup>th</sup> check.

### **Finders Keepers - Wednesday, JUNE 14, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

If you have classroom materials that are gently used and feel a new teacher to the district would benefit from them, please bring items to the OEA offices. You may drop them off on May 20 (9:00a-12:00p), May 22 (4:00p-7:00p) and May 30 (anytime until 6:00pm).

Items that **will be** accepted include school supplies (colors, makers, glue sticks, pens, pencils, notebooks, filler paper) bulletin board materials, leveled and labeled student libraries, small furniture items, fun reference materials, fidget toys, complete game sets and puzzles.

Items that **will not be** accepted are textbooks, any type of district purchased materials, and professional books.

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**Upcoming Committee Meetings** (all held at OEA office and start at 4:45pm):

5/2 Instructional Advocacy

5/4 PCR

5/9 Governance

5/10 NewGen

5/16 Comps & Benefits

5/17 Membership

5/18 PACE

**Upcoming Events**

5/9 Association Representative Assembly (4:30 secondary concerns / 4:45 start time / 5:45 elementary concerns) – Hybrid model (link will be sent at end of the week)

There are only a few more weeks remaining in this current school year. Please take a moment each day to reflect on the growth that you and your students have shared. Some will be moving to the next grade level while others will be moving beyond the walls of school to use the knowledge and wisdom you have imparted on them to become contributing members to their communities.

Continue to bring the fun, the structure and care to your classroom over these last few weeks. I know there will be some long days ahead. When you experience those, make the most of it with your students. Make it a day to remember, have class outside, play to learn, take moments to color, make music and laugh.

I am here for you. Please continue to reach out with any questions or concerns that you may have.

In solidarity,  
Michelle

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