



**May 19, 2023**



### **Into the Final Stretch**

It is the end of the year. Each of you have made tremendous strides with your students. Take time in the coming week to really enjoy the time you have remaining with them. There are a few things that I would like to keep you informed of.

#### **PACE:**

What a legislative session this has been! The LB753 voucher tax scheme that will benefit private schools and hurt public education still waits for a floor vote on final reading. That vote could come at any time in the final 9 days.

Check out how **YOU** can do **YOUR** part in defeating **LB574**, either in the Unicameral or via a petition drive. Click here [PACE - May 18, 2023 Handout](#) to learn more.

#### **Finders Keepers:**

If you are retiring or leaving the classroom, please consider donating your gently used classroom materials to help those new teachers that will be entering the district as new hires. You may drop your materials off at the Omaha Education Office tomorrow May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm and Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

#### **NSEA-U**

Looking to do some professional development on your terms and that fits

your needs? Consider attending NSEA-U hosted by the NSEA in Kearney, NE. The event will be held at the Younes Center. The NSEA will pay for mileage and hotel costs (based on double occupancy). NSEA-U is scheduled from July 17<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>. There are a wide variety of topics that will be covered ranging from personal growth, union involvement, impacts to public education and many other topics.

As we close the year, please use the upcoming summer days to do the things you enjoy. I know that many of you may be working summer school and taking graduate courses or both. Some members may be taking the summer “off”. No matter what you are doing, take time for yourself and do what is necessary to be prepared for the upcoming 2023 –2024 school year. There will be messages sent throughout the summer to keep you updated as to what is happening in the OEA.

As always, you may reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

In solidarity,  
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