



## Updates from the President's Desk

I have really enjoyed coming out to buildings and bringing donuts and snacks to everyone. I have already made it to 13 schools. I am now scheduling times to go to buildings during staff meetings, 10-minute meetings and over lunch breaks. If I have not visited your school, please reach out to me to get a time set up. My email is [Kathy.poehling@nsea.org](mailto:Kathy.poehling@nsea.org).

**ARs:** If you have not already done so, please let OEA know who the ARs are at each building. Our first meeting is September 12th. Scheduled AR training: August 24th from 5-7pm at OEA; August 26th from 9-11am at OEA.

**Lesson plans:** We now have an undated copy of Lesson Plan Expectations from the district that include using bullet points and page numbers in your lesson plans. This was sent out to everyone and can be found in the District Communication that was sent on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you are scrolling down the email to check all updates.

**Progress Reports:** OEA's ProCom Committee and OPS staff were able to work on decreasing the workload for elementary teachers by removing progress reports for elementary teachers. You will be required to contact parents/guardians if a student is struggling with academics or behavior. ProCom meets with the district 4 times a year to work on common goals and solutions.

### Save the Date:

September 15<sup>th</sup> Bingo Night at OEA

October 21<sup>st</sup> Falling for OEA event

**Cooling:** We have heard from several members that they do not have adequate cooling in their classrooms. We have spoken to the district and their advice is as follows:

1. Talk to your building administrator.
2. Ask if a work order was submitted.
3. Close all blinds or curtains.

4. Cover the windows if possible.
5. Turn off lights if possible.
6. Keep classroom doors closed.
7. Utilize fans.

In addition to these recommendations, OEA advises to have students bring water bottles from home, take breaks when needed, and use spaces that are cooler. If the problem continues or there is no relief, please reach out to your OS. The OS for secondary is Kathie Garabrandt at [Kathie.garabrandt@nsea.org](mailto:Kathie.garabrandt@nsea.org) and the OS for elementary is Heather Fritz at [heather.fritz@nsea.org](mailto:heather.fritz@nsea.org).

We are facing many challenges this year, but OEA continues to work with the district on solutions. However, we need to hear from you!!! Please reach out to Heather, Kathie or me with concerns.

Remember to take care of yourself or do something special for yourself. The beginning of the year is hectic so stop and take a breath.

Life is very interesting. In the end, some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths. —Drew Barrymore

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