

OEA Tip Off

Omaha Education Association

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VOTE FOR OEA LEADERSHIP

Watch your email to vote in the OEA 2024 General Election. Members will elect leaders for the following positions:

- OEA Vice President of Member Benefits *The entire membership vote on this position.*
- Three (3) Elementary members *Only elementary members vote on these positions.*
- One (1) Middle Level member *Only Middle School members vote on this position.*
- One (1) Senior High member *Only Senior High members vote on this position.*
- Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly (July 3-7, 2024 in Philadelphia) *The entire membership votes on this position.*
- Delegates to the NSEA Delegate Assembly (April 19/20, 2024 in Lincoln) *The entire membership votes on this position.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Music Bingo

Friday, Feb. 23 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at OEA

For more information contact OEA.

MULTIGRADE TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

INPUT LISTENING SESSION

FEB 29, 2024 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

USE THIS QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL MEETING

Are you thinking about...

...leaving the profession? ... switching districts?

...transferring within OPS? ...retiring early?

OEA wants to hear from you!!!

OEA has created an advisory committee to share with the district the reasons educators are transferring within OPS, retiring early, switching districts, or leaving the profession. In collaboration with the new superintendent Matt Ray, the district wants to meet with educators to share their concerns. OEA will facilitate the meeting. Our first meeting will be at 4:45 p.m. on March 27 at the OEA office. We will be sharing our stories and putting together a team to present the information to the district. If you have any questions, contact the OEA President at kathy.poehling@nea.org.

Webinar Trainings available by NSEA



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It is a busy time of year at OEA with elections and upcoming conferences. I did find some time this weekend to explore some of the benefits of being a member of our union. I decided to go on the NSEA website and check out some of the webinar trainings they offer. I went to one titled Classroom Management. It was amazing and I would recommend it to everyone. There are four modules that give an abundance of information about behaviors, IEP goals, and functions of behavior.

I thought that I was an expert on student behavior and have done several presentations to teachers about working with traumatized students. However, the expert that did this presentation went into so much more.

There were several resources that were also available to print out and use. These resources were vast and covered everything from talking to parents to writing an IEP for behavior. NSEA also offers sessions on Collaborating for Student Success, Poverty Immersion and Supporting our ESPs. The website is www.nsea.org/NSEAOnline. I plan on working on the Poverty Immersion modules next.

I am always surprised by all the vast resources available through NSEA and NEA that we have access to because we are a member. If you are looking for more opportunities to learn, you can also access NEA. They also have webinars and modules you can work through online and now offer micro credentials. Let me know if you find one that is especially helpful for you and we can spotlight it in an upcoming issue of the Tip-Off.



NSEA is thrilled to offer members an invitation for our upcoming series of conferences, each designed to enrich and empower educators in their professional journey. These conferences promise to be enlightening, providing valuable insights and strategies to enhance your teaching practices. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with fellow educators, share experiences, and gain a fresh perspective on the challenges and opportunities in education. Join us for a unique opportunity to connect, learn, and thrive together.

Lodging for registered NSEA member participants who live more than 60 miles from the official conference host site will be reimbursed 50% of the room price at the official conference hotel. Members are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

Ride the bus with OEA to Kearney – we leave at 6 am.

Link to register

<https://www.nsea.org/nsea-spring-conferences-registration>

March 9: Thriving Together

Theme: Teaching Character Strengths & Life Skills

Keynote Speaker: Paul Reynolds of FableVision Learning

Time: 9 AM - 3 PM **Location:** Gretna East High School

March 23: Uniting Generations

Theme: NSEA Educator Development Conference

Keynote Speaker: Gerry Brooks

Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM **Location:** Crowne Plaza Kearney

We look forward to your participation in these enriching events. Together, let's foster a community of learning, growth, and collaboration.

OEA is a local affiliate of the Nebraska State Education Association and the National Education Association, America's oldest and largest organization dedicated to advancing the cause of public education.

Scan QR Code register



OEA Committees

all meetings are at the OEA from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

- EMAC
- Instructional Advocacy

Wednesday, February 28

- Comps. & Benefits

Tuesday, March 5

- Instructional Advocacy

Thursday, March 7

- Ad Hoc Special Education
- PCR

Tuesday, March 12

- Governance

Tuesday, March 19

- AR meeting

Wednesday, March 20

- Membership
- NewGen



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Having issues or concerns in your building, please email or call:

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402-676-3245

In addition, you can call 402/346-0400 or 800/742-0047



Nominations Open to Individuals, Groups who have made Special Contributions to Public Education

At the annual Laurels Night Banquet, OEA honors OEA members who are retiring from their career as public educators or who have served public education for 25 years. This is our opportunity to honor those individuals for their selfless contributions to the students of the Omaha Public Schools.

In addition to honoring retirees and 25-year educators, other individuals and groups making special contributions to public education are eligible to receive recognition awards. OEA believes in the promotion of school-community partnerships where educators and citizens share in the responsibility to create quality teaching and learning for all students. To recognize contributions made to that end, the following awards are also presented at Laurels Night: Distinguished Educator Award, John E. Jensen Memorial Award, Human Relations Award, Media Award, and Rookie of the Year Award.

Address your nomination to: Omaha Education Association President • c/o "Name of Award" • 4202 South 57th Street • Omaha, Nebraska 68117. All nominations must be submitted by the second Friday in March. <https://omahaoea.org/who-we-are/award-nomination-forms/>



Scan the QR Code to access the nomination forms→



Building principals or district administrators/supervisors who have embodied the spirit of collaboration as detailed within our Master Agreement.



Individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to education, with the exception of active staff members of the OPS, may be eligible to receive the award.



Any Omaha area individual, group, or organization which has made a significant contribution to human relations may be nominated.



Any organization or individual involved in the print or electronic media, public relations and/or advertising is eligible to be nominated for this award.



Any association member who has completed at least 3 years of service.

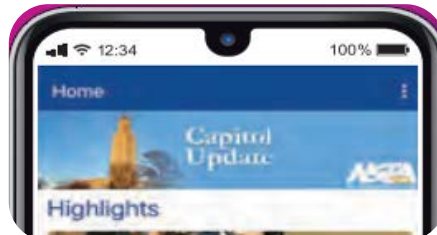


Any teacher in the first 5 years of teaching who is an Association member.

Download the NSEA Capitol Update App!

- Receive alerts and calls-to-action during the legislative session.
- Stay up-to-date on events and education news from the Nebraska Legislature.

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Nebraska Election Information

OPS School Board, US Presidential, and State Primary Registration Deadlines:

By Mail:
Monday, April 29, 2024 (postmarked)

Online:
Monday, April 29, 2024

In Person:
Friday, May 3, 2024

Nebraska Online Voter Registration Portal Link

https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/?ref=voteusa_en



Beginning with the May primary, voters in Nebraska must have a photo ID to cast their ballots. Please make sure your friends and family know about the new voter ID requirement.

2024 OEA Candidates

Omaha Education Association

OEA Vice President of Member Benefits

The entire membership vote on this position.

Faith Johnson

Craig Wiles

Three (3) Elementary members

Only elementary members vote on these positions.

(elected by acclamation)

Dawn Crump

Josh McDougall

Michelle Richards

One (1) Middle Level member

Only Middle Level members vote on this position.

Andrew Hillmer

Stacie Stevens

One (1) Senior High member

Only Senior High members vote on this position.

Cathie Armbeck-Hughes

Michelle Settlemyer

Eleven (11) Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly

July 3-7, 2024 in Philadelphia • The President and both Vice-Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of office

The entire membership votes on this position.

Paula Aguirre
Jacob Borchardt
Rae Carlson
Pam Davis
Jana Deaver
Kim Gardiner
Katie Gee
Jim Goetz

Jacob Goetz
Meeghan Hartfield
Shannon Heng
Andrew Hillmer
Rachel Houghton
Wes Jensen
Anne King
Amanda Kloke

Kristy Lee
Josh McDougall
Michelle Richards
Michelle Settlemyer
Amy Smith
Stacie Stevens
Edward Ventura

Delegates to the NSEA Delegate Assembly

April 19/20, 2024 in Lincoln • The President and both Vice-Presidents serve as delegates by virtue of office

The entire membership votes on this position. .

(elected by acclamation)

Paula Aguirre
Cathie Armbeck-Hughes
Jacob Borchardt
Katie Cameron
Rae Carlson
Diana Casey
Dawn Crump
Pam Davis
Jana Deaver
Kim Gardiner

Katie Gee
Jim Goetz
Jacob Goetz
Meeghan Hartfield
Shannon Heng
Andrew Hillmer
Rachel Houghton
Wes Jensen
Amanda Kloke
Lori Krebs

Kristy Lee
Josh McDougall
Kimberly Mefford
Carrie Pratt
Michelle Richards
Michelle Settlemyer
Amy Smith
Stacie Stevens
Edward Ventura