



## News and Updates

Members,

Today, this is the information regarding negotiations that I can share with you at this time:

1. We submitted language to the district.
2. The school board will not be voting on anything related to the contract during the Thursday, January 22 school board meeting.
3. We are waiting to hear back from the district before we will have more information to share.

Please know, your team has worked diligently to find solutions and terms that benefit all members.

When more information becomes available, we will update you all immediately.

Sincerely,  
Rae Carlson

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**Early Childhood Teachers!** We are having a house meeting on Wednesday, January 21st to discuss your concerns. We will be meeting at 4:45 pm at the OEA building.

**EMAC-Ethnic Minority Advisory Council**

We will be having a bagel and coffee bar to network and get to know each other. Everyone is welcome! January 31st from 9-11 am at the OEA building.

In addition:

Call for Member Advocates at the State Capitol. The Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) and the Omaha Education Association (OEA) are calling on OEA members to step forward and serve as proxy representatives for colleagues who are unable to attend legislative hearings at the State Capitol. Your voice can help ensure that the concerns and stories of all educators are heard by our state lawmakers.

During the upcoming Legislative Spring Session, members who volunteer will receive full briefing, training, and a meal before we walk together across the street to the Capitol. Just a couple of hours of your time can make a meaningful difference in shaping the policies that affect our classrooms, our students, and our profession. If you are willing to lend your voice and your presence, please reach out to the LEA office or contact Sidd Thomas at [lhs.siddthomas@gmail.com](mailto:lhs.siddthomas@gmail.com).

**Legislation:**

There have been many different bills introduced this year in the state legislature for education and the students we teach. If you are interested in testifying on any of the proposed bills, please let me know. OEA will get a sub for you for the day, and you don't have to use your personal or sick time. We can also get mileage for you. NSEA will host lunch for you and edit your speech if needed.

Have a great week!

Kathy Poehling  
OEA President

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