



News and Updates

Dear Members,

Change is a constant—but in a strong union, change is also an opportunity to recognize the people who have helped build our strength and welcome those who will help carry that work forward.

*First, I want to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to **Mike Wiesen** as he retires. We are grateful for the time, commitment, relationships, and countless ways he has supported our members and our local. Please join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him all the best in this next chapter.*

*At the same time, I am excited to welcome **David Nielsen** and **Matt Pittman** to the OEA field team! They will be working alongside **Dave Herbener** to provide support, build relationships, and help strengthen our collective voice.*

To make it easy to know who your go-to Organizational Specialist is, please refer to NSEA's interactive map of our school district. Simply explore the map, find your school or worksite, and see which OS is assigned to support you.

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Our Organizational Specialists are here to help us solve problems, build power, and ensure that every member has the support they need. I encourage you to take a moment to welcome our new team members—and don't hesitate to reach out when you need support.

Thank you to Mike for everything you have given to our members and our union. I look forward to a strong association year building power and collective voice with Dave, David, and Matt.

Comp and Benefits will be meeting September 3rd from 5-6 pm. Since we have updates being done in our office, we will meet at the Omaha Public Library on 72nd and Dodge.

Lesson Plans: I have had many calls about lesson plan expectations in elementary schools. I am meeting with the principal supervisors on Wednesday next week to get some clarification and come to an agreement.

First Fridays: We will be meeting on the first Friday of each month to collaborate, network, hangout, and have fun. Need some advice from a veteran teacher, feel free to stop by. Invite potential members or new members in your building. This month we will be meeting at The Mill on Leavenworth September 4th from 5-7:30 pm.

Bilingual Liaisons: We will be meeting at OEA September 10th at 5 pm. We will be discussing the new contract, questions you have, and concerns. Members and non-members are welcome. We will be meeting at OEA, 4202 South 57th St.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

*In solidarity,
Kathy Poehling
President, OEA*

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