

# **OCEA NEWS**

## Message from the President

Welcome back! I hope all of you found some time to relax and have fun this summer. I also hope that like me, each of you finds that each new school year brings excitement and hope as we ready our classrooms and prepare our lessons. There are several important events happening at the beginning of the year, so please check your emails and attend the all district Welcome Back Assembly on Wednesday, August 31st.

While you prepare for this year remember OCEA is here for you. Our OCEA motto is, "Here to Serve You!" Please hold us to our motto! If there is ever anything you need from your OCEA leadership, please let us know.

We can't help if we don't know what you need.

Your Building Representatives are always available, as well as Contract Maintenance Committee members, Committee Chairs, and Exec Board Members. For a full list of contacts, please check out our OCEA website, <a href="https://www.oreCityEA.org">www.oreCityEA.org</a>.

Best wishes from the OCEA as you chart your course for this next year.

-Cindy Williams

### **Insurance Open Enrollment is Now!**

OEBB mailed an informational packet to all members this summer. Information on plan updates is included along with district plan options for OCEA members. Enrollment is open from August 15th until September 9th. Visit the OEBB website for more information.

oregon.gov/OHA/OEBB

The District Office can help too! Mon. Aug 22nd from 9am to 5pm Wed. Sept 7th from 1pm to 5pm

#### **TA and Dues Increase**

OCEA members will be meeting on August 31st during the all district Welcome Back Assembly.

The OCEA Board will present and review the Tentative Agreement and Dues Increase with the OCEA members.

Join us and let your voice be heard!

Thank you for supporting OCEA!

The purpose of OCEA shall be to represent its members in collective bargaining, serve as the local voice for education, promote professional excellence among educators, gain recognition of the basic importance of the teacher in the learning process, protect the rights of the educators and advance their interests and welfare, secure professional autonomy, unite educators for effective citizenship, promote and protect human and civil rights, involve as many members as possible in the operation of the Association and to otherwise act for the common good of the members.

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## A Better Oregon = Measure 97

## Measure 97 Needs Your Help!

OCEA did a tremendous job collecting signatures and getting the word out about the Better Oregon campaign.

Now that Measure 97 has made it to the ballot, our next phase is to spread the word within and beyond our local community.

OCEA and OEA need your help to tell the residents of Oregon how important Measure 97 is to K-12 public education.

Join OEA and local districts for a night of supporting education and Oregon students!

Phone Bank and Canvasing Volunteers needed. See your Building Rep to sign up. Each event is asking for 2 hours of your time.

## **Many Hands Make Light Work!**

Phone Bank

Location: OEA Clackamas Office 8800 SE Sunnyside Rd, Ste 119-2

Dates: Oct. 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27, and Nov. 2

Time: 4:30 - 7:30pm

Canvasing

Location: Jackson Campus to Wild Hare Saloon

Date: Saturday, Nov. 5 Time: 10:00am - Noon

## **CONTRACT TRIVIA**

What are the different ways a teacher can be paid if contracted to perform an extra duty?

Be the first to email <u>Cindy Williams</u> with the correct answer and win a prize!

## **OCEA Officers**

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