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# In the Loop

Missouri NEA's electronic newsletter



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How do  
**TEACHERS  
MATTER**  
to you?



It's time to show your appreciation.  
Tell your story how a teacher or educational support person had a positive influence in your life.  
[www.mnea.org/teachersmatter](http://www.mnea.org/teachersmatter)



## Teachers Matter

Share your appreciation for an educator by telling your story.

Teachers and education support professionals are the heartbeat of public education. This year more than ever, parents, students, administrators and community members understand the enormous responsibility teachers and ESP have in educating and uplifting today's youth.

Tell us how a teacher, coach, school counselor, bus driver or other school employee had a positive effect on your life. Use the form to submit a video, written story, or picture showing your appreciation for a Missouri teacher, coach, bus driver, school secretary, counselor or other public-school employee who matters to you. KCTV5 and Missouri NEA will highlight stories throughout the year. You may be chosen to share your story on camera.

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## "I Can Do It" Beginning Teacher Assistance VIRTUAL

All teachers with a Missouri Initial Professional Certificate (IPC) must participate in a beginning teacher assistance program before upgrading their certificate. "I Can Do It" is designed for teachers in their first two years and any teacher who wants to improve their classroom management skills. Former Missouri Teacher of the Year, Linda Glasgow, will be presenting the virtual, interactive sessions during the 2020-2021 school year.

Participants will attend four 2-hour virtual sessions and complete four other tasks/recorded trainings



## Educators Rising Conference VIRTUAL

Do you have middle school or high school students who are interested in the education profession? Sign up your group by Oct. 12, for the virtual Educators Rising-Missouri Conference.

Wed., Oct. 14  
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 per participant

[Register Now >](#)

## NATIONAL BOARD for Professional Teaching Standards®

## National Board Candidate Boost Days VIRTUAL

Candidates who are submitting entries in 2020-2021 may attend these no-cost candidate-support events. Share your component work and questions for this work day. NBCTs and facilitators will be present to evaluate and give you feedback on your portfolios and videos before submission.

Sat., Nov. 14  
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Cost: Free

[Register Now >](#)

during the month they choose: Mondays in November, Tuesdays in February, Thursdays in March

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## Missouri NEA advocates for state database detailing COVID-19 exposures and school closures

The Missouri National Education Association (Missouri NEA) released its “[COVID -19 Exposures and Closures](#)” report detailing incidents of exposure to COVID-19 in local schools and school-related activities. The report, updated weekly, combines information from educators, parents, school districts, and local media.

“Missouri NEA began reporting incidents of COVID-19 exposure in our schools to inform parents and educators,” said Phil Murray, president of the Missouri National Education Association. “We have reported more than 130 incidents of exposure to COVID-19. It is extremely distressing because we know it doesn’t capture the true scope of school-related exposures, and signals the potential for increased risk as children return to school.”

As a new school year begins, many parents are deciding between in-person or virtual education for their children. Parents are weighing the potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 against the benefits of available educational options. Parents and educators do not have all the information necessary to make an informed decision. Missouri NEA is calling on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Governor Parson to require school districts to report COVID-19 incidents and create a public registry of school-related COVID-19 exposures.

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**Student loans?  
Attend a Degrees Not  
Debt workshop**



On average, participants find \$1,500 in savings per year.

Together with NEA Member Benefits, Missouri NEA offers free Degrees Not Debt workshops. These interactive workshops allow you to determine your eligibility for loan forgiveness programs and the steps to take to ensure you get the breaks you deserve.

VIRTUAL

Oct. 6, 13, 20 (7 p.m.)

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## Stay Safe: Prevent the Spread

Missouri NEA's highest priority is the health and safety of our members and staff. It is wise to stay informed about the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Stay informed to help keep schools and students safe.

MNEA posts trainings, information and news to the site often. Check [www.mnea.org/coronavirus](http://www.mnea.org/coronavirus) weekly for updated information. If you have specific questions, send them to [coronavirus@mnea.org](mailto:coronavirus@mnea.org).

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## State Board of Education Report

MNEA Vice President Rebeka McIntosh and MNEA Teaching & Learning Director Ann Jarrett attend the State Board of Education meetings. Read the August 18 meeting report detailing the lower standards for substitutes, task force learning acceleration recommendations, including MO LEAP, counselor certification, and DESE's response to COVID-19.

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## Winners

### \$500 Early Renewal Drawing

Two MNEA members win \$500 each in the MNEA Early Renewal Drawings. To qualify, members must renew membership with MNEA prior to Sept. 1 for one chance or July 1 for two chances to win.

Congratulations to April Brown, Springfield NEA (July 1) and Dedra Wright, North Kansas City NEA (Sept. 1).

Start using your MNEA membership to **SAVE** you **MONEY**

Register your membership at [www.mnea.org](http://www.mnea.org).

The graphic shows a Missouri NEA membership card on the left and the text "Start using your MNEA membership to SAVE you MONEY" on the right. Below the text is the instruction "Register your membership at www.mnea.org".



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Your Association

## **MNEA Representative Assembly goes VIRTUAL**

**Sat., Nov. 21, 2020**  
VIRTUAL

In consideration of the health and safety of our members, leaders, staff and students, MNEA will hold its fall MNEA Representative Assembly virtually this year. Local association delegates should plan to participate via Zoom Sat., Nov. 21, 2020.

Local associations must submit delegates and alternates by Oct. 15. The form to report delegates can be found in the Timeline for Action, or delegates can be submitted online by clicking [here](#). The delegate packet containing information about the fall R.A. will be available online by Oct. 21. For more information, contact Roxane Bly at [roxane.bly@mnea.org](mailto:roxane.bly@mnea.org) or (573) 644-9606.

Watch the website for more details at [www.mnea.org/fallra](http://www.mnea.org/fallra).

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# MissouriNEA Professional Development Series

Free for  
MNEA members



The Missouri NEA Professional Development Series' live online format allows you to ask questions and engage with others without spending money on travel and lodging. Presentations are ideal for individuals or groups.

All sessions are free to MNEA members, unless otherwise noted. The date listed is the day the training will be live. Many of the live trainings are recorded and can be watched anytime. The recorded trainings are listed as "Watch Now Recordings."

## LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS

Rights of Certificated Educators (Sept. 23, 7 p.m.)

Rights of Education Support Professionals (Sept. 24, 7 p.m.)

Screencasting: Loom, Screencastify, Google Meet (Sept. 28, 6 p.m.)

Leveling up Google Classroom for Distance Learning (Sept. 28, 6 p.m.)

Social Media, Free Speech, and Technology (Sept. 30, 7 p.m.)

Leveling Up Schoology for Distance Learning (Oct. 5, 6 p.m.)

Self-Care and Wellness (Oct. 8, 6 p.m.)

Social Emotional Learning in a Virtual Space (Nov. 2, 6 p.m.)

Assessments: Formative and Summative from a Distance (Dec. 7, 6 p.m.)

## WATCH NOW RECORDINGS

Using Videos in Your Lesson

Planning for a Week of Distance Learning

Facilitating Quality Practice  
SEL in a Virtual Space  
Touching all the Bases with Google Slides  
Providing Accommodations and Scaffolds  
Leveling up Google Slides for Seesaw and Google Classroom  
Building Routines for Student Success in Virtual Space  
Differentiation Domination with Google Forms  
Google Tools for student engagement  
Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction: Rights and Considerations for Educators

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### Follow [\\_missourinea\\_](#)

Missouri NEA's newest addition to the social media line-up is Instagram. Follow us at [instagram.com/ missourinea](https://www.instagram.com/missourinea) or search for [\\_missourinea\\_](#).

Help us build our following by liking and commenting on our posts. Tagging [\\_missourinea\\_](#) in your school related posts. Tell your co-workers about MNEA's new Insta.

#TeachersRock #ESPProud  
#MNEAunited #MOSchools

Insta Follow



### MNEA mobile app

Have you downloaded the Missouri NEA mobile app yet? The mobile app comes in handy when you need to:

- Set an appointment with your UniServ Director.
- Contact MNEA staff directly.
- Contact legislators and other elected officials, including city council, mayor, representatives, senators, and congress.
- Read the *Something Better* e-zine.
- Add calendar dates to your personal calendar.
- Sign up for training.



### My Deals

The My Deals mobile app allows you to access discounts easily on your smartphone. All you need to do is download, register and save. Search for "My Deals" in either the Android Google Play store or Apple iTunes store. To register, use mobile password 9461 followed by your NEA ID without the preceding zeroes.

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