

Membership Message

OEA Executive Board Membership Committee

We have had some people question why they should be members of O.E.A. The news last week that we would be returning to collective bargaining and recognized as the bargaining represents a huge win for O.E.A. members and an outstanding reason to be a member. Do you think we would even be back to the table without the support of our members? If we were less than 50% there would be no talks. Dropping your membership only gives solace and support to those who would like to see our union go away. Then who would speak for you and who would represent your voice? We need to build O.E.A. back to the 90% membership totals of 10 years ago. The adage "There is strength in numbers" has certainly been shown to work here. We need each one of you united in our efforts to bargain and communicate with the district. We have this opportunity and we ask each of you talk to your fellow team members and dept. members about joining with us. We have seen the strength of the NEA and the UEA in the fight for public education across the nation and especially here in Utah. Our O.E.A. leadership has worked hard this summer and this is a huge win for all of our members. Now, let us show how united we can be as we move into this new era of building relationships and communication.