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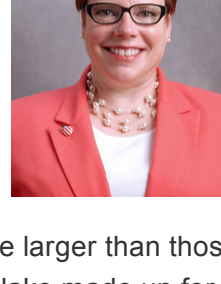
NAPSF News

July 2021

Summertime Reflection

Toba Cohen-Dunning, Omaha Public Schools Foundation

Dear NAPSF Colleagues: I hope you have taken some time this summer to regroup, spend time with family and friends, beloved pets, read some good books or taken some blissful walks. These last several months have proven to be challenging to the best of us. My husband and I took our two teens to the north shore of Minnesota for a week and we were without Wi-Fi most days.....yes, no Wi-Fi to me is like winning the lottery! While the mosquitos were larger than those found in Nebraska (or really anywhere) - the peacefulness of the waves in the lake made up for every bite.



For some of us, July is a good catch-up month and for others it's let's get ready for school to begin in August. Many are preparing for employee campaigns, teacher classroom grants and back to school assistance for students and others are gearing up to kick off scholarships in early fall. Our District is holding summer school in both June and July to help students catch up from a year of uncertainties in the classroom. And now, we are diligently working to ensure supplies are available for teacher classrooms (which is an exceptional undertaking in a District this size). We look forward to introducing the Foundation to the 500 new teachers who will soon be working for OPS and helping them understand how we can enhance their work.

I hope everyone will take some time this fall and join a discussion in the NAPSF regions around the state. Through our networking we can learn so much from each other. And, if you are ever coming through Omaha, please stop by and say hi at the OPS Foundation! I would love to meet you!

A sincere thank you to our leadership of the NAPSF Board who became involved in pieces of legislation that impacted our industry. A shout out to all that have gotten involved and will become involved in bills that are harmful to our work, as well as supporting those that make us better.



Photo Courtesy of Traci Skalberg

I always appreciate the opportunity to contribute to our newsletter and want to take a brief moment to honor an incredible Nebraska teacher who passed away this summer. This teacher dedicated 25 years of his life to his hundreds and hundreds of students in the classroom in the Grand Island Public Schools. He was also one of the best people I have ever known.....so smart, so funny, so kind and the best coach that the youth baseball teams could have had. Barry Skalberg, husband to our friend Traci Skalberg (E.D. of the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation), lost his battle to cancer at the end of June. Keep their wonderful family in your thoughts and prayers and every time you think of how important our teachers are to our students, remember our friend Barry. Take care, everyone.



NAPSF Coffee Talk - August 5th Cancelled

Due to everyone's busy schedule with the start of the school year, the August 5th Coffee Talk has been cancelled. We will pick back up on September 2nd. Have a great start to your school year!

[Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

Submit Theme Ideas for NAPSF 2021 Conference

We would love to hear your theme ideas for this year's conference. Click the button below to fill out the form with your theme ideas. Submit as many suggestions as you like.

[Submit Theme Ideas](#)

NAPSF 2021 Annual Conference
Monday, November 8, 2021
Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

Email info@napsf.org to be added to the Planning Committee. Volunteers are needed!

NAPSF Membership Benefits

NAPSF Website - We Want to Hear From You

Does your foundation have an inspiring success story? Has your foundation been in the news? Do you have information or insight your peers would benefit from?

Submit your foundation stories, news, or articles [here](#) to be featured in upcoming NAPSF newsletters.

NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



We are currently 32 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- Anselmo-Merna Public Schools Foundation
- Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Beatrice Educational Foundation
- Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
- Bennington Public Schools Foundation
- Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
- Central High School Foundation (Omaha)
- Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Inc.
- Cozad Public Schools Foundation
- Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
- DC West Schools Foundation
- Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Gering Public Schools Foundation
- Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
- Hastings Public Schools Foundation
- Kearney Public Schools Foundation
- Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- Minden Schools Foundation
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- North Platte Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Education Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Pioneer Fund Foundation
- Ralston Community Schools Foundation
- School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
- Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.

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The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

[Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)

NAPSF Event Calendar

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