

NEOEADAY 2024



Join us for
NEOEADay
on Friday,
October 11,
2024!



NEOEADay: PD for You!

By Sue Messinger, NEOEA President

Where to go for outstanding professional development? Look no further than the offerings to educators available through NEOEA Day, to be held this year on Friday, October 11. In-person workshops are scheduled at a variety of locations across northeast Ohio and there are online options available. Year after year, our NEOEA Day Committee does a fabulous job providing you with the most up-to-date opportunities for learning, whether your interest is in professional or personal development. NEOEA Day is a great chance to invest some time and care into yourself as another year of educating our students is underway.



Using This Catalog

NEOEA Day represents your dues dollars at work: those dollars pay for the preparation, production, and distribution of this catalog, and some programs receive grants paid from your dues dollars. Attending NEOEA Day programs, most of which provide growth opportunities at lower-than-usual prices, is an excellent way to get some of your NEOEA dues dollars back!

Organization. This catalog is divided into two main sections:

- professional development (pages 1-4);
- personal development (pages 5-6).

“Professional development” refers to things that make us more effective on the job. This was one of the original purposes of our organization when it was founded as NEOTA back in 1869, and it still comprises the largest portion of our NEOEA Day offerings. “Personal development” refers to items intended to enrich the lives of members both on and off the job.

Registration. Each program description identifies a chairperson, along with a phone number for contacting that chairperson and an address for sending in registration forms and payment. A few programs are independently funded so that they have no registration fee; however, **almost all programs require registration.** You register for NEOEA Day programs by using the registration form below. **Do not send registration forms or fees to NEOEA; send them to the address listed in the program description.**

Lunch. Please note luncheon arrangements which will be indicated in the program description. Some programs include lunch; some provide a lunch break during which you can eat a “bag lunch” or purchase lunch onsite; others provide a lunch period in which you eat offsite.

Children. We asked chairpersons to identify “family-friendly” programs that would be appropriate for children 12 and above accompanied by parents or guardians. Most programs are designed for an adult audience, but some programs are thoroughly appropriate for and enjoyable by children. By NEOEA policy, “the presence or absence of children at any NEOEA Day program will be at the discretion of the person or persons planning the program.” **Children are not permitted at NEOEA Day programs unless the program description uses the family-friendly logo or otherwise states that children are permitted to attend;** if you have any questions about bringing children to the program you plan to attend, please contact the chairperson.

Professional Development Credit. Since implementing local professional development committees (LPDCs), Ohio no longer certifies CEU (continuing education unit) providers. Your LPDC determines whether it will recognize a particular activity for professional development credit on your own individual professional development plan (IPDP). To facilitate that process, NEOEA provides presenters with certificates of participation. Presenters distribute those certificates at the end of the program; please don’t ask for them earlier. You will need to work with your own LPDC to determine whether a program is appropriate for your IPDP, and you will need to comply with any deadlines that your LPDC may require.

Virtual Sessions. Sessions marked with a “V” may/will be held virtually. Please contact the chairperson if you have any questions.

Graduate Credit. For NEOEA members who participate in any NEOEA Day workshop, two semester hours graduate credit (\$380) is available through Ashland College. Registration information and course assignment is available at neoea.org/files/GraduateCredit.pdf.

NEOEA Day Committee

NEOEA Day is a project of the Board of Directors’ NEOEA Day Subcommittee. Members in 2023-24 included Chairperson Barbara Martini, Champion EA; Crystal Boyd Funderburk, Hudson EA; Sharron Callahan, Cardinal EA; Karen Carney, Campbell EA; Carol Correthers, Lorain EA; Trish Duncan, Bedford EA; Julie Garcia, Lorain

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NEOEA DAY REGISTRATION FORM

You must register by mail, email, or weblink. This reservation form must be used for registration for your NEOEA Day selection. Please note the deadline for each program. Please note if your chosen program requires additional information to be noted on this reservation form.

Name _____

Home address _____

Cell phone _____ School phone _____

Email address _____

Name of local association _____

COST: Cost of each program is listed in the reservation information. All must pay. \$ _____ Your grade level is _____
Additional fee for non-NEOEA members. \$10.00
Make payment for non-member fee on a separate check payable to NEOEA.

Make reservation fee payable to the person indicated in the workshop reservation information. Send both checks (if you are a non-member) to the address indicated in the reservation information in the program of your choice.

Name and code number of the session you will attend _____

**Mail or email this form to the address listed in the reservation information of the workshop you have chosen.
DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS TO NEOEA.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE ARTS

Program #1

West

Look Close, Breathe Deep: The Art Museum as an Educational Resource

Place: Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, 87 N. Main Street, Oberlin 44074

Time: 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Chairperson: Jill Greenwood, Ph.D.

AGENDA

Art, education, and meditation come together as we explore the museum's renowned collection of world class art. Experience the Allen through a special curator-led tour, then relax as we blend art and mindfulness in a calming session in the galleries. In 2023, participants said, "I loved every minute of this workshop! So glad I attended today's workshop at AMAM," and another said, "I enjoyed the in-depth mini conversations about individual artists and their works. Also, the meditation session was amazing."

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$10 (free parking and catered lunch provided). Register online at bit.ly/AMAM_NEOEA. For more information contact Ellis Lane at elane@oberlin.edu or 440.775.8166. **Deadline:** Oct. 3, 2024. **(Limited to 15 participants.)**

Program #2

Central

Planning Programs with Purpose (Grades K-8)

Place: Cleveland State University, 2001 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 44115

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



Chairperson: Angela Perrine

AGENDA

The performances put on by music teachers during the school year are one of our major ways we communicate to parents, administrators, and colleagues what is happening in our classrooms on a daily basis. Additionally, with limited time in our schedules to make these programs a reality, it is essential that material is carefully chosen to support our curriculum instead of detracting from it.

This workshop will focus on different ways one might construct a program to fit within various constraints while still giving opportunity for student ownership, creativity, and joyful artistry and without sacrificing valuable teaching time.

Our presenter is Meg Tietz who teaches music and movement at Saint Paul Academy in Saint Paul, Minnesota. She is an active presenter for local and national workshops and conferences and also teaches summer Orff Levels in Dallas, TX; Denver, CO; and Saint Paul, MN. Meg has served on the American Orff Schulwerk Association as a member of various subcommittees and also as a Trustee on the National Board.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$25 (lunch will be provided; email clevelandorff@gmail.com for details). Make check payable to AOSA Chapter 1. Send check and registration form to Angela Perrine, 7568 Brookgate Way, Northfield, OH 44067. For further information, contact Angela Perrine at clevelandorff@gmail.com or 216.255.4434. **Deadline:** Oct. 1, 2024. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Program #3

East

Eric Curts: Best AI Tools for School (four separate sessions)

Place: Cardinal Elementary School, 16175 Alameda Dr., Middlefield 44062

Time: 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Sharron Callahan

AGENDA

Join us to hear Eric Curts—educator, author, and speaker on four separate AI topics:

The ABC's of AI: What Educators Need to Know: The capabilities and availability of Artificial Intelligence tools have skyrocketed in recent years. It is critical for schools to consider how to best address and use AI in education. In this session we will explore the ABC's of AI including: A) About AI (what AI tools are currently available and how they work), B) Benefits of AI (practical and

powerful ways to use AI for teaching and learning) and C) Concerns of AI (how to address potential misuses of this transformative technology).

The AI Toolbox: Best AI Tools for Schools: ChatGPT and Gemini are wonderful, but what other AI tools are available? Thankfully there are many educational AI resources that build on top of these models with tools that are free, provide extra functionality and features, and make the process easier and more convenient for educators. In this session we will explore many of these tools including EduaideAI, Diffit, Twee, MagicSchoolAI, Conker, Curipod, Almanack, QuestionWell, Brisk, Goblin Tools, SchoolAI, Mizou, EnlightenAI, Snorkl, Sorcerer, and more.

Artificial Intelligence / Natural Misuse - Managing AI in Schools: As beneficial as AI is, it also comes with challenges and the potential for misuse. In this session we will explore ways to address academic integrity concerns, tools and strategies to help monitor AI use, proper citation for AI generated content, ways to encourage positive use of AI in the classrooms, developing your own class set of AI guidelines for students, alternative assessment options, addressing AI bias and inaccuracies, student data privacy, identifying fake content, evaluating AI tools, and more.

Super Tutor: AI to Support all Learners: Artificial intelligence tools are a powerful way to provide support, accessibility, and accommodations for all learners for all of their needs. In this session we will explore ways AI can assist with individualized AI tutoring, personalized explanations, reading comprehension, summarization, writing supports, custom feedback, problem solving, review, and much more.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$10; nonmembers \$30 (lunch on your own). Make check payable to Sharron Callahan. Send check and registration form to Sharron Callahan at 990 US Route 322, Orwell, OH 44076. For further information, contact Sharron Callahan at callas444@gmail.com or 440.319.2738. **Deadline:** Oct. 1, 2024. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

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CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

See also

Calm Minds, Bright Minds: Tackling Student Stress in *General*, Program #6, Page 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL/ OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Program #4 *Central/East*

Celebrate NEOEA Day at Holden Forests & Gardens

Place: Cleveland Botanical Gardens, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106 OR Holden Arboretum, 9550 Sperry Road, Kirtland 44094

Time: Cleveland Botanical Gardens from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. OR Holden Arboretum from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Sharon Graper



AGENDA

You deserve to relax and recharge in beautiful natural surroundings where you can get inspired and refreshed.

Both Holden Forests & Gardens campuses will offer free admission to teachers on Friday, October 11, for NEOEA Day. Take a walk, enjoy the fall colors, and find out what educational opportunities we have for you to share with your students of all ages.

At the Holden Arboretum, climb the Emergent Tower and see Lake Erie, peer down 65 feet at the forest floor from the Canopy Walk, collect leaves on the Leaf Trail, or walk through the woods.

You can see butterflies in the Costa Rica Glasshouse at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, learn about the spiny desert in the Madagascar Glasshouse, visit the Hershey Children's Garden, or enjoy the Japanese Garden.

As a bonus on this day, teachers who visit in person will receive a 20% discount when purchasing a membership. Gather information on educational opportunities, enter to win a free field trip, and see what we have to offer your students.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: Both Holden Forests & Gardens campuses will offer FREE admission to teachers on Friday, October 11, for

NEOEA Day. Visit www.holdenfg.org to learn more about our two campuses and get directions to visit. Please note that teachers will need to show a school ID or other proof of eligibility for entry. Non-teachers and family members will need to pay regular admission.

Program #5 *Central*

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (Grades 4-12)

Place: Twinsburg High School, 10084 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg 44087

Time: 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Chairpersons: Cynthia Kurt, environmental science teacher, and Alyssa Mills, watershed coordinator and educator

AGENDA

The workshop will entail various activities from different sources, learning ways to teach about the watershed and the importance of our water. We will be doing field investigations including water sampling and testing, learning different methods to collect and study macroinvertebrates. We will also incorporate literature to enhance the topics of watershed and water quality. We will look at evidence of the history of fossils and the great lakes. We will look at how the negative effects of human activities have impacted our water sources from microplastics to chemical pollution. You will leave with new ideas and materials and activities for you to use and adapt to your classroom.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$15 (lunch included). Send check and registration form to Cynthia Kurt at Twinsburg High School, 10084 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087. For further information, contact Cynthia Kurt at ckurt@twinsburgcsd.org or 330.352.5010. **Deadline:** Oct. 7, 2024. **(Limited to 25 participants.)**

GENERAL

Program #6 *Virtual*

Calm Minds, Bright Minds: Tackling Student Stress

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Allison Edwards



AGENDA

Join us for "Calm Minds, Bright Minds: Tackling Student Stress," a comprehensive program designed to address the intricate relationship between high achievement and mental well-being in students. Delve into understanding the unique stressors faced by high-achieving learners and their profound impact on mental health. Learn practical strategies to recognize signs of stress in all learners and cultivate open dialogues surrounding mental well-being. Explore tailored coping mechanisms and stress management techniques vital for educators and students alike. Gain invaluable insights into fostering supportive environments at home and in educational settings to bolster emotional resilience and academic success. Additionally, equip yourself with tools and strategies to assist children in resetting their brains during moments of dysregulation. Join us to empower both educators and learners in navigating the complexities of stress and fostering holistic well-being. This session aligns to gifted Gifted Competency D.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None for member districts, \$50 for non-member districts. Register at <https://www.esceasternohio.org/calendar-pages/event-detail/~occureid/8132>. For further information, contact Dawna Rappach at d.rappach@esc-easternohio.org or 330.533.8755. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. **(Limited to 300 participants.)**

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Celebrate NEOEA Day at Holden Forests & Gardens in *Environmental/Outdoor Education*, Program #4, Page 2.

Supporting Students on the Gender Spectrum in *Guidance/Psychology/Pupil Services*, Program #9, Page 3.

GUIDANCE/ PSYCHOLOGY/ PUPIL SERVICES

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Program #7

Virtual

Increasing Developmental Assets and Building Resiliency in Children

Place: Will be held by videoconference
Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Missy McClain, Community Education Program Coordinator from Akron Children’s Hospital



AGENDA

This workshop focuses on the strengths of children and how school staff can nurture a path to thriving for all. The workshop uses the Search Institutes 40 Developmental Assets and Sparks to provide a framework for building strengths and resiliency for children.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Program7-NEOEA>. For further information, contact Marissa Platton at marissa.platton@yahoo.com or 330.718.7796. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Unlimited number of participants.)

Program #8

Virtual

Recognizing Extreme Burnout and Prioritizing Self Care

Place: Will be held by videoconference
Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Presenter: Missy McClain, Community Education Program Coordinator from Akron Children’s Hospital



AGENDA

This component works with the educators to recognize their own burnout. It covers techniques for staff to use to relax, keep balance, and continue to help students in need.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Program8-NEOEA>. For further information, contact Marissa Platton at marissa.platton@yahoo.com or 330.718.7796. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Unlimited number of participants.)

Program #9

Virtual

Supporting Students on the Gender Spectrum

Place: Will be held by videoconference
Time: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Heather Hopkins, LSW, Colors+ Counseling LLC



AGENDA

Are you wanting to better support youth in the LGBTQ+ community specifically those who are trans or gender expansive? Heather Hopkins, LSW, from Colors+ Counseling will be talking about gender and how to be better allies and advocates for all youth. Come with your questions and learn in this interactive training together.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Kameron Pepera at kameron@colors.counseling.org. For further information, contact Kameron Pepera at kameron@colorscounseling.org. **Deadline:** Sept. 20, 2024. (Limited to 35 participants.)

LANGUAGE ARTS

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Studying Civil Rights: Cleveland, Mississippi, and Resurrection City in Social Studies, Program #10, Page 3.

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SCIENCE

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Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience in Environmental/Outdoor Education, Program #5, Page 2.

Set Up Students for Success with STEAM in STEAM, Program #12, Page 4.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Program #10

Central

Studying Civil Rights: Cleveland, Mississippi, and Resurrection City (Grades 6-12)

Place: Cleveland History Center, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland 44106

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Mary Manning

AGENDA

This professional learning event will focus on ways that teachers can forge connections between the major national developments that characterized the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s and local Civil Rights organizing in Cleveland. During the 2024-2025 academic year, the Cleveland History Center will host *Solidarity Now! 1968 Poor People’s Campaign*, a travelling Smithsonian exhibit created by the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Using that exhibit and additional content from the WRHS Library, participating teachers will practice strategies for examining primary and secondary sources, and design classroom activities that incorporate information around the Civil Rights Movement from Cleveland, from Mississippi during voter registration activities in 1963-64, and from the Poor People’s Campaign in 1968.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$10 (no lunch break). Make check payable to Western Reserve Historical Society. Send check and registration form to Cleveland History Center, c/o Mary Manning, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106. For further information, contact Mary Manning at mmanning@wrhs.org or 216.721.5722, Ext. 1503. **Deadline:** Sept. 30, 2024. (Limited to 25 participants.)

STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

Program #11

East

Finding Your SHINE: A Different Approach to STEM Learning

Place: OH WOW! Center for Science & Technology, 15 Central Square, Youngstown 44501

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Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Chairperson: Colleen Ruby

AGENDA

Our *Finding Your SHINE: A Different Approach to STEM Learning* workshop introduces three methodologies that have made the secret sauce to our engaging experience.

Utilizing Challenge and Project-Based Learning as Part of the Curriculum:

- Introduction to challenge and project-based learning (CBL/PBL) and its benefits.
- Sharing successful case studies and examples of CBL/PBL implementation in various subject areas.
- Hands-on activities and group discussions to explore different CBL/PBL approaches.

Leveraging STEM Kits in the Classroom:

- Overview of STEM kits and their importance in promoting hands-on learning experiences.
- Demonstrating various STEM kits and explaining how they align with curriculum standards.
- Collaborative sessions for teachers to explore and experiment with different STEM kits.

Helping Students Achieve Self-Actualization and Success through Shineology:

- Introduction to Shineology, a concept focused on fostering self-actualization and success in education.
- Understanding the core principles of Shineology, including mindset, motivation, and self-reflection.
- Techniques for promoting student self-discovery, setting goals, and developing resilience.

Toolkit of Resources for the Best in STEM Education:

- Curating a comprehensive collection of high-quality resources for STEM education.
- Sharing online platforms, websites, and databases for accessing STEM lesson plans, activities, and assessments.
- Identifying professional development opportunities, workshops, and conferences related to STEM education.

These topics will leave attendees charged and prepared with ways to combine their passion for education and our creative approach to learning. Our collective success means the success and hope for more robust, brighter futures for our learners.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$20 (no lunch break). Make check payable to OH WOW! Children's Center for Science & Technology. Send check and registration form to OH WOW!, P. O. Box 1624, Youngstown,

OH 44501. For further information, contact Stephanie Hyde at education@ohwowkids.org or 330.744.5914.

Deadline: Sept. 20, 2024. **(Limited to 40 participants.)**

Program #12

East

Set Up Students for Success with STEAM (Grades K-8)

Place: Main Library, 305 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44503

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Cindy Beach, Literacy and Learning Manager

AGENDA

Transform your classroom by embracing STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math! Research has shown STEAM helps teachers incorporate multiple disciplines at the same time and promotes learning experiences that allow children to explore, question, research, discover, and exercise innovative building skills" (Colker & Simon, 2014).

In the morning, join librarians from PLYMC to share different learning resources provided by the library and have fun experimenting. With practical application in the classroom, this hands-on presentation will explore STEAM activities tailored for multiple grades and learning abilities to help you create a tool-kit of resources for your classroom.

In the afternoon, learn about Amateur Radio and how you can incorporate it into your classroom from licensed instructors. You will learn about the ARRL Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology, a professional development program designed to help classroom teachers elevate their STEM programs through wireless technology. Discover hands-on classroom activities and where to find resources.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: \$5 (no lunch break). Make check payable to The Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County. Send check and registration form to PLYMC, Attn: Cindy Beach, 305 Wick Ave., Youngstown, OH 44503. For further information, contact Cindy Beach at cbeach@libraryvisit.org or 330.744.8636, ext. 50063. **Deadline:** Oct. 5, 2024. **(Limited to 25 participants.)**

Program #13

Central

Soap Box Derby and STEM

Place: Derby Downs, 1000 George Washington Blvd., Akron 44312

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Presenter: Linda Hubbell



AGENDA

Have you ever wanted to drive a Soap Box Derby (SBD) car down the track at the infamous Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio? This is your chance! Are you interested in starting a school Soap Box Derby team and race against schools from across Ohio and surrounding states? This is your chance! Have you ever heard about the STEM/STEAM Education programs the Soap Box Derby (SBD) can provide for your classroom? This is your chance!

If you want to learn more about these engaging, project-based, STEM learning opportunities—this event is for you! If you think that starting a school Soap Box Derby team or participating in other SBD STEM programs is just too expensive, think again. There are so many grant opportunities out there, and the SBD is willing to help!

Spend just a couple of hours at the track, and we will give you any information you may need for yourself (or a colleague) to get your school involved. There are opportunities to start a team on the intermediate, middle, and high school levels. There are also opportunities to set up field trips and visits as well as participate in SBD Mini Car program and Summer Camp. During this event, everyone will have a chance to drive a SBD car down the track, tour the SBD Museum, and compete against each other in a Mini Car Race. Come join us and experience for yourself what the SBD can do to assist you in providing their engaging, meaningful STEM learning opportunities for your students.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (no lunch break). Send registration form to Linda Hubbell at Linda@SoapBoxDerby.org. For further information, contact Linda Hubbell at Linda@SoapBoxDerby.org or 740.817.0345. **Deadline:** Sept. 27, 2024. **(Limited to 50 participants.)**

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Program #14

Virtual

A Goal Without a Plan is Just a Wish: Planning for a Secure Retirement for Early and Mid-Career Education Employees

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Guy Kendall-Freas, NEA Member Benefits



AGENDA

The importance of planning for retirement AND starting early cannot be understated. Many people freeze up and do nothing when they don't know how to begin or what to do next. Understanding how to start, what your options are, how they work, and when to make changes is crucial.

The session will provide you with the knowledge to avoid inaction and feel confident about your financial future.

As the old saying goes, those who fail to plan, plan to fail. Using the learnings of this session will ensure that you will not fail.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Log on at <https://tinyurl.com/ND24-Goal>. For further information, contact Guy Kendall-Freas at gkendall-freas@neamb.com or 888.749.7380. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Limited to 400 participants.)

Program #15

Central

CLE AsiaTown Walking Tour: Culture and Community

Place: We will begin at Li Wah Restaurant, 2999 Payne Ave., #102, Cleveland 44114

Time: 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Karen Winston-Carpenter, NEOEA Minority Organizing Committee Chairperson

AGENDA

To learn more about the history, culture and present-day authenticity of the Asian community in the heart of the City of Cleveland, join us on a walking tour to discover the rich history and culture of the AsiaTown community.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (lunches available to buy on your own). Send registration form to

Karen Winston-Carpenter at kwsweets78@yahoo.com. For further information, contact Karen Winston-Carpenter at kwsweets78@yahoo.com or 216.469.1859. **Deadline:** Sept. 27, 2024. (Limited to 15 participants.)

Program #16

Virtual

Good-bye Tension, Hello Pension! But Are You Ready for Retirement?

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Chairperson: Guy Kendall-Freas, NEA Member Benefits



AGENDA

This session will provide you with the tools to help you navigate the necessary steps to prepare for retirement. Understanding STRS/SERS/PERS, managing your current investments, understanding strategies to maximize your severance and ensuring you are as effective and efficient as possible are crucial components.

This guidance will help you understand what your retirement could potentially look like and assist in deciding what changes, if any, need to be made.

Retirement is about time and money. Use the time between now and your retirement to maximize money and your retirement security.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Log on at <https://tinyurl.com/ND24-Pension>. For further information, contact Guy Kendall-Freas at gkendall-freas@neamb.com or 888.749.7380. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Limited to 400 participants.)

Program #17

Virtual

I Wish Someone Would Have Told Me...What to Do Before Heading for the Exit

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Dennis Lewis, NEOEA Personal Welfare & Financial Planning Committee Chairperson



AGENDA

Education personnel have pensions that provide a basic income at retirement. But pension benefits only provide 60-70% of active workplace compensation. Advance planning will enable educators to supplement their pensions to maintain or enhance their standard of living in retirement. And education personnel also like to live comfortably during their careers. Just about every financial event in life can be accommodated through proper planning. This presentation will address the broad general topic of financial planning, supplemental retirement and investment plans, and how they can help education employees—from an educational—not marketing—perspective. A special program segment will be devoted to things members within a few years from retirement should consider to enhance their financial security during their next career—in retirement. The program is also appropriate for newer educators as everyone should start thinking about retirement as soon as they set foot in a school facility.

Attend this program and learn:

- Why financial planning is so important
- Basic steps in the financial planning process
- How to use the power of compounding to work to your best advantage
- What benefits you will be expected to provide on your own in retirement
- Things to set in place before walking out of a school for the last time

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Register online at <https://neoea.condohome.net/> or send registration form to Dennis Lewis, PO Box 360426, Strongsville, OH 44136. For further information, contact Dennis Lewis at utp@condohome.net or 440.572.3472. **Deadline:** Oct. 9, 2024. (Limited to 100 participants.)

Program #18

Virtual

Navigating the Maze of Student Loan Forgiveness

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Chairperson: Guy Kendall-Freas, NEA Member Benefits



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Join this free online webinar to find out how you can explore lowering your student loan payments and working toward forgiveness as an educator.

This LIVE and interactive virtual webinar and Q&A session with student loan experts will help you:

- Understand your best repayment options for managing your monthly payments
- Learn the basics of student loans and find out if you qualify for forgiveness
- Get started with the NEA Student Debt Navigator to make managing your loans easier.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Log on at <https://tinyurl.com/ND24-StuLoan>. For further information, contact Guy Kendall-Freas at gkendall-freas@neamb.com or 888.749.7380. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Limited to 400 participants.)

Program #19

Virtual

Ohio Deferred Compensation 457(B): It's Not an Area Code—It's a Savings Plan You Should Know About

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Mike Pacak, Account Executive

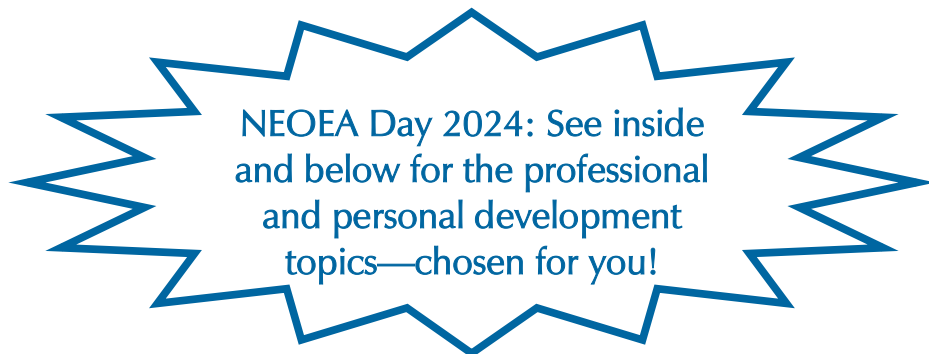


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Established in 1976, The Ohio Deferred Compensation 457(B) is one of the largest and most well-known public sector supplemental retirement plans in Ohio but the least known among public education employees. Their mission is to help public employees achieve their retirement savings goals and help bridge any financial gap in retirement utilizing their STRS/SERS pension. Public school district employees may contribute to a 457(B) in place of or in addition to a 403(b).

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to Mike Pacak at pacakm1@nationwide.com. For further information,



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contact Mike Pacak at pacakm1@nationwide.com or 440.623.9143. **Deadline:** Oct. 10, 2024. (Unlimited number of participants.)

Program #20

Virtual

STRS Ohio: Getting Down to Benefits

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Chairperson: Tamla Cole, Assistant Director, Member Benefits



AGENDA

The time to learn about your STRS Ohio benefits is now! A representative will cover service retirement eligibility, benefit payment options, and health care considerations as well as provide an update on current STRS Ohio events. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions not discussed during the session, of course.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to MBGroupEducation@strsoh.org. For

further information, contact Tamla Cole at MBGroupEducation@strsoh.org or 614.227.8661. **Deadline:** Oct. 7, 2024. (Limited to 100 participants.)

Program #21

Virtual

STRS Ohio: Keeping You Informed

Place: Will be held by videoconference

Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chairperson: Christina Elliott, Chief Benefits Officer STRS Ohio



AGENDA

During this session attendees will learn about and have an opportunity to ask questions about the overall financial health and operations of the retirement system.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None. Send registration form to MBGroupEducation@strsoh.org. For further information, contact Tamla Cole at MBGroupEducation@strsoh.org or 614.227.8661. **Deadline:** Oct. 7, 2024. (Limited to 100 participants.)