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Dear OEA Member:

I hope you were able to join us earlier this evening as OEA hosted a telephone townhall for all of our members. I was both heartened to hear from our educators who are doing their best to serve their students during this crisis, and frustrated that there are still so many unanswered questions about how we can provide distance learning that doesn’t let our most vulnerable students fall behind.

If you weren’t able to join the call, we provided updates on:

• Oregon’s extended school closures;
• OEA’s efforts to protect the Corporate Activities Tax, which provides funding for Oregon schools;
• Our response to the Oregon Department of Education’s “Distance Learning for All” plan, and
• How your union is continuing to work for your during the COVID-19 crisis.
• We also answered questions directly from members.

We know that many of you were unable to participate in the townhall this evening, so we will be sharing a recording of the townhall with members soon. Additionally, with so many questions and a limited amount of time to answer them, we couldn’t get through every member question during our call. However, we will be gathering answers to the questions we didn’t make it to and will be updating the FAQ on our website with answers in the coming days.

Thank you again for your service to our students and our communities during this crisis.

John Larson
OEA President