OEAA Micro-Credential PLC Mini-Grant

The OEA Center for Great Public Schools and Union School are excited to offer $200 mini-grants to support member-led micro-credential Professional Learning Communities.

WHAT: Micro-credentials are free, high-quality, self-directed professional development. Educators demonstrate mastery of specific competencies, and earn digital badges to share with networks, on resumes, or in an educator profile. Browse the NEA micro-credential catalog at nea.certificationbank.com.

WHY: Data shows that educators working collaboratively in a PLC have a higher rate of successfully completing micro-credentials. Also, authentic, educator-driven and led PLCs are an effective and powerful form of collaborative learning. Educators can earn PDU certificates to renew their license for completing the PLC and earning a micro-credential.

HOW: Complete the Micro-Credential PLC Mini-Grant form. Then, recruit your PLC and get started. OEA will provide a collaborative support group for all mini-grant recipients and tools to run effective PLCs.

The micro-credential PLC cycle has four steps:

- **select** a micro-credential,
- **collect** evidence of proficiency,
- **submit** artifacts for review,
- **share** your digital badge upon complete.

WHEN: Members can apply for mini-grants at anytime in the school year. Each micro-credential requires approximately 15 hours of work including research, preparing artifacts, and writing reflections. PLC mini-grant recipients should plan for a 6 to 12-week PLC cycle, with six to seven 45-60 minute PLCs.

WHO: Any OEA member can apply for a grant and become a micro-credential PLC leader. Any educator can join the PLC; they do not need to be members. OEA will ask for a roster of PLC participants.

GRANT DETAILS:

- Application link
- OEA will provide $200 per mini-grant. The funds provide a $150 stipend for the PLC leader and $50 for PLC supplies such as food or other materials (receipts required).
- Members can apply for additional grants after completing one PLC cycle.
- PLC leads sign a memorandum of understanding outlining OEA and member responsibilities.
- OEA Staff will provide support, resources, and technical assistance to the grantee.
- Upon completion, OEA will issue PDU certificates for the PLC and the micro-credential, for a total of 21 PDUs.

Learn more about micro-credentials and access the application form at www.oregoned.org/onlinelearning. For more information, contact us at oealearn@oregoned.org.