

The BEA Line



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Words from the Prez:

As I reflect on the past several weeks, I am full of mixed emotions. I feel frustrated, angry, exhausted, confused, and overwhelmed. I replay the days and weeks and wonder how things could have played out differently. I've grown. I've learned. I've become a stronger person. I've developed a new passion for advocacy and lobbying. I am incredibly proud to have stood with some of the most amazing teachers and public education advocates in Oklahoma. Bartlesville's teachers showed up day after day at the capitol and in Bartlesville to fight for our profession and our students. You took long bus rides, spent your own money for gas and hotels, you stood along the roads in Bartlesville, you waited in line for hours to get inside the capitol, you researched, you asked questions, you fought tirelessly for public education. ***You made a difference and I could not be prouder to call you my co-workers and friends.*** We made progress **TOGETHER**. We took a first step-forward **TOGETHER**. We stood **TOGETHER**, and our voices were heard. **There is still much work to be done.** Like me, I know you are frustrated, angry, exhausted, confused and overwhelmed. Let's hold each other up and continue to push forward. **TOGETHER** we truly are stronger. It was an honor and privilege to stand with you this year.

Heather Boyle

BEA President

Special BEA Meeting

All members are invited to attend the next BEA meeting.

When: May 9

Location: Sr. Salsa **Time:** 4:15

Program: Officer Instillation & Recognition of Retirees

Please come and join us to honor our retirees.

Building Reps

BHS:

Belinda Buoy

Academy:

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TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER.

A Stand for Public Education

Members of the BEA and Bartlesville staff headed to the Capital to visit with local legislators for several days this month. Sears, Dunlap, and Daniels should be aware of Bartlesville teacher's thoughts and feelings about education funding. Will they come through with it? Time will tell.

