

# The BEA Line



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## Words from the Prez:

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic and restful break.

We have two important meetings coming up and I hope that many of you can find time in your schedules to attend. On January 17, Mr. McCauley will be joining us for a time of conversation and Q and A. Please bring your questions, comments, and concerns. On January 24<sup>th</sup> Earl Sears, Travis Dunlap, and Julie Daniels have agreed to meet with us (they want us to know, however, that should they be called to session early they will not be able to attend). Both meetings will be held in the Wayside library starting at 4:15. I will send Outlook invites and will make location adjustments if it looks like we will not have enough space.

Please plan on attending. We need our voices to be heard!

*Heather Boyle*  
*BEA President*

## BEA Rep Meeting

All members are invited to attend these BEA meetings.

**When:** January 17

**Location:** Wayside Library

**Time:** 4:15 - 5:00

**Guest:** Chuck McCauley

**When:** January 24

**Location:** Wayside Library

**Time:** 4:15 - 5:15

**Guest:** State Legislators

## BEA Scholarship

Our BEA scholarship awards for graduating seniors. If you are a parent of a senior student here or elsewhere, your child is eligible for the BEA scholarship. Applications will be on file at the Bartlesville High School and on the BEA website. Application form is due April 1<sup>st</sup> (no joke).

The [December 2017 Edition](#)

of the Education Focus can be viewed from this link or located on the [OEA's website](#).

This edition introduces the faces behind the names and voices of the OEA staff. Check out the

pictures and bios of the staff that works hard for students and teachers at the state



## Building Reps

### BHS:

Belinda Buoy

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## Fund for Children & Public Education

One of the requirements for 5 STAR is to the **Fund for Children & Public Education (FCPE)**. At our next few meetings, a container will be available for members to donate. It's always helpful to know why you are donating and what your will be used for. Did you know that every decision made for education is made by a politician? As teachers I'm sure you do! These politicians determine how our schools are run. Many OEA members select to make voluntary contributions to this nonpartisan OEA FCPE. OEA is very much aware that the political environment is a significant factor affecting our jobs on a daily basis.

The voluntary OEA FCPE contributions are designed to help elect friends of education to political office. **Dues dollars** are **never** used to support political candidates. In the last election, the FCPE handed out funds to pro-education candidates that qualified. We need to replenish the funds used this year. So, when you come to the January meeting, please something for FCPE container. Thank you.

## OEA's Together We're Stronger Campaign

Oklahoma is under an education crisis. Changes need to be made NOW! Our students deserve more. They are our future. OEA's campaign is calling for significant pay raise for teachers and ESPs, additional funding for public schools, a COLA for retired education employees, and stable funding for core government services, including raises for all state employees. In the past five school years, Oklahoma has seen:



Total Enrollment  
UP 4%



Economically Disadvantaged  
UP 4%



Special Needs Enrollment  
UP 24%



Gifted Enrollment  
UP 5%



Bilingual Enrollment  
UP 24%



Emergency Certifications  
UP 1,626%



State Formula Funding  
FLAT 0.12%

Oklahoma public schools are facing tough choices that are crippling our classrooms.