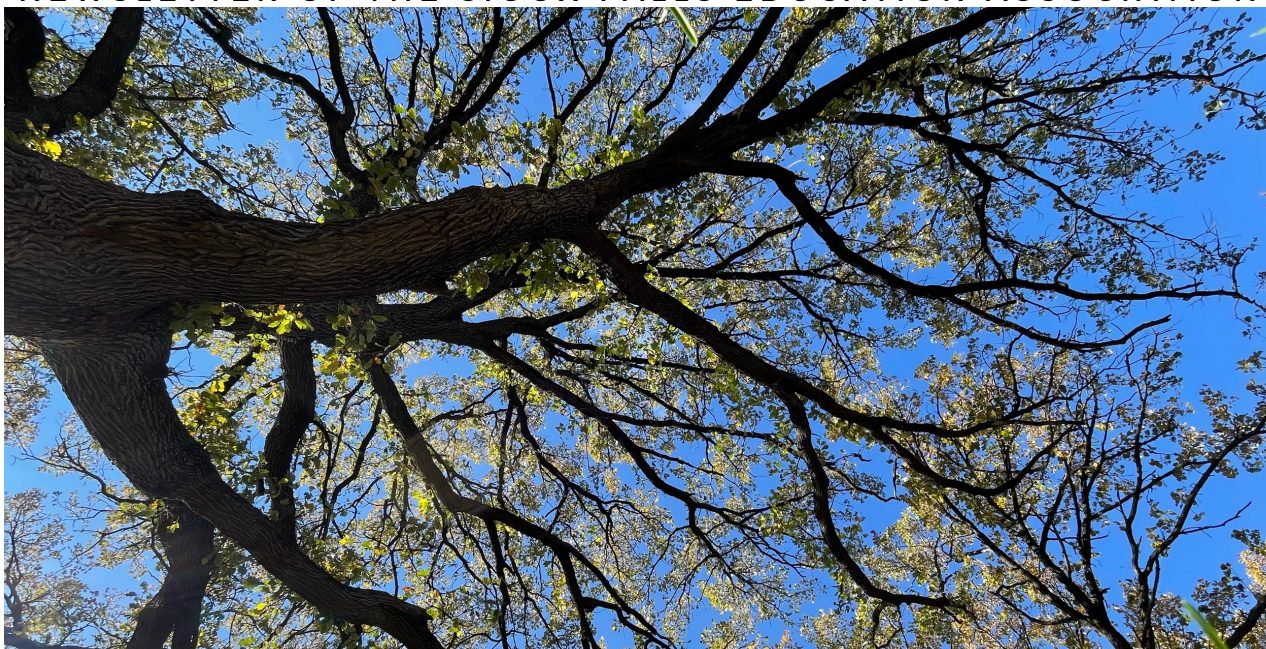


# SIoux FALLS EDUCATOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE SIOUX FALLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings SFEA,

Thank you for continuing the interest in the Blended Learning Courses we offer. If you were unable to sign up for the fall class be on the lookout for information about the spring session later this fall.

If you have the time and would like to be part of a discussion with SDEA President, on Monday October 25th at 7:00 pm follow the [Town Hall](#) link to register for the event.

The Negotiations Committee had a great meeting on the 19th and started utilizing the data gleaned from the survey many of you completed earlier this fall, Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

We are wanting to have our remaining committees set so if you have interest in becoming involved in the association please sign up [here](#).



With the ever-changing circumstances that occur in our classrooms, please reach out if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

Tim Eckart, SFEA President  
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## EARLY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SFEA is looking to start a cohort of teachers in their first 5 years to participate in the Early Leadership Institute also known as ELI.

ELI is a cohort-based learning journey that brings together new teacher leaders over a six month journey. Through the program, Fellows develop new skills and learn to advocate for issues impacting educators and the profession

## SDEA FALL WEBINAR SERIES

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## **October 26 | Mindfulness in the Classroom** [REGISTER](#)

Research is teaching us that a lot of student behaviors are related to childhood trauma and other factors that impact brain development. Teaching to the social and emotional needs of students and building relationships is the key to de-escalating behaviors and fostering learning. Join SDEA member and NEA Teaching Fellow Korey Erickson for some easy-to-implement activities.

## **November 2 | Resilient Habits for Educators** [REGISTER](#)

Educators consistently put the needs of their students above their personal needs. However, it is impossible to take care of your students if you are not taking care of yourself. SDEA member and NEA Teaching Fellow Korey Erickson will explore tips to stay mentally fit throughout the year so that you have more to give to your students each and every day.

## **November 9 | Creating Equitable Systems: Understanding “Isms” and Microaggressions** [REGISTER](#)

Our public schools welcome students from many different places and diverse backgrounds. SDEA members work to ensure all students are treated with fairness in their classrooms and schools. Join SDEA member and NEA Teaching Fellow Korey Erickson to examine resources and methods to help address inequitable treatment that students may face in the classroom or community.

**November 16 | What Medicaid Expansion Means for Your School Community [REGISTER](#)**

SDEA has joined with allies in a group called *South Dakotans Decide Healthcare* to work to expand Medicaid support in the state. Sandra Waltman, SDEA Government Relations Director, will present the reasons why Medicaid expansion is important to public education and to students in the state, as well as telling you how you can be involved in this process.

**November 23 | Classroom Tools for Paraprofessionals [REGISTER](#)**

Paraprofessionals are rarely given the time to explore new tech tools on the job. THIS is a chance to survey some helpful websites and technology to help educators get to the solutions they need more quickly. SDEA Member and NEA Teaching Fellow Korey Erickson will lead this session, with time in a breakout room to explore one or more of the tools presented.

**November 30 | Paraprofessional Rights and Responsibilities [REGISTER](#)**

What's the key to a successful meeting with a supervisor? How does one deal with a workplace assault? What are the best practices for representing an at-will employee? Answers to these questions and more will be presented in this session with SDEA UniServ Director and ESP Advisor Phil Moore.

**December 7 | Become Your Own Special Education Advocate [REGISTER](#)**

Special Education issues have become the business of all educators, but training for mainstream classroom teachers and paras has often not kept pace with the need for information. Educators need to know not only how to advocate for and act in the best interests of all students, but also for themselves. SDEA Teaching and Learning Coordinator Rich Mittelstedt discusses federal and state law regarding referrals, placement, IEPs, behavior, restraint, and advocacy.