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The OEA will lead the way for continuous improvement of public education while advocating for members and the learners they serve.

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Dear Local Association President:

The Ohio Education Association will conduct elections early in 2019 to elect state at-large delegates to this year's NEA Representative Assembly (taking place July 3 - 7, 2019 in Houston Texas). The OEA is allocated one state delegate position for each 1,000 active members and will provide a stipend to state delegates to offset business expenses incurred during the convention.

The OEA is committed to the principle of proportionate minority participation in all governance activities, as outlined in the Plan to Achieve Ethnic Minority Representation, which was approved by the OEA Board of Directors at its October 2018 meeting.

If you are interested in running for an NEA state at-large delegate position, please complete the NEA State At-Large Declaration of Candidacy Form along with a biographical sketch of education or union-related activities/accomplishments and return no later than January 31, 2019 to William Baird, Elections and Conference Coordinator, at the address indicated at the bottom of the form. You may also use the form to nominate another member for state at-large delegate positions. The form is reproducible.

Please log in to the OEA website at <u>www.ohea.org</u> to review and print the following the documents:

- OEA's Proposed Ethnic Minority Plan
- State At-Large Declaration of Candidacy Form (deadline 1/31/19)

Please contact the OEA Executive Offices at 800-282-1500, ext. 3169 with questions relative to the NEA Representative Assembly or election of delegates.

Thank you for your assistance in helping the Ohio Education Association meet its minority delegate goal at this year's NEA Representative Assembly.

Sincerely,

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