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A Letter from the President June 2019

NOSS exists to help education professionals make a difference in the lives of students.

With much careful thought, the board has narrowed down our focus as we

progress through our name change. Yes, our motto, ***“Helping underprepared students prepare, prepared students advance, advanced students excel”*** remains the same. However, it is time to truly focus on our strengths, and our biggest strength is in helping each other become better instructors, mentors, coaches, advisors, tutors, administrators, and employees so that the lives of our students are forever changed. As we move along this journey, it is a priority of the board to provide all of you with an opportunity for growth. Whether it’s by attending the conference, participating in a webinar, joining and participating in a Network, reading our multiple professional journals, or by making connections and lifelong friends, our power comes from each other. Our ability to impact our student’s lives comes from our ability to share and connect about what works and what doesn’t work. Yes, learning from what doesn’t work is just as important as learning about what works.

As we go forward, we will purposefully and thoughtfully be identifying additional ways in which we learn and grow. Thank you all for joining us on this journey.

NOSS Updates:

- Members **APPROVED** all the suggested **changes to the NOSS Bylaws**. Thank you all who voted. Check the NOSS Website at thenoss.org for the updated bylaws.
- **NOSS NEEDS YOU!** It is time to start thinking about **running for office**. This next year, we will need to fill the positions of **President-Elect** and **Secretary**. These are two very important and vital positions to the NOSS Board. Information will be coming out shortly regarding procedures so keep a close eye on your email. Applications will be due in mid-September.
- The next **Practitioner to Practitioner** is targeted to be released in late August. We need your best practices, student stories, program ideas. **Publish with US!** Share what you are doing and how it is working. Contact Deb Daiek at practioner@thenoss.org for information.
- **T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**. The t-shirt NOSS sold over the last year, **“Ask Educators, Not Legislators”** was a huge success. We are actively seeking an idea for our next t-shirt design! Winner receives a FREE T-SHIRT! Send ideas to Annette Cook at acook@thenoss.org.

- Check out our social media! Jen Hulehan does an outstanding job keeping us all up-to-date on what is happening with the organization. She also posts some fantastic articles. Join Us! **CONNECT with Us.**

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