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IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS

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(These ideas were included in a brochure produced by Psi State and given to those in attendance at the EEC Workshop at International Convention in Indianapolis July 2014).

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators with a variety of strategies, such as:

Giving gift cards

Providing baskets of things all new teachers need

Helping with lesson plans, bulletin boards, preparing materials

Serving as a sounding board for questions that arise about school policies

Providing refreshments

Sharing knowledge research, classroom management, parent-teacher relationships

Mentoring—sharing your expertise

Arranging motivational speakers, persons to show how to use equipment (Smart Board, United Streaming, etc.)

Doing something once a month to let early-career educators know they are valued

Having a gathering off campus for early-career educators to express their concerns

Celebrating early-career educators' accomplishments

Taking early-career educators to lunch

Giving goodie bags

Encouraging, Encouraging, Encouraging!!

That sweet note you write or that phone call you make may be exactly what that early-career educator needs to become a veteran educator.