3...2...1...PLUNGE!!

2022 marks the third installment of the Osseo Education Center (OEC) Polar Plunge Team. The team started with a total of 7 jumpers in 2020; 4 intrepid students and 3 staff members. As of January 27, the 2022 team boasts 22 team members; 14 OEC students, both current and past, along with 6 staff members and 2 of their family members. At this time, the team has collectively raised over \$4,000 for Special Olympics MN (SOMN).

We have Spirit Week at OEC the week of January 31 to celebrate. We will have some fun with theme days, cold lunchtime activity challenges and a special cold treat on Friday.

This year we are going with a 'Hockey Theme' for our jump outfits and have been collecting jerseys from local teams. We are hoping to represent the teams that our members play(ed) for as well as SOMN teams and a local women's hockey team.

The veteran jumpers are once again looking forward to a refreshing dip through the hole in the ice while the newbies are a bit nervous and apprehensive! We are buoyed by the knowledge that we will have a large cheering section to support our team!! This year's jump will take place on Saturday, February 5 at the Fish Lake Regional Park; our team's official jump time is 12:15pm. Please feel free to stop by Fish Lake Regional Park on February 5 and add your voice to the cheer squad and consider joining our team in the future!

-Russ Wilkinson, OEC Polar Plunge Coach