

# **Opinion Writer**

## Letter to the Editor

A letter the editor is an OPINION piece published by a newspaper, but the author is not affiliated with the paper. Although the document should also be 100% factual, the writer needs to incorporate his or her opinion, as if he or she were stating an opinion or taking a stand to support (or write against) and issue. The writer should approach the story as if he or she works for the speaker's organization or is a strong supporter of the organization.

The letter should be 250-300 words and should start with "Dear Editor,"

The letter should be in response to the news segment used as the press conference.

Each writer can use notes from the press conference, the Q&A session and information in the press packet.

Writers will have 90 minutes to compose their letter. Students will save a copy of the letter as a pdf.

### **Reminder:**

Include your name and chapter name in the top **right-hand corner** of the page and type "OPINION" immediately next to your name. Also, please number the pages.

### **To Submit:**

Save the document as a PDF with the file name as follows:

For O'Connor FFA Contest:

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Email the final pdf to [tprice1@neisd.net](mailto:tprice1@neisd.net) before March 17, 2019. If competing in both the James Madison and O'Connor contest, please send separate emails for each contest.