

## **Announcements**

### **CSEA Board of Directors Vacancies**

There are several vacancies for the 2015-2016 CSEA Board of Directors. The offices vacant are Middle and Senior High Grade Directors, Coronado and Doherty Region Directors, and Itinerant Director. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Kevin Vick as soon as possible at [kvick@coloradoea.org](mailto:kvick@coloradoea.org) for additional information.

### **AR Elections Coming Soon**

Association Representatives (ARs) are local association leaders elected by CSEA members in their buildings to represent them. They represent their constituency by:

- Serving on the governing body of CSEA
- Assisting members with certain employment issues
- Increasing awareness of Association benefits, services and resources
- Attending monthly AR meetings (up to 3 credits are available for serving as an AR) and reporting back to members
- Assisting CSEA with membership promotion and retention activities

CSEA provides the training necessary for ARs to assist members with a wide variety of employment issues. Some examples of the types of issues ARs might be called upon to assist with are concerns surrounding working conditions, workload, leave questions, parent complaints, and Master Agreement questions.

Elections will be held in the buildings in April. Be looking for information to come, and please consider whether serving in this role would interest you. All members are invited to run for the office of Association Representative for their school.

### **Parent Opt-out Bill Passes in the Senate Education Committee**

After four hours of testimony and debate, Senate Bill 15-223 passed in the Senate Education committee last week with an 8-1 vote, with Sen. Michael Johnston the only "No" vote, and will head to the Senate floor for a second reading. SB 223, which introduced by Sen. Nancy Todd (D-Aurora) and Sen. Chris Holbert (R-Parker), protects the fairness and integrity of school accountability by removing harsh, unnecessary penalties in the system for districts and educators while honoring a parent's right to choose to opt their children out of mandatory, standardized tests. Thanks to all those who sent a message to their legislator! We will continue to work with legislators to ensure this bi-partisan bill will get the support it needs moving forward. Learn how to contact your legislator [here](#).

