

Events

Elections for CEA Delegate Assembly

Nominations for CSEA representatives to the CEA Delegate Assembly close on Wednesday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m. Elections will be held February 5-9. The Assembly will be held April 14-26 in Denver. Because the Assembly begins on Friday evening, it is not necessary to be out of the classroom for a day. CEA policy is established by members from across the state at CEA Delegate Assembly. Representatives make decisions regarding school reform issues, legislative agendas, philosophical resolutions and member rights advocacy. All members are encouraged to consider running for a seat at Delegate Assembly. Complete information is available [here](#).

Happy Hour With The Extension

Friday, January 23 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tony's Downtown
Back by popular demand...Happy Hour With The Extension! Once again we're happy to invite you to join The Extension for an afternoon of companionship and spending time with fellow educators. No RSVP is necessary; just stop in and enjoy the time together.

AAUW Presentation on Education Reform: Rise Above the Mark

Saturday January 17 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd.
The American Association of University Women is screening a film, Rise Above the Mark, which examines the current state of public education. It's the story of what happens when politics enter the classroom. It is a fact that public schools are boxed in by current corporate reforms, and, in the film, educational experts discuss how America can make positive changes to support educators and focus on teaching rather than on excessive testing. CSEA members are invited to attend and may register [here](#).

First Bargaining Session

January 26 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tesla Building, second floor
All members are welcome to attend the first session of our Interest Based Bargaining session.

Announcements

CSEA Lobby Day at the Legislature

February 4 All Day

State Capitol Building, Denver

The new session brings many changes with it: control of the Senate, leadership in the House, and appointments on the education committees. Additionally, nearly a quarter of lawmakers are new to their position. One thing that hasn't change is their focus on the issues that matter most to our members. Over 140 bills have already been introduced and CEA is tracking dozens of them. If you are interested in attending Lobby Day to visit the legislature in session, please contact Kevin at kvick@coloradoea.org for more information.

Deadline for High School Athletic Programs Grant Is Tomorrow, January 15

California Casualty is once again offering public high school athletic programs the opportunity to apply for a grant to benefit their school programs. Awards will be granted to select public high school athletics programs. Awards must be used to help subsidize school sports programs in ways such as purchasing new equipment or paying for competition travel costs. The grant cannot be used for individual student awards. Learn more and apply [here](#). The deadline to apply is January 15.

Articles

One More Example of Why We Must End The Obsession with Test Scores

[Here](#) is one more reason why the emphasis on testing must stop!

Weaving Digital Citizenship Into Curriculum

"The point is, if we're going to empower students to create and share online, we've also got to teach them how to responsibly wield the power of connectivity" So says [this article](#) on Weaving Digital Citizenship Into Curriculum.