

Events

CEA All Member Town Hall Call-In Meeting

Wednesday, January 27 7:00 p.m.

CEA is hosting an all-member, tele-town hall meeting tonight at 7 p.m. The purpose of the call is to not only provide an update on what's happened in the first two weeks of the legislative session, but to share opportunities for members to help shape K-12 policies (i.e. mutual consent) and budget discussions that directly impact members' lives. There will be live interactive polls where members can vote on hot topics while on the call. Most importantly, however, this is an opportunity for any CEA member to ask a question of the Government Relations team about what's happening in the Capitol around public education. If you don't automatically receive a call from CEA tonight, dial the toll-free number [888-409-5380](tel:888-409-5380).

Beer and Food Pairing

Friday, February 19th 5:30-7:30 pm Ivywild School, Gymnasium

\$25.00 per person

This fun-filled six course food and beer pairing is brought to you by the fun-loving folks who make up The Extension! It's sure to be a big hit and we hope to see you there. If you'd like to come, please RSVP to Leslie.Miller@d11.org

Announcements

Deduct Your Dues On Your Taxes

Your CSEA/CEA/NEA dues can be deducted on your taxes. For members who were full time for all of calendar year 2015, the total amount of dues paid was \$834.24. Please look in the "After Tax Deductions" column on your year-end pay stub from District 11 to see how much you paid in dues.

Great Opportunity For Middle Schools

On February 8 Rocky Mountain PBS will launch a 4-week STEM competition that encompasses all aspects of STEM. The Challenge is designed to complement curriculum, while giving students the opportunity to solve a real-world problem and exposing them to experts and professionals in STEM careers. They are inviting student teams (one per school) in grades 6-8 throughout Southern Colorado to participate in this multi-platform initiative, and would be delighted if a team from your school participated. **The deadline for schools to register is February 9.** More information, including online registration, can be found here: <http://www.rmpbs.org/homeworkhotline/>.

The challenge will focus on a significant issue in Southern Colorado: water. The four weeks of educational programming on Homework Hotline (M-F, 4:30-5pm on KTSC) will culminate in our inviting the student teams to engineer something that tackles a pressing water challenge facing communities in Colorado and worldwide. The supplemental electronic toolkit will be available on our website (at the link noted above) beginning February 8.

The top three teams will be invited to demonstrate their project on live television, earning your school the positive recognition it deserves, and the winning team may be eligible to receive a prize!

Contract Fact

Article VII. A. 1 Posting of Vacancies

An updated list of current vacancies and known vacancies for the following school year will be posted on the District website commencing on or about February 15 through July 15. After notice to all building staff, a position opening which will be filled by a qualified employee from the building where the opening occurs shall not be considered a vacancy and shall not be subject to the posting requirements of this Article. Subject to any requirements of applicable law (SB 10-191), members of the bargaining unit who apply will be interviewed. Positions posted as vacant for the next school year shall remain open for a minimum of five (5) work days and shall not be permanently filled during this posting period. In addition to all other requirements applicable to in-District transfers of teachers between buildings, such transfers shall not be allowed after July 15 without the

consent of both the principal of the building from which the teacher is leaving and the principal of the building to which the teacher is being transferred.

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