

Announcements

Administering The PARCC Exam:

As everyone hopefully knows, CSEA approved a [resolution](#) on standardized testing. Our commitment focuses on the appropriate and valid uses of assessment, the concept of trust of our professionals, and the need to ensure that every child is important. In this spirit, we want you to understand the limitations and professional responsibilities you have with regard to these tests.

1. It is a professional responsibility to proctor these exams. Legally, District 11 must administer these tests and they require the staff to be the proctors. Consequently, if you choose to resist this responsibility, you can be disciplined.
2. Do not tell students or parents what to do. Many of us have been asked about opting out. The best option when asked for your opinion is to redirect. Point them to places where they can learn the pros and cons and make their own decision. This begins with the District 11 Board of Education [resolution](#) on testing, where D11 has asked for waivers from most of these tests and requested that there be no penalty for a child or parent if they choose to opt out.

More Time To TELL!

The TELL Colorado partner coalition has decided to extend the online, statewide educator survey window through Monday, March 16. This gives you an extra week to fill out the confidential survey and insert your professional voice into the conversations at the state and in District 11 that determine our working conditions, and consequently, the learning conditions of our students. This is the official climate survey for the District, and we encourage you to participate.

CSEA is offering \$100 to any school that reaches 100% staff completion of the survey. Congratulations to the following schools with 100% participation: Audubon, Edison, Freedom, Madison, Monroe, Penrose, Queen Palmer, Trailblazer and Twain.

Civil War Washington Teacher Fellows

Join up to 20 teachers to learn about Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Washington during the Civil War. A six-day program from July 19-24 includes workshops, materials, and opportunity to obtain three graduate credit hours. Find out more and apply [at this website](#) - deadline to apply is April 3.

Events

Spend A Day During Spring Break Making A Difference

Educators and students are going through grueling PARCC testing now, so in a few weeks, we should all be primed to shout out loud for less testing in our lives. We have an event for you! You are invited to join with CEA members from around the State to participate in a:

Colorado Statewide Day of Action

March 25, 2015, 12:00-1:00

West Steps of the State Capitol

We are encouraging members to bring their families with them for this Day of Action. If you agree our students are #MoreThanAScoreCO, stand for reduced testing March 25 at the Capitol. We're looking for a huge turnout. Register [here](#) on the "Free Our Teacher, Value Our Students" Facebook page.

Happy Hour With The Extension

Friday, March 13

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 pm

McCabe's Tavern

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. There will be free parking on Moreno. We'll have 40-cent wings \$3.75 pints and \$4.00 wine drink specials.

Articles

["If we treated any other professionals the way we do teachers, they'd riot in the streets."](#)

[5 Lessons Education Research Taught Us In 2014](#)