

Announcements

Spring Break Message From The President

I really hope that you have an enjoyable Spring Break next week. You have earned a solid week of rest and relaxation. Please take some time to nurture yourself so that you are ready for the last push of the school year. If you have the time, it would be great to see you at the capital on Wednesday, March 25th at noon for the "day of action against excessive testing." Take care, be safe, and have a terrific Spring Break!

TELL Congratulations

Congratulations to the following schools with 100% participation: Audubon, Columbia, Edison, Freedom, Fremont, Galileo, Holmes, Hunt, Madison, Monroe, Penrose, Queen Palmer, Steele, The Bijou School, Trailblazer, Twain, and West Elementary. Kevin Vick will be delivering a check for \$100 to your school shortly after Spring Break!

Excessive testing demands substantial relief, not cosmetic changes prescribed by SB-215

Teachers, parents, students and voters are in lock-step agreement that too much standardized testing is wasting too much time and money in Colorado public schools. However, Senate Bill 215 (introduced Friday) only offers limited concessions that will not improve the situation for most students and families.

"SB-215 takes a few, tentative steps toward easing the testing burden for some students, but it's largely a bill of cosmetic changes. Most parents across the state will be left asking, 'How does this help my child?' said Kerrie Dallman, president of the Colorado Education Association. "Our education system is infected with obsessive testing and our students and educators are expecting a full recovery from what ails them. Legislators have heard serious concerns from their constituents. They can't offer serious answers with a bill that only skims the surface of the testing dilemma."

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.

Articles

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