

## **D11 Board of Education Candidate Forum**

Citizens Project, with the support from the League of Women Voters is hosting a forum for the candidates for School District 11 Board of Education. ALL candidates have confirmed for this very important event. We encourage members to attend this event in person and learn more about the candidates. You may also submit questions for the candidates ahead of time at:

- Facebook or Twitter #CPForum
- [www.citizensproject.org](http://www.citizensproject.org)
- [info@citizensproject.org](mailto:info@citizensproject.org)

The forum will be held on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm at the District 11 Administration building, located at 1115 North El Paso Street. This event will also be televised on Comcast channel 16.

## **Events**

### **Meet Our Recommended Candidates for D11 Board of Education**

Thursday, October 8      4:00 – 7:00      CSEA, 2520 North Tejon

Please join your colleagues and meet the candidates, hear their and share your perspectives on the District and public education, and offer your support to elect them to the School Board. There will be an opportunity to make voluntary donations to their campaigns so they have the resources to win in November. Refreshments and libations will be hosted by CSEA. This event is for CSEA and ESPA members and their families. Please RSVP at [csea@coloradoea.org](mailto:csea@coloradoea.org).

### **Help Elect Our Recommended Candidates**

We need all of CSEA and ESPA to participate in this election, as the outcome is critical to District 11 and our students. The effort we spend now will inform our future. We need your help with the upcoming School Board election. The candidates we are recommending support our mission to provide excellent, sustainable public education, and we need every member to help get them elected. **CSEA and ESPA members can learn about them on the member only component of CSEA's website at [www.cseateacher.org](http://www.cseateacher.org).**

We need volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon to phone bank and canvass for our recommended candidates. These efforts are in addition to the October 17 Get Out The Vote event. Please sign up at <http://vols.pt/RZ8oEq> or contact Thad Gemski at [tgemski@coloradoea.org](mailto:tgemski@coloradoea.org) to let us know when you can commit to help with this election. The location will be provided to you shortly before the walk or phone bank date for which you sign up.

### **Get Out The Vote Walk For Our Recommended Candidates**

Saturday, October 17      morning      Location to be announced

Members are invited to participate in an event to support the CSEA recommended candidates for the District 11 School Board election. Please sign up now at <http://vols.pt/RZ8oEq> or contact Thad Gemski at [tgemski@coloradoea.org](mailto:tgemski@coloradoea.org) to let us know you will help!

### **Oktoberfest**

Saturday, October 17      Noon (following School Board Walk)n      CSEA, 2520 North Tejon

Following the political event, join us to celebrate the beginning of fall! This fun-filled annual party is a great time to gather with friends and fellow educators. Members and their significant others are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with live music and adult beverages (IDs will be checked.) We'll have food trucks in the street for purchasing food.

### **A Special Message For Our ESP Members**

Our recommended candidates measure up the best on the qualities CSEA wants in D-11 elected officials. We hope D-11 Education Support Professional (ESP) members agree and will join us in helping elect them on November 3.

Association ESP members take care of D-11 students every day and make sure our students have the tools they need to succeed in school and in life. This is a critical role in every classroom in the district. ESP members often have the most direct way to communicate with parents and citizens without school-age children because they usually live in the local community and often work in more than one school or building. ESP members also have a key role in establishing connections with individual students, creating positive learning environments, and ensuring students and staff are connected within a school.

Please join CSEA members in committing to vote for our recommended candidates, and please join us for all of our election related activities, including volunteering to help get these candidates elected.

## **Announcements**

### **Calendar Survey Closing**

Last week CSEA members received an email from Kevin Vick with a link to a calendar survey. If you haven't yet completed the survey, please do so now. The survey will close on Friday, and your input is important.

## **Articles**

**Here are some interesting articles from The Gazette**

**["Reform 'team' looking to make changes in Colorado Springs school district"](#)**

**["Who is the Colorado Springs District 11 Reform Team?"](#)**

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