

Announcements

CEA Releases Member Voting Recommendations For Election 2018

Following is an excerpt from a recent CEA press release:

“Educators in Colorado are demanding better funding and support for our students. The state with one of the fastest growing economies in the country should not be shortchanging our students by \$672 million in this school year,” stated CEA President Amie Baca-Oehlert, a high school counselor. “We have a tremendous opportunity before us to elect a governor and state legislators who want students to thrive in great public schools in every part of the state, who want to raise pay to reverse our crippling educator shortage, and who want to listen to educator voices and hear our ideas for giving our students the schools they deserve.”

Educators are energized by the prospect of passing Amendment 73, [the school funding measure](#). The passing of Amendment 73 would raise \$1.6 billion annually to provide equitable funding for all Colorado schools by asking those benefiting the most from Colorado’s growth—corporations and the wealthy—to contribute a little more.”

You can read the entire press release [here](#).

The #RedFORed Movement Is Being Felt Across The Nation

Colorado teachers aren’t alone in their quest for respect and adequate funding for schools and teacher compensation.

Thousands of teachers in Washington State have gone on or are preparing to go on strike. The Seattle Education Association and the Seattle Public School have reached a tentative agreement which, if approved, will provide that teachers and other school employees will receive pay increases of 9.5 percent over three years, in addition to the state cost-of-living adjustment of 4.8 percent over two years.

In Arizona, the situation is in a state of volatility and flux after the Arizona State Supreme Court removed the Invest In ED ballot measure from the November ballot. Invest In ED would have provided millions of Arizona students with a sustainable revenue source that would provide resources students need to learn and would have provided crucial education funding.

In Oklahoma, educators are changing the face of the House and Senate with their organizing efforts aimed at electing pro-public education funding candidates and voting out those who do not support adequate funding for schools.

Please see the articles below regarding Washington and Oklahoma education news.

Vacancy On The CSEA Board of Directors

The position of Coronado Region Director is currently vacant. This position is to be filled by a member assigned to one of the schools in the Coronado Region, which are Bristol, Buena Vista, Chipeta, Edison, Howbert, Jackson, Midland, Trailblazer, Holmes, West (Elementary and Middle), and Coronado,

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Board or would like to be considered for this position, please contact [Joe Schott](#).

Sick Leave Bank

September is the month for enrolling in the Sick Leave Bank. We highly recommend that every teacher participate in the Sick Leave Bank. If you would like to check to see if you are a member of the Bank, you may use People Soft or contact Human Resources at 520-2169. Every year we have people who need extended leave for health reasons and run into financial difficulty because they did not participate in the Sick Leave Bank. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this voluntary employee benefit that has been bargained and is a part of the Master Agreement. (See Contract Fact below.)

Events

Pedal the Plains

September 14-16

Eastern Colorado

CSEA Cycling

Balance...in our lives *and* on two wheels! We work a LOT! Join us as we Pedal the Plains September 14-16 (Friday to Sunday). This year's route includes the towns of Kiowa, Bennett, and Limon. You can sign up for any of the three days, or all three days. Registration deadline is 5:00 pm, Monday 10 September!

More information [here](#). CSEA Cycling Facebook page [here](#).

Contract Fact

Article X. B Sick Leave Bank

Teachers shall be able to participate in and apply for days from the District sick leave bank. Participation is voluntary and may be initiated by any teacher through a one-time donation of one (1) day of unused sick leave or paid leave during September of any year. New hires will be informed by the District that they may join during their first thirty (30) days of employment by making a day's contribution. If a new hire is not so informed, he/she will have ten (10) days from the time he/she is informed to join the sick leave bank by making a day's contribution. Only those contributing to the bank will be eligible to request use of days from the bank

Articles

[Seattle Teachers Get 10 Percent Raise In Tentative Deal](#)

[Six Oklahoma Legislators Opposed To Teacher Pay Raise Voted Out Of Office In Primary Runoffs](#)

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