

Announcements

Calling all Members! Show your solidarity and support for Public Education.

Join in a statewide Day of Action on Friday, October 5

In solidarity with colleagues around the state and as a follow up to the day of action last April, CSEA and ESPA will be wearing red in support of public education. Activities are being determined at the building level. Our focus will be on ensuring legislators don't forget and also raising awareness around Amendment 73, which would provide District 11 with an additional \$1600+ per pupil.

Supporting Amendment 73 And Candidates

We will be walking for our recommended candidates and Amendment 73 on Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. till noon. We will gather at North Middle School. Please plan now on joining us as we support pro-public education candidates and this very important Amendment. Afterwards we'll be gathering at CSEA for our traditional Oktoberfest celebration. Please let us know you'll be joining us by sending an email to [CSEA](#).

October Is Anti-Bullying Month. NEA Has Resources For Your Use.

October is Anti-Bullying Month, and as our students' allies and advocates, our goal is ensuring their schools are safe places for learning and discovery. Here are some resources to explore:

- Whatever our job titles in schools, all educators strive [to protect students and keep them safe](#).
- Educators are key people in [fostering the positive school climate](#) that we know inspires students' curiosity, imagination, and love of learning, and we work hard to build relationships with all students.
- Students with health, speech, or language impairments, learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, and emotional and behavior disorders are especially susceptible to bullying. Around the nation, many schools are also seeing an increase in bullying directed at [LGBTQ students, students of color, and immigrant students](#).
- The Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) recommends that anti-bullying programs should include specific protections based on race, gender, ethnicity, actual or perceived sexual orientation, and gender identity/expression. [But few anti-bullying laws or guidelines combine all of these](#).
- NEA offers anti-bullying [resources](#), including resources for encouraging students who witness bullying to take an active role in intervening and helping to stop it.

Giant Pumpkin Festival In Old Colorado City

CSEA is sponsoring a "Fall in Love with Reading" booth at this festival, which may attract 10,000 to 30,000 people. We will give children a free book and have bookmarks that they can color. This is a huge community event, great fun, and having a public presence builds a positive image for teachers and the association in the community. Here are several ways you can help make this a successful day:

Book donation - We need gently used or new books ranging from Pre-K to high school levels. Clean off your shelves and ask your friends and neighbors for donations.

Please give the books to your building AR by October 9 so they can bring them to the AR meeting that evening.

Crayon/Marker donation – If you have any extra crayons or markers, please give them to your AR to deliver to CSEA at the October 9 meeting.

Event Prep - We need help getting everything prepped for the event. Books will have to be sorted into grade levels and bookmarks will need to be cut out.

Monday, October 15 CSEA Basement, 2520 N. Tejon
3:00-6:00 or when we finish Snacks will be provided
Please RSVP to [Beth Waller](#)

Volunteer at the Event. The booth will be open 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and we need volunteers to work a two-hour shift anytime during those hours.

Saturday, October 20 Old Colorado City (details of location to follow)

It is rewarding to see the children light up with the gift of a free book. Please join us by volunteering to help put CSEA's friendly face out into the community. Please RSVP for the set up or the event hours that you are available to work to [Beth Waller](#).

Events

Statewide Day Of Action

Wear Red For Ed October 5
Join with others in your school to demonstrate support for public education. Send us your pictures!

Political Canvass

October 13 9 a.m. – Noon North Middle School
We will be walking for our recommended candidates and Amendment 73. Sign up [here](#) to help with this important effort.

Oktoberfest Festivities

October 13 Noon – 4 p.m. CSEA, 2520 North Tejon
CSEA and ESPA members and their significant others are invited to join together for an afternoon of festivity and family fun! We'll have great music, free beer, and snack food. There will be food trucks with food for you to purchase if you'd like. Bring your own camp chair for comfortable seating. Join us to celebrate the beginning of fall with this great time to gather with friends and fellow educators. Let us know [here](#) if you're coming.

Giant Pumpkin Festival

October 20 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Old Colorado City
If you're interested in helping with this event, in which we give books to children, please contact [Beth Waller](#).

Contract Fact

Article III.H.4 Use Of Facilities And Services

The Association shall have the right to communicate with members of the bargaining unit and this right shall extend to all forms of electronic/telephonic, as well as paper communication that the District currently maintains except that the Association will not

be entitled to utilize the franking privilege of the District. This shall include, but not be limited to, the District's electronic mail and telephone systems, including the capability to communicate with all or only a portion of the bargaining unit. The District agrees to provide the Association with whatever lists and/or addresses and access to equipment necessary to communicate via these electronic/telephonic means. The Association agrees that it will bear whatever reasonable costs are related to this access and that extension of Article III.H will be at no cost to the District. The Association further agrees that the District communications through and usage of the methods and means described above shall have priority over any use of such methods and means by the Association. All communications by the Association will be for business purposes and according to professional standards.

Articles

[90 Seconds On Amendment 73](#)

[Is The Big Standardized Test A Big Standardized Flop?](#)

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