

## **Announcements**

### **DCTA strike media release**

The Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) voted overwhelmingly (93%) to approve a strike. Here's a [link to the media release](#) DCTA issued after announcing the result.

*"Denver teachers want to be in their classrooms with their students, not out on strike. But we have reached the tipping point in our negotiations with DPS where we must stand up for our profession and for our students and do what is best to keep dedicated, experienced teachers in this district."* - DCTA President Henry Roman.

The DCTA strike website states: *"DCTA has been negotiating with the district for 14 months to bring change to a compensation system that is directly linked to Denver's teacher turnover crisis. Teacher turnover is already very high and increasing in Denver Public Schools. In fact, 31% of Denver teachers have only been in their school for three years or less. The revolving door is a crisis for kids and families who count on DPS to consistently provide a caring, qualified and experienced teaching staff at every school."*

Follow the [DCTA Facebook page](#) and [website strike page](#) for all the latest developments and more ways to get involved.

### **Extra Extra! Red For Ed**

We are asking CSEA members to join other teachers across Colorado in solidarity as we Wear **Red For Ed next Wednesday, January 30**, in support of our fellow educators in Denver teachers. Let's have a sea of red throughout District 11 next week to show that we are with our colleagues in spirit.

### **Los Angeles Teachers Reach Settlement**

The teachers in Los Angeles have returned to work after reaching a Tentative Agreement with the Board of Education. Much of what was agreed upon will occur in phases over the next three years. Some of the agreed upon points include hiring a full time nurse for every school and a librarian for every middle and high school, forming a committee to develop a plan to reduce the number of assessments by half, a cap on class sizes, and a six percent pay raise. The School Board also agreed to vote on a resolution asking the state to "establish a charter school cap."

### **Nominations For Delegates to the 2018-2019 CEA Delegate Assembly**

Nominations remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25.

### **Slow Food Pikes Peak Offering Grant**

Slow Food Pikes Peak will be looking for innovative ideas related to food education in the Pikes Peak Region that match the Slow Food objectives of good, clean, and fair food for all. These grants (up to \$1000) are intended to support educational initiatives to encourage public awareness of food traditions, stewardship of the environment, and responsible care, harvesting, and consumption of plants and animals in the Pikes Peak region. Residents of the Pikes Peak Region (Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Pueblo, and Teller counties) are encouraged to apply for 2019 grants.

The application for the 2019 Jerald Bridgman Education Funds will be posted on [www.slowfoodpikespeak.org](http://www.slowfoodpikespeak.org) on February 15 and will be due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.



**Thumbs Up!** Thumbs Up to **Michele Legette, Russell**, for being selected as the School Social Worker Educator of the Year by The Education Center. **Michele** will receive her award at the Salute to Excellence In Education Scholarship And Awards Gala, in Denver, on Saturday, March 2, 2019. The event honors educators of color in Colorado who exemplify high standards of excellence in education. For additional information, please visit [www.TheEduCtr.com](http://www.TheEduCtr.com). Congratulations, **Michelle!**



**Thumbs Down!** Shame on the principal who demands students forego enrichment and arts after school because they need to focus on tutoring for testing.

## Events

### St. Patrick's Day Parade Participation

**Saturday, March 16**

**Details coming, along with practice rides as soon as weather permits.**

Please plan to join us as we celebrate St. Paddy's Day by participating in our community's annual parade. Come rain or shine, we'll be walking, riding, marching, jogging...there will be many modes of celebrating. This will also be the inaugural spring "ride" for CSEA Members Who Bike. We hope to see you there!

## Contract Fact

### Article VII.B

### Purpose of Grievance

To facilitate free, easy, and effective communication between teachers and administrators at the lowest possible grievance level by securing equitable solutions to problems which affect the teacher's terms and conditions of employment.

## Articles

[Educators Across U.S. Inspired By L.A. Teachers' Win](#)

[America's Teachers Are Furious](#)

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