

## Announcements

### CSEA Was Well Represented At Delegate Assembly

Delegate Assembly, the annual official meeting of the Colorado Education Association, took place last Friday and Saturday. A full delegation of 26 CSEA members attended and participated in passing resolutions of organizational beliefs, as well as business items that directed actions for CEA to take in the next year. **Molly Pargas (Twain and Madison)** received the Johnson Memorial Scholarship to help fund her further education as a teacher. We also elected **Leslie Miller (Monroe)** to a seat on the Colorado Fund for Children & Public Education, which targets dollars for public-education campaigns around the state. A big Thank You to all our delegates for representing us so well!

### District Board Of Ed Meeting - Budget And Allocations

Monday's Board of Education meeting drew a lot of attention. Budget and Allocations are intensely controversial this year, considering the impact they are having on teachers and ESP. Our members' engagement and attendance at this and previous meetings shows our commitment to our students' needs, public education in general, and our union values of solidarity, justice, and professionalism. The School Board heard our stories and is taking a deeper look at our considerations. Well done!

### Rolling Lobby Days

Legislators ran on platforms to support public education. Now elected, they need a bit of a reminder. Consequently, CEA is asking for volunteers to participate in a "rolling" lobby from now to the end of the session. If a few of you are interested in helping on April 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, please let email us [here](#). Details will be provided to attendees.

### CEA Member Voice on Student Discipline

DCTA member Rachel Sandoval testified before the Senate Education Committee last week on behalf of CEA in support of on [HB-1194](#) to ensure suspensions and expulsions of our youngest students are not part of the school-to-prison pipeline. Learn more [below](#).

### Full Steam Ahead for Full-Day K

The bill that would make kindergarten free and full-day for all kids, [HB-1262](#), passed House Education unanimously last week and may clear the House for hearings this week in the Senate. Learn more [below](#).



**Thumbs Up!** We are pleased to share that CSEA members **Melissa Garlock (Palmer)**, **Kaitlin Harrington (Mitchell)**, and **James Owino (Odyssey ECCO)** were honored last Friday as Diamond Award winners by the Colorado Springs Rotary Club. We are proud of your accomplishments and glad that you have been publicly recognized for your excellence in teaching and the impact you are making in your students' lives. Way to go members!



**Thumbs Up!** **Julia Chung (Sabin)** recently received a \$500 grant from CEA to start a Diversity Club at Sabin Middle School with the goal of promoting an inclusive school environment where all students are valued and celebrated. CEA's grant guidelines state that the grant is to engage students of color in social justice and equity projects led by educators. Congratulations, **Julia!**

## Events

### Garden Of The Guards Motor Less Morning

Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m.

CSEA Parking Lot, 2520 N. Tejon

All those interested in taking advantage of a Motor Less Morning - meet at CSEA at 10:00 and we can ride over using the Sinton Trail! Hope to see you there! This is a great way to start training for our annual <https://www.pedaltheplains.com/> event!

### CSEA/D11 Interest Based Bargaining Schedule

Tesla Educational Center

2560 International Circle, Room 250

All sessions are open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

Monday, April 22

. Tuesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 24

4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Monday, April 29      Thursday, May 2      Friday, May 3  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Sixth Annual Literacy Festival**

**Saturday, May 4      8:00 – 12:30      Dwire Hall, University of Colorado, Austin Bluffs**

This is a free, family friendly event with a hands on experience in literacy, leadership and STEAM. There will be 1,000 books given away, and two Samsung tablets will be raffled. Secondary students will have the opportunity for a tour of the college. For additional information, please contact [benlitfair@comcast.net](mailto:benlitfair@comcast.net).

### **Contract Fact**

#### Article XIII.A Student Discipline

The Association and the District believe that effective student discipline is a prerequisite for sound educational practice and academic achievement. The Association and District are committed to the creation of an atmosphere in schools that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. Within that context and limits established in law, policies and practices concerning discipline are intended to be responsive to the level of discipline infraction and to foster cooperation and collaboration among students, parents, administrators, teachers, and other staff members, local law enforcement agencies, and the community at large in order to meet these goals.

### **Articles**

[Arizona Teachers Can Now Discuss LGBTQ Issues Without Worrying About The Law](#)

### **Details From Above**

#### **CEA Member Voice on Student Discipline**

The bill does not stop suspensions and expulsions, but attempts to ensure that they are a more focused tool. HB-1194, which had previously passed the House, will go to the full Senate after the successful committee vote. Members can share thoughts on early childhood suspensions with Chalkbeat Colorado [here](#).

#### **Full Steam Ahead for Full-Day K**

Members can find materials and take action at <http://www.fulldayk.co/> to show their support. CEA, a proud member of the Kindergarten NOW Coalition, is advocating that districts use money "freed up" - nearly \$100 million statewide currently paying for full-day K – for educator pay raises.

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