Dear Members,

Thank you for a year of hard work bringing insight, thoughtfulness, and care to our D11 students. However much others may or may not understand, it *is* hard work to pack a year’s effort into nine months, and we know that summer is not just carefree vacation for us. The challenges losing 1000 students and of this spring’s cuts in allocations don’t allow us to count 18-19 as an unalloyed success. Nevertheless, we continue to have a solid contract with pay increases and the prominent inclusion of collaboration as a standard practice, but without insurance premium hikes. We are on the verge of a new district strategic plan that places ethical and humane values at its center, too, so we have good reason to look forward with reinvigorated expectations.

We at CSEA hope you have the opportunity to spend your summer in ways you find productive and restorative. In that vein, we offer you this musical send-off: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MyH1TcqAhI

2020 Colorado Teacher Of The Year Nominations Open
CDE is accepting nominations for the 2020 Colorado Teacher of the Year now through July 10. Fill out the form to nominate an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled K-12 classroom teacher to represent the entire profession in the state.

CEA is a longstanding partner in the Colorado Teacher of the Year program, our state’s oldest and most prestigious honors program which recognizes the contributions of the classroom teacher. The selected teacher is also our state’s nominee to become the National Teacher of the Year.

ESP Webinar
Signups are now underway for the next NEA ESP webinar, Thursday, May 23 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The topic is What You Need to Know: ESP Mentoring ESP in the Workplace.

Win a School Lounge Makeover
California Casualty wants to help transform your school lounge into something extraordinary. Members who enter to win by July 12 could start next year school with the cheerful, restful environment that will be the envy of the district. The California Casualty School Lounge Makeover is valued at $7,500. It would be great if one of our schools could win this makeover…but it won’t happen unless members enter the contest!

Thumbs Up! You all deserve a hearty Thumbs Up for everything you have given to your students this year. As the year winds down and school days can become particularly challenging, remember these words: “I’ve got a friend who is a lion tamer. He used to be a school teacher till he lost his nerve.”
Les Dawson

Events
Citizens Project Breakfast ~ The Privilege Is All Mine
June 11, 2019 7:00 a.m. Check-in Doubletree by Hilton, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast 1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.

CSEA members who are interested in gathering for breakfast with community members who share a passion for equity and inclusion are invited to contact Thad if they are interested in attending this event. While there is no charge for breakfast, it is a fund-raiser for Citizens’ Project. You may learn more about Citizens Project here.

JumpStart
June 17-20, 2019 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily PPEA/CSEA Building, 2520 North Tejon
JumpStart is a four-day seminar designed to support National Board Candidates. Candidates will learn about the certification process, foundations, components and assessment center requirements. Our sister organization, the Pikes Peak Education Association is offering this course to CSEA members. Information on the cost of the course, how to get additional information, and how to RSVP is below.

Contract Fact
Article X, B. 10 Summer School
a. When applicable, announcement of summer school and possible openings for teaching positions shall be adequately published in each school for two weeks immediately preceding the hiring process. Teachers who are interested in teaching in summer school must submit a letter of intent to the Department of Human Resources during the application window. Teachers who are employed shall be notified as soon as possible. Additional staff may be employed at the close of summer school registration, should this become necessary. Openings in all summer school positions shall be filled first by teacher applicants already employed by the District.

Articles

Colorado: What Did You Learn This School Year?  
(Chalkbeat’s invitation to share what you learned this year)

Local Students Eyed As Solution To Global Cybersecurity Workforce Gap  
(Article contains link to information about establishing a school chapter.)

Details From Above

Jump Start
The Cost Of The Course, How To Get Additional Information, And How To RSVP
$100 for Association Members
$25 if attending 1 component only-email below for more information
$50 if attending for 2 components-email below for more information
Scholarships will be available through The Center and CEA.

RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/yavooexq or by scanning the QR code

To receive more information and updates, please contact Donna Brooks dbrooks758@aol.com or follow on Facebook (Colorado National Board Certified Teachers).

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