

Announcements

Ratification Voting Is Open

Members have been sent a link to vote on ratification of the Tentative Agreement on the Master Agreement. Voting began Wednesday, May 1 at 5 p.m. and will continue through Monday, May 6 at 5 p.m. Please be sure to exercise your right to vote. As is the case with all CSEA elections, only members of CSEA are eligible to vote. The CSEA Board of Directors unanimously voted to take the Tentative Agreement to the members for a ratification vote.

Colorado Teacher Appreciation Week

CSEA President Joe Schott recently shared a message of appreciation with the Board of Education. In it, he thanked the Board for “recognizing the fundamental and indispensable role teachers play in achieving the goal of a thoughtful and educated population. You can read the entire message [below](#).

The Colorado Department has compiled a list of deals and discounts available to educators this week. Be sure to check out the savings [here](#).



Thumbs Up! Thank you to the members of the CSEA Bargaining Team. **Jeanette Applin (Henry), Bruce Cole (Doherty), Shelly Gemoets (King), Sarah Jacobs (Coronado), Adrienne Propsom (Galileo), Joe Schott (Doherty), Kelly Stroup (Doherty), and Tom Watson (Doherty)**, worked many hours on behalf of the CSEA members to negotiate this year’s Tentative Agreement.



Thumbs Up! Thank you to **Leigh Slimp-Virgo, Buena Vista**, for providing snacks for the Bargaining Team, as well as to those individuals and schools who signed up to provide food next week, **Adrienne Propsom (Galileo), Monica Peeler (Grant) and Brian Kachel (Grant)**, we appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Events

Electronic Voting On Tentative Agreement

May 1 5:00 p.m. – May 6 5:00 p.m.

District 11 Back To School All Staff Meeting

Thursday, August 8 Morning/Afternoon Coronado High School

Save the date for a sensational start to the school year! Elementary staff will attend 9:00 – 11:00, and Secondary staff will attend 1:00 – 3:00. Staff members not at a school site may attend the session of their choice. We’ve been told there will be live music, special guests, giveaways, and a vendor fair...and a surprise will be revealed!

Contract Fact

Article VI. A 12 Negotiation Procedures Ratification

A Tentative Agreement is first subject to ratification by the Association. Following ratification by the Association, the Board of Education shall make every effort to schedule a ratification vote at an official meeting which shall take place within fifteen (15) days of the date the Association ratifies. After ratification by both parties, the chief officers of the Board and the Association shall sign the ratified Agreement.

Articles

[From Dozens Of Suspensions To One: How This Colorado School Stopped Removing Young Children](#)

[Kindergartners Get Little Time To Play. Why Does It Matter?](#)

Details From Above

Joe Schott’s Address To The Board of Education For Teacher Appreciation Week

-A. Philip Randolph (*civil rights and labor leader*): Teachers, Education, America

Salvation for a race, nation, or class must come from within. Freedom is never granted; it is won.

Justice is never given; it is exacted. Freedom and justice must be struggled for by the oppressed of all

lands and races, and the struggle must be continuous, for freedom is never a final fact, but a continuing evolving process to higher and higher levels of human, social, economic, political and religious relationships.

Free and universal public education, in the hands of District 11, embraces **all** students—a true cross section of our city. Public Education is America’s path—an on-going journey of vigilance--toward justice and freedom.

Our professionally qualified teachers bring the vision of an educated, responsible citizenry to life. They sustain the process and provide the means for students to attain real freedom in their lives.

They are uniquely trained **decision-makers**, able to identify and respond appropriately to students’ needs—

- Helping to develop raw academic SKILLS, yes,
- but beyond that, cultivating the more intriguing and rewarding integration of those skills with REAL APPLICATION. **That** enriches student and teacher alike.

- The trained professionals of our teacher ranks respond *a/so* to our students as **vital and valuable persons**, whom—like the rest of us—life often pulls in challenging and unexpected directions.
- We support our students’ well-being so they arrive healthy and ready to establish their role in society, not just to meet a need we might have for them to perform well.

On behalf of **all** the teachers whose rights are secured by the Master Agreement, I would like to thank the Board for recognizing the fundamental and indispensable role teachers play in achieving the goal of a thoughtful and educated population.

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