

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
March 13, 2020

A Letter From Our President

Dear Members, this really isn't how we envisioned making a transition to Spring Break, is it? It does seem to be a sensible way to help control the situation and keep our students and ourselves in a safer place, though. People's health and safety has to come first.

In this next week away from your classrooms and students, we urge you to make yourself available to them through platforms D11 provides—e.g. Schoology, e-mail, 365—at sensible times. Maintain appropriate boundaries, and help students as you can. In short, continue to be the professionals you are. In short, continue to be the professionals you are. It's not going to be regular; it is an opportunity for us to change the dynamic and have students take more responsibility for their own learning.



Then unwind. Make Spring Break a break from the normalcy, a break from bell schedules, perhaps a break from worry, and find some rebirth to match the season. Maybe even goof around and [play](#).

Announcements

Cancellations

The March 19th CEA March On The Capitol has been cancelled. CEA is brainstorming activities that don't require crowd-gathering as an alternative to the March On The Capitol, and we'll keep you informed as we hear more. This decision was made in the interest of the public with the understanding that large gatherings in public places should be avoided at this time.

CEA Communications

In notifying CEA members of the March On The Capitol, CEA President Amie Baca wrote this in an email to all members:

“In the interest of keeping Colorado students, educators, and all of their families safe and mindful of the risks as we confront the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, we have concluded that we must cancel the March on the Capitol, scheduled for March 19th at the State Capitol.”

CEA communicates with members by sending information to the members' home email address. If you did not receive the email from CEA, it is because we don't have your current home email address. If you would like to receive communications from CEA, please respond [here](#) letting us know your name and current home email address so that we can update your contact information.

2020 Election for CSEA Board of Directors, Representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly, and Amendments to the CSEA Bylaws

For some positions on the Board of Directors, there was only one candidate nominated. Therefore, these candidates are declared elected:

- Monica Peeler, Intermediate Director
- Steven Lambert, Itinerant Director
- Kevin Coughlin, Mitchell Region Director
- Jo Pike, Palmer Region Director

For the positions of Coronado and Doherty Region Directors, there were no candidates. The positions remain open and appointments will be made.

CSEA is allotted eight delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly. The President, Joe Schott, is automatically a delegate according to the CSEA Bylaws. There were four nominations, and therefore, the following candidates are declared elected: Adrienne Hause, Sarah Jacobs, Leigh Slimp-Virgo, and Kevin Vick.

At the March 10, the Association Representatives voted to bring proposed Amendments to the CSEA Bylaws to a vote of the membership. That election will take place April 2-9.

For And About Educators

March Is National Social Worker Month!

School social workers have supported our District 11 schools and community since 1944! They work with students' families, schools and community while addressing the social-emotional, academic and behavioral needs of our students. Using a strengths-based perspective, social workers build on a student's ability to overcome their struggles, recognizing the importance of collaborating with their family, staff and community to increase their resilience. Social workers support students and their families in accessing agencies who provide food, clothing, shelter, mental and physical health care and they advocate for increased resources for all members of our community.



Thumbs Up! Thumbs Up to our very important **Social Workers!** Thank you for everything you do for the well-being of our students and their families.

Events

CSEA Annual Meeting

April 14, 2020

4:45 p.m.

**Palmer High School, 301 N. Nevada Ave.,
(Eagle Wing)**

All members are invited to attend the annual meeting of the corporation. The meeting is usually brief and is followed by the monthly AR meeting, to which members are also invited.

Articles Of Note

[What Does A School Social Worker Do?](#)

[Weaving A Mental Health Safety Net](#)

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