

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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This Empire Has No Clothes: In the Classroom That Zoom Built

As we grapple with the end of the school year, the change to distance models means profound adjustments. The [article](#) examines the changes and challenges of this crisis.

“The institutions charged with caring for and guiding our most valuable assets—our children—were already gutted by half a century of chronic underfunding, misguided curricular policies that prioritized testing over real learning, and social policies that favored austerity over taking care of the most vulnerable members of our society”

On Tuesday, we referenced an article about making your voice heard to eliminate or reduce any cuts to the education budget in Colorado. If you haven't already done so, please use this [link](#) to do so now. Our student deserve it.

Local Dues Freeze by the CSEA Board of Directors

On May 5th, the CSEA Board of Directors voted to freeze our local dues for the 20-21 year. This will hopefully provide a bit of relief amid the struggles with the economic fallout from COVID-19. Additionally, we are advocating for this course of action on the state and national levels, but those decisions have yet to be made.

Benefits of Belonging

California Casualty Music and Arts Grant for Members Only

California Casualty understands that budgets will be tight. They support strong music and arts programs in our schools. Recently, they created a Music and Arts grant to provide support for public schools that would otherwise be negatively impacted by fiscal cuts. This program accepts grant requests from members (completed via the online form) so backfill music and arts programming that may be in jeopardy.

The application is available [here](#). Applications received by June 30, 2020 will be notified of their status by September 30, 2020. Applications received after June 30, 2020 will be considered for an award during the next program cycle.

Matching Donations Reminder

CSEA is reaching out to help our community and are asking those who can to join us. Please donate and identify your CSEA affiliation and we will match members' donations to three local charities, up to a total of \$1,000 each. Each of these charities are local, help our students, colleagues, families and neighborhoods: **Care and Share, Inside Out Youth Services, and The Urbanites Leading The Pikes Peak Region.**

If you choose to donate to **Care and Share** online, use this [link](#).

If you choose to donate to **Inside Out Youth Services** online, use this [link](#). In the comment dialogue box, enter “CSEA” and CSEA will then be able to match your donation. If you have a problem with the link, you may mail a donation to 223 N. Wahsatch Avenue, Suite 101, 80903, or contact Joy Armstrong at 719-313-8592.

If you choose to donate to **The Pikes Peak Urbanites** online, use this [link](#). As you proceed through the donation process, you will have an opportunity to “Write A Note.” Enter “CSEA” in that field, and CSEA will then be able to match your donation.

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