

# Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association  
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## “How Long Can We Continue Doing This?”

**Paul Yenne (Steele)** recently posed that question when NBC News interviewed him and other teachers from across the country about the challenges of hybrid teaching. The article, which is available [here](#), talks about the stress and burnout teachers are experiencing, and the toll it is taking on their own mental and physical health, as well as the pressure it is putting on the entire public education system.



**Thumbs Up to Dustin Flesher (Mitchell)**, for winning a \$250 grant from California Casualty to be used to purchase a digital audio workstation to use in performances, teach literacy and engage students through more use of electronic music productions. In its press release, California Casualty stated, “Students love to showcase their creativity, and helping educators keep music and arts in the forefront of everyday learning is absolutely the right thing for us to do.” Congratulations, **Dustin**, and thank you, California Casualty!



**Thumbs up** to long-time CSEA employee, **Denise Brown**, who will retire on November 6, 2020. Thank you for your unswerving, dedicated service and commitment to public education, to CSEA members, and to union values. You will be missed!

## Announcements

### Citizen’s Project Voter’s Guide

Citizen’s Project’s comprehensive voter’s guide on local and state candidates and ballot issues is available [here](#). The guide explains what a yes or no vote means, what supporters say, what opponents say, and in some instances, Citizen’s Project’s position.

### Track Your Ballot

If you have mailed or delivered your ballot and would like to confirm that it has been received, sign up for BallotTrax, a system that will allow you to track your ballot. Go to <https://colorado.ballottrax.net> to sign up. If you haven’t mailed or delivered your ballot, please don’t delay!

### Critical Dates

The D11 2020-2021 Critical Dates calendar is now available in the member side of our website at [www.cseateacher.org](http://www.cseateacher.org).

## Member Benefits

### Holiday Savings from California Casualty

The CEA and NEA Auto & Home Insurance Program provided by California Casualty is offering a two-month holiday skip-payment option that is perfect for this time of year! With an average savings of \$423/year, each policy includes Educator-specific benefits, free ID Theft Protection, Pet Injury Coverage and Exclusive member-only rates. In addition, for a limited time, they are offering a \$25 gift card for completing an auto quote. Learn [more](#).

## Member Opportunity

### NEA Webinar On Social Emotional Learning In A Virtual Space

- Monday, November 9 at 5pm MST
- Register: <https://www.mobilize.us/nea/event/314697/>

## **Articles Of Note**

[How 'Zoom Fatigue' Impacts Communication With Students](#)

[Voter Guide: What The Gallagher Repeal Means For School Funding](#)

[Casting Their First Ballots, Teen Voters Confront Pandemic's Barriers](#)

[15 Books By Indigenous Authors For The Classroom](#)

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