

Announcements

Delegate Assembly Election

Members will be sent an email with complete information on nominating themselves to run for the office of CSEA representative to the CEA Delegate Assembly. The information is also available in the News and Events section at www.cseateacher.org.

Legislative Session to Open Wednesday

This Wednesday, January 11, starts the 120-day legislative session where we again expect several dozen proposals that will affect educators across the state. Would you like to stay plugged into everything going on during session? Things move fast in the legislature and we want to make sure you're getting breaking news in real-time wherever you are. **Text the word "CEA" to 64336** from your cell phone and begin receiving updates now!

It's critical legislators hear from you and other CEA members over the next 120 days. Following last November's election, there are 19 new faces in the state House and 9 faces new to the state Senate. There are several who migrated from the House to the Senate. If you're unsure who is your state Representative and state Senator, your best bet is to visit www.GoVoteColorado.com which will tell you who all of your elected officials are from U.S. Senate down to the local school board. The Colorado General Assembly also has a new website, www.leg.colorado.gov, which offers a "Find Your Legislator" option if you scroll down.

We encourage every member to keep informed about legislative events and their impact on public education.

Events

Educating Children of Color Summit

Saturday, January 14, 2017
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Colorado College

The theme for this year's Summit is We Can't Wait. The mission of this event is to dismantle the cradle to prison pipeline for children of color and children in poverty through education. High school and undergraduate students, parents, education professionals, child welfare and juvenile justice professionals are invited to attend.

The Summit is free to students and parents and \$35 for professionals. Graduate credit (.5) through Adams State is available for an additional \$27.50.

75% of registration fees will be returned to youth as scholarships and educational gifts for post-secondary education. To date in excess of \$120,000 in scholarships and over 120 laptops have been given away.

For additional information or to register, visit <http://www.educatingchildrenofcolor.org/ecoc-summit.html>

Student Loan Reduction Workshop

Wednesday, January 25
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Tim Gill Center
315 E. Costilla

The latest NEA Member Benefits research shows recent graduates are leaving schools with greater and greater debt. This presentation focuses on how teachers who teach in “high impact schools” can get a portion of their Stafford and Perkins loans forgiven. Only applies to undergraduate degrees and those who have not consolidated their loans. Reservations are required. Reserve your space [here](#).

Contract Fact

Appendix A – Definitions Collaboration

Without impairing the Board’s legal obligation to govern the affairs of the District, collaboration is a process whereby the principal and staff either agree on the resolution of an issue or the process to be used in reaching a decision on issues. If the parties do not collaboratively reach a decision, they may decide on any other acceptable method of decision-making. The collaborative process and decisions reached thereby must conform to law, to any court order, with applicable state and federal rules and regulations, and to policies and parameters imposed by the Board (whether adopted using collaboration or not) when such policies and parameters are not otherwise in conflict with the Master Agreement. Without negating the foregoing limitations, the Board may, prior to implementation, further restrict the enactment of a collaboratively reached decision at an individual school(s) by promptly and expeditiously negotiating with the Association regarding such decision and its implementation.

Articles

[Resources for Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#)

[Seven Education Storylines To Watch As The Colorado General Assembly Gets To Work](#)

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