

Announcements

Happy Spring Break From Kevin Vick

Thank you for all of your efforts to make a difference for students. We appreciate you and want you to know that we understand the challenges you are facing at this time of year. We hope that you have a restful and enjoyable Spring Break and we will see you in April!

PERA Update

Currently, there is a bill (SB18-200) in the Colorado State Senate that is very damaging to our retirement pension system, PERA. This bill would have many negative effects on employees and retirees at all stages of their career or retirement. We have attached a summary in this communication for your knowledge of the particulars of this bill. Please learn about the details and then contact our local members of the state legislature to tell them to work for a better solution than this bill. You can find more information on the bill and for contacting the state legislature at the following website, www.securepera.org. One last word of caution, there is also an anti-pension group out there using the term "Save PERA" to artificially pump up support of this bill. Many have been fooled into signing onto this "support." Please spread the word that "Save PERA" is a front group to actually undermine and dismantle PERA. Thanks for your help in this important fight.

Congratulations to Rotary Club Diamond Award Winners

Recently the Downtown Colorado Springs Rotary Club awarded the Rotary Diamond Award to two CSEA members. **Sarah Hook, Mitchell, and Ryan Reed, Doherty**, were selected by a committee of Rotary Club members who reviewed nominations submitted by students, and made their decision based upon the extensive supporting material submitted with the nominations. In addition to the award, recipients receive a gift package from the Club. We are pleased to learn that our members were recognized by their students for their excellence in teaching.

Read Across America Donation

CSEA recently donated \$500 to Early Connections (formerly Child Day Nurseries), an organization that provides child care at Family Friendly Court facilities while parents are in court. Every child who receives care from the organization is able to take home a book. Thanks to **Helen Murphy, Steele**, for spearheading this event.

Interest-Based Bargaining Has Begun

Our first session was held on Monday, March 19. The next session will be held on Monday, April 2, from 1:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Tesla, and is open to the public. We will keep you informed of additional dates.

Election for Local Representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly and Bylaw Revisions

CSEA is allotted eight representatives to the NEA Representative Assembly. The President-Elect, Joe Schott, is automatically elected as a one of those representatives in

accordance with the CSEA Bylaws. Seven additional candidates will be elected to fill a one year term. The candidates are:

Julia Chung	Adrienne Propsom
Rick Garcia	Erica Rewey
Adrienne Hause	Anton Schulzki
Carmen Moyer	Kevin Vick

Members have received the campaign statements and the Pro/Con Statements for the proposed Bylaw Amendments.

The election will be conducted electronically April 5 – 9. Members will receive a link with information on how to vote prior to the election.

Your Opportunity To Provide Input On New Superintendent

The School District 11 Board of Education is seeking community input in the search for a new superintendent. Community members may participate in a survey and/or community feedback meetings to identify the top characteristics in a superintendent most important to School District 11. You may click [here](#) to take the surveys and the upcoming community meetings are:

Wednesday, March 21, 6-7:30 p.m., Palmer High School-Lecture Hall
301 N. Nevada Avenue-Main Building

Thursday, March 22, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Coronado High School-Media Center
1590 W. Fillmore Street

Thursday, March 22, 6-7:30 p.m., Mitchell High School-Lecture Hall
1205 Potter Drive-Main Building

Friday, March 23, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., Board room, Central Administrative Office, 1115 N. El Paso Street

Friday, March 23, 6-7:30 p.m., Doherty High School - Spartan Room
4515 Barnes Road - 1st Floor between both entrances

Events

Elections For Representatives to the NEA RA And Bylaw Amendments

April 5 – 9 Conducted electronically; members will receive link

CSEA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 10	4:45 p.m.	Tesla Building 2560 International Circle
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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.

Happy Hour With The Extension

Thursday, April 19	3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Tap Traders 3104 N. Nevada, Unit 100
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We have the back room reserved, so please feel free to invite your co-workers, family friends. There are no students on Friday, April 20. All beer will be \$1.00 off. We hope to see you there!

BEN Literacy Festival

Sat, April 21, 2018 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. UCCS, Dwire Hall

Sponsored by the Black Educators Network and the College of Education at UCCS, this year's half-day, FREE festival celebrates literacy as much more than just reading with the theme "*Literacy, Creativity, and STEAM: A Hands-on Experience*"

Tickets are free, but you must register. Door prizes and books will be given away. Detail and to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ben-literacy-festival-2018-tickets-43147337849>

Contract Fact

Article IV.F. Just Cause

The dismissal of probationary and non-probationary teachers will be in accordance with any controlling Colorado State law. To the extent there is no controlling law, the dismissal standard will be just cause for non-probationary teachers.

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