

## Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association  
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### Evaluations

Is your principal seeking to finalize your evaluation? This is not necessarily an issue, if you are being rated Effective or higher. That's in keeping with the hold-harmless sentiment of the Governor's decision to waive evaluation requirements for this year. We haven't worked through the process with the district, however, since that announcement last week. If your rating is *not* effective or highly effective, do not sign off. Contact Joe ([jschott@coloradoea.org](mailto:jschott@coloradoea.org)) or Thad ([tgemski@coloradoea.org](mailto:tgemski@coloradoea.org)) immediately.

### A Message From CEA President Amie Baca Oehlert

This is an excerpt from a recent post of Amie's in the Facebook group Classrooms Not Corporations:

There is no adequate way to console students and educators who will lose musicals, plays, proms, graduations, and just the daily gathering of students and educators in these wonderful places of learning and inspiration, our public schools. We will all struggle with this loss for some time, but know we are here to support you as you support your students during this unprecedented time. Together, we will get through this and continue our pursuit to help every student thrive.

### Teaching and Academic Resources

[3 Tips for Humanizing Digital Pedagogy](#)

### Our Community Steps Up

This [list of how one can help others](#) in the community was provided by COSILOVEYOU.

This is a comprehensive list, provided by the Pikes Peak Library District, of [community resources](#).

### For Your Pleasure And Health

It is important that we remember that the current situation we are in is a marathon – not a sprint.



We must pace ourselves and find new and creative ways to stay healthy, entertained and connected. And – we must always remember to stay grounded in gratitude. Even in the midst of crisis and isolation, identifying things to be grateful for has proven to support mental health. (This was excerpted from an email from CEA Executive Director to CEA staff statewide.)

If you're ready for SGN (Some Good News), [here](#) is John Krasinski from the television show "The Office" to share some with you.

[Easter Bunny 'Essential Worker' And Not Restricted By COVID-19 Lockdown, New Zealand PM Says](#)

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