

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
May 20, 2021

Summertime

Dear Members,

Thanks and praise go out to all of you for weathering the stormy seas of this past year. The malady is one thing, but its symptoms are another—needing to maintain momentum with students, to manage frequent shifts in working conditions and expectations, to reach out to students and families that seem to fall of the radar, and more. We can all hope to have learned new things about effectiveness and what those around us need to be successful, and that we can pursue them when we return. Of course we can do that.

Headed into summer we also can be glad about the prospects of a normal-ish year ahead, as well as a satisfactory and constructive outcome to what began as a tempestuous Bargaining process. We will dare to hope for fewer distractions, leaving us to focus our energies fully on students once again.

From us in the office to the rest of CSEA around D11, enjoy the [summertime](#), everyone!



Thumbs Up: to the 2021 District 11 *retirees*. Thank you for your service and commitment to the children of District 11.

Virtual Events

Teacher Reflective Practices

Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 9:00-10:30 am

Step back from the daily routines of teaching and move into a more conscious form of practice. Learn to examine particular events and lessons in order to create change. Free recertification credit provided upon completion. Additional information and registration form available [here](#).

Announcements

Ratification Process for the Tentative Agreement

The complete Tentative Agreement and a summary of the Agreement is posted in the member section of our website at www.cseateacher.org. Instructions on how to login to the member section are on our website. The ratification election will be conducted electronically *through Monday, May 24 at noon*. Please review the Tentative Agreement before casting your ballot.

All votes will be anonymous, secure and confidential. The host website is a secured site. The system has security in place that will not allow any one individual to submit their vote more than one time. <https://vectorconsulting.biz/csea>.

New Mitchell Region Director

Tuesday night the CSEA Board of Directors approved Susan Rezzonico-Forget, Computer Literacy Teacher at Sabin, to be the incoming Mitchell Region Director. She will replace Kevin Coughlin, whose recent election as representative to the CEA Board will move him to the CSEA Board's Executive Committee.

For the People Act gives power to the people

The For the People Act (S.1), our nation's first comprehensive democracy reform bill in decades, is expected to receive its first vote by a Senate committee this week. The House in March passed the companion bill (H.R. 1). Both take several steps to protect and expand voting rights, strengthen oversight of voting, and ensure ethical government. More than 360 bills have been introduced in 47 states that would making voting more difficult. They include measures that would shorten the time for absentee and/or early voting, require voters show an ID at the polls, and purge voter rolls. Georgia's legislature, for instance, passed a law making it a crime to give water or food to voters, who must often wait in long lines, within 150 feet of a polling place or within 25 feet of any voter in line. It would modernize our voting system, expose dark money in politics, and require presidential candidates to disclose their tax returns. [Urge your senators to support the For the People Act \(S.1\) to expand voting rights and protect our democracy.](#)

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