

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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This is the full version of an Op-Ed comparing CSEA's recommended Board candidates to those promoted by *the Gazette* and other openly anti-teacher factions.

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Teachers know education. We live it daily, taking care of our community's children and nourishing the future. We understand the effects of School Boards' decisions, because teachers enact them in classrooms. For its part, the public appreciates licensed teachers in front of their students, because they understand the value of experts delivering professional instruction. In turn, teachers look through that lens of professionalism to School Board Directors for purposeful action on behalf of Public Education.

The Colorado Springs Education Association contacted every candidate personally, actively seeking the opportunity to discuss his or her views on and plans for District 11, with an eye toward supporting those best aligned with Public Education. Some rejected the offer outright, while others brought a sense of service and community to the table. CSEA's interview team of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats recommends candidates because they are knowledgeable about how schools and districts work... (To continue reading click [here](#).)



Thumbs Up! To the many Education Support Professionals in School District 11! October 18 – 22 is a week to thank you for all you do to support the children of District 11 and public education. We applaud you!!

Thumbs Up! To the many volunteers that came out last Saturday and walked for our recommended BOE candidates. We connected with over 900 voters!

PowerSchool Relief

A couple weeks ago CSEA advocated with admin specifically for ameliorating the pressure teachers were feeling. With input gathered by our Board of Directors, one of the main things was restrictions on various elements of PowerSchool (e.g. access to student data for teachers, coaches, and sponsors; SpEd components; discipline incidents). Consequently attempts have been made to speed up program access and engineer solutions. Click [here](#) for a rundown and here for additional

Announcements

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!

Seniority List Is Available

The updated Seniority List is available under the *member section* of our [website](#). Scroll down to the 'Critical Dates and Seniority' section. Additionally, if you are considering retirement at the end of 2021-2022 and want to apply for the Retirement Incentive Program (RIP), the deadline to submit [non-binding letters](#) for Teachers and ESP is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Learn Your Rights Speaker Series: Understanding the Truth About Critical Race Theory
CEA and Learn Your Rights in the Community (LYRIC) have partnered and leveraged their vast networks in order to bring the most qualified legal minds to CEA members so that you can learn from the experts who tackle these issues every day.

Thursday, October 28, 2021 - 4:00 PM MT

Speaker: Professor Nancy Leong, Professor of Law, University of Denver

[Register here >>](#)

Article of Note

[School board elections will be an early test of what issues motivate voters.](#)

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