

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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State Social Studies Standards Review and Comments

Anton Schulzki, CSEA High School Representative and current President of the National Council for the Social Studies urges **all social studies, elementary and preschool educators** to comment on the revised standards for consideration by the State Board of Education-- especially on the standards you are most familiar with that impact your particular grade level. Anyone who has feedback is welcome to comment.

If you would like to participate in this conversation, please look through and [download the Social Studies Draft Revision Recommendations](#) and [click here to provide feedback to the Colorado Department of Education](#) regarding the content standards that you will ultimately be asked to teach. You will need to create an account with the Colorado Department of Education that will allow you to start and save your commentary. All email addresses are purged from the feedback system once the comment window concludes.

Now more than ever it is vital for your comments to be made. There will be a wave of comments by certain politicians and those trying to limit educators' ability to teach historically accurate events. It is critical to stand together in solidarity for our profession and for the students, ensuring that they receive a complete education to better prepare for the future.

Law of the Jungle?

The tenor at School Board meetings is changing. As part of Wednesday's public praise for dropping the mask mandate, there was also applause for commenters who suggested it was OK for children with existing health conditions to die from COVID, as if they deserved it. Crazy stuff! At least one Board Director (Ott) spoke openly against this mind-set. Whatever a teacher's thoughts on masks are, the idea that some students are expendable is antithetical to our beliefs and profession. What happens when this creed is applied to children who struggle to learn something, maybe have dyslexia, or fall behind in school?

Announcements

CEA Delegate Assembly Election

We will host an election for CSEA delegates to attend our state assembly, known as the CEA Delegate Assembly, in January. Be on the lookout for additional details after Winter Break.

Reminder: Exchange of Proposals today!

The Exchange of Proposals will be in person in the Board of Education Room at Central Office (1115 N. El Paso St.), or available live stream via <https://www.d11.org/Page/1755>

In the coming days, issues and a complete schedule of upcoming bargaining sessions will be posted on the member of our [website](#). Bargaining sessions are also posted in the calendar of events located [here](#).

Equity Corner

As you move forward with material adoption, remember to be very thorough and balanced in addressing Colorado state content standards. Please refer to the [Diverse and Inclusive Books and Book Lists](#) link, highlighted in green, on [CSEA's Equity page](#) for recommended additions to your classroom or library.

Thank you for keeping our students' interests at the forefront of those decisions.

Member Benefits

Deadline To Enter California Casualty Give-away: December 10, 2021



California Casualty Options for Family

Did you know that members' family members (e.g. Moms, Dads, spouses, partners, kids, grown-up kids) have access to the Exclusive Auto & Home Insurance program provided by California Casualty? Info [here](#). Cal Cas deals with teachers, not the general public. You can get a gift card by seeking a quote.

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