

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Spring Break

The year certainly has brought us continuing challenges, and yet teachers continue to model selflessness and dedication to others. Students are catching up and COVID seems (dare we hope?) to be ebbing, leaving a distinct air of possibility that things could be headed in normal's direction. Warm weather and snowstorms cavort side by side, and verdant fields playing with bees tell us spring is here. We've earned the break. Let's find the right people to spend it with, be safe, and make each other happy.



Board Watch- After Director Jorgenson's Board-meeting non-apology for posting material degrading and abusive toward transgender individuals, he followed up unapologetically at Saturday's Special Session arguing that if he doesn't say it from the Board dais, it doesn't count, and asserting he has the right to say whatever he wants in private...presumably without being responsible for it.

Announcements

St. Patrick's Day Bike Ride

Cyclists! Traditionally, CSEA has participated in the St. Patrick's Day cycling event and parade. This year the Parade was on March 12th and the [30k and 50k rides](#) are being held separately on March 19th. CSEA members are participating as a group in the 30k this Saturday, March 19. We invite potential riders to chime in on the [CSEA Cycling](#) Facebook to let us know if you'd like to join in. Additionally, you can reach out to [Anton Schulzki](#) if you have questions.

Union Dues Deductions

Recently, there have been several questions surrounding Union Dues Deductions as an itemized deduction. Please see the [linked](#) memo from CEA legal to answer any questions you might have.

Articles, Resources and Websites

Minneapolis teachers strike enters day 10. For background - <https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/teacher-strike-minneapolis/>

Food for thought – how NH communities upended the culture war narrative. <https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/democrats-school-elections-nh/>

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