

## Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association  
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### We Need a Few Hours of Your Time...

Over the past several months, CSEA members of all affiliations vetted local initiatives and candidates for the state legislature in our recommendation process. In this process, the team is unified in supporting the Healthy School Meals for All (Prop. FF) issue so that no student in Colorado goes hungry because they cannot afford it. The group also recommends several candidates – Tony Exum, Stephanie Vigil, Marc Snyder, and Regina English – because of their positions on public education. **We are asking every member to spend a few hours with us this Saturday, October 15, 9am at North Middle School Cafeteria to help win these campaigns.** It's going to be a beautiful fall day to walk and knock on targeted, friendly doors. Plus, there will be donuts!! [Send us an email](#) if you plan to join us.

### BOE ALERT

As we note too often, a few Board of Ed members engage in coordinated, open attacks on CSEA, its president, and its membership. Such unfounded and irresponsible diatribes continued at last night's meeting. Specifically, these mouthpieces are trying to restrict and eliminate member participation in district decision-making, thus attempting to mute our voice in professional matters. They also attacked teacher representation and participation in governance of our health plan, again with an eye to denying voice and authority in matters involving employee health care. These Board members are trying to undermine the health plan and know that only CSEA stands in the way. The hypocrisy of false allegations by Al Loma, who was ejected from his own charter for insider dealing to provide improper benefits to his church, comes as no surprise, but others are now showing their true colors. Presumably their handlers and funders have cracked the whip and given them urgent marching orders. Undermining workers' rights and representation is and has been their plan, in concert with the national political forces we've seen in mailings. We've been monitoring them and alerting members to this gnawing corruption, and our Solidarity continues to stand in their way. It is now clear that **attending and monitoring Board meetings and work sessions** is something we all can do.



**October 17 - CEA President Amie Baca-Oehlert Will Meet Members in Colorado Springs:** CEA President Baca-Oehlert will visit Colorado Springs to hear directly from members: 4:00-5:30 at the Hall of labor partner IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) 2150 Naegele Rd. (80904). Light food and drink provided. Save the date! Bring your questions!

### Announcements & Upcoming Events

#### Boo at the Zoo

CSEA will be handing out candy and stickers at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's annual

**Boo at the Zoo!** We still need a couple of volunteers to help run the booth, pass out treats and talk to the community as they pass by. Shifts are for two hours on either October 22 and/or October 29. Click [here](#) to view times and [sign up](#).

### **Voter Registration**

Have you moved? New to Colorado? Don't forget to update your Voter Registration! **October 31** is the last day citizens may register to vote or update their voter record at [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) and **have a ballot mailed to them.**

### **Ghost Stories of Old Manitou Walking Tours**

These eerie yet fun ghost tours will walk you through long lost stories of real residents in Manitou Springs' history. This is *live theater* on the streets of Manitou and this year, the ghostly spirits come back to visit for four weekends in October. CSEA Members Use Code "Members" at checkout for discounted tickets. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Let's Do Fondue!**

Its Back!! The Melting Pot Educator Appreciation Night will be Wednesday, November 16 at 30-A East Pikes Peak Ave. Show your District 11 ID and everyone in your party will receive:

- A choice of cheese fondue with all the fantastic accompanying yummys for dipping
- Choice of salad
- Main course with the Tres Amigos entrée: shrimp, chicken, sirloin
- Choice of amazing, mouthwatering chocolate fondue with a variety of dipping items

\$45.00 per person (plus tax and gratuity); Reservations are required, call 719-385-0300 to book your spot.

### **Articles of Note**

[TEACHER VOICE: How the sad shadow of book banning shuts down conversations and lacerates librarians](#)

[4 Great Ways to Start Math Class: Spending the first five minutes of elementary math classes with one of these launch routines can help all students feel ready to learn.](#)

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