

# Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association  
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## We ALWAYS Support Children

Teachers—who are 100% of CSEA—always have been clear and unwavering in our support of children. We taught through the pandemic. We put in extra, discretionary time and effort to make sure rich learning will take place and appropriate, timely feedback is provided. Whatever agenda others may be pushing, teachers' ultimate goal for our students rests in demonstrating value in lifelong learning, modeling what it means to be a decent, self-respecting citizen, and assuring that our students develop the tools to succeed. It *is* our mission statement and the very purpose of what we join together to do as an Association:

*“CSEA endeavors to assure that teachers enjoy the benefits of professional working conditions, fair treatment, just compensation, and the support needed so that students and schools thrive.”*

It does not serve children to characterize education and professional differences in militaristic terms, or to allege conflicts where there are none in order to assign blame to bogus camps and position others as the righteous heroes. Teachers invest their hearts in nurturing their students. Suggesting otherwise is partisan and misleading.



**Thumbs up-** We had another fabulous group of volunteers this last Saturday for our second weekend of Boo at the Zoo! Thank you to Laura Andujar, Elizabeth Bandeira, Kevin Coughlin, Pam Goldbach, Jessica & Sara Kloppenborg and Kelly & Paige Stroup.



## Chaos on Purpose?

Regurgitated lies about our Association and now election denial (for CSEA!) are creeping in and undermining BoE meetings. The more outrageous things get, the more familiar they seem to become. Is the plan to make everyone so numb and accustomed to scandalous claims and other behavior contrary to the Board Manual and public decorum that we just accept anything and capitulate in disgust or despair?

## Charters and Vouchers?

We are hearing administration talk a lot about encouraging our D11 students to choose charters. We should be developing our own programming and cultivating the talent we already have in abundance. The Academic Master Plan is still in place, CTE is blossoming, and our pathway schools are already underway! Let us focus there! More recently admin has started talking about attaching money to students to spend as they wish on classes outside D11. Folks, that is vouchers. These are the types of things that can deplete a district.

## Announcements

Halloween Spice

The CSEA Pumpkin Spice poll was great for a lot of laughs. Thanks to everyone who channeled their inner *Spice Girl*. The top vote-getters were Snarky Spice, Patchouli Spice and Parched Spice. The most creative “new” spice was Old Spice! Oh, the costume possibilities...

## Upcoming Events

### November 4 - CSEA First Friday

Join us for First Friday, tomorrow, at Local Relic, 320 S Weber St from 4:00 – 7:00. We'll cover the first round of appetizers! Hope to see you there.

### November 16 - 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.

### Nov. 18th - Jan. 1st, 2023 - Magic of Lights

Magic of Lights is a unique and dazzling drive-through holiday lights experience with more than a mile of spectacular light displays that bring to life your favorite holiday scenes. Pile everyone into the car and pay one price for the entire family. D11 educators are eligible for a discount by using code BRIGHT online at <https://magicoflights.com/events/coloradosprings/>. For more information, click [here](#).

## Know your Rights

The recent e-mail from Kathy New regarding training for remote learning days generated a lot of questions from members. **NO, this is not mandatory.** (Its times are outside of hours or require a sub.) If you are interested in the information, the district will provide recordings and many other resources on the Telecomm Website on the D11 Intranet:

<https://d11.sharepoint.com/sites/intranet/telecom/Pages/Webex.aspx>

## Article of Note

[Gov. Jared Polis proposes boosting Colorado education spending by 9% per pupil](#)

The Colorado Education Association in a news release commended Polis for his investment in schools, but also pushed to eliminate the withholding altogether. The unpaid obligation adds up to nearly \$10 billion that Colorado schools should have gotten but didn't.

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