

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Where You Can Get BoE Information

Plenty of questions come to ARs, the CSEA Board, and the CSEA office about what's heard around the district—frequently the day after a Board of Education meeting when rumors start to fly! Did you know that we live-stream the BoE meetings on our CSEA Facebook page? Also, on the member page of www.cseateacher.org, we share a tutorial on how to use BoardDocs, which houses all the BoE agendas, minutes, and even videos of the meetings (with a sorting feature). Some folks take turns watching meetings so as a group they can stay on top of what is going on. Primary sources are the authoritative sources!



Speaking of which, during public comments at last night's BoE meeting, a noted anti-union shill introduced the topic of getting rid of or replacing our union. Not sure with what, since non-members are not an actual grouping but nothing more than the result of not joining the Association that protects your rights. Nevertheless, this is a familiar tactic of organized haters: Planting negative comments with the pretense that they represent some groundswell or grass-roots movement. Just watch. Soon other haters will be referencing what "people are saying..."

Ways to Get Involved in Our Profession and Association

Upcoming Election for CSEA Board of Directors and Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly

Soon, you will receive information on the upcoming on our next round of elections to include vacant positions on the CSEA Board of Directors and for Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly. Available board positions include:

Treasurer
Coronado Region Director
Doherty Region Director
Mitchell Region Director
Middle Grade Director
Primary Grade Directory
Senior Grade Director
Itinerant Director

The NEA RA is our Associations National Assembly. Delegates from locals all across the country convene to establish direction and make decisions for the upcoming year. This years NEA RA will be held July 2-6 in Orlando, FL.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Read Across America Celebration

It's Read Across America time once again! March 2nd is the big day, but buildings will be celebrating literacy throughout the month. Last year, CSEA donated a hard copy of the highlighted book to every D11 elementary school. This year, CSEA will be donating 2 copies of *Karthik Delivers* to all D11 middle schools and 3 copies of *We Weren't Looking to Be Found* to

each of the D11 high schools. We are excited to be donating multiple copies of the titles to school libraries! The NEA focus for the month of March is.... Bringing Communities Together.

This year's highlighted books include:

Elementary book: *Dream Street* by Tricia Elam Walker

Middle school book: *Karthik Delivers* by Sheela Chari

High school book: *We Weren't Looking to Be Found* by Stephanie Kuehn

Click [here](#) for Read Across America ideas and resources.

Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day Parade

Hey all you runners, cyclists, walkers/marchers and walkers, the St. Patrick's Day event is coming up! CSEA will march in the parade, and you are all invited -- bring the family! Parade walkers/marchers will gather at Palmer High School starting around 10:30 or so - the parade starts at Noon, and we have to be in position prior to the start. Runners and cyclists - feel free to sign up for a variety of events. Note that the bike ride starts and ends at Trail's End Taproom. Details on all can be found at <https://csstpats.com>. Come on out and have some fun on March 11, 2023, with CSEA and Sláinte! Would you like to join us? If so, email [Anton](#) to sign up and get additional information.

Article of Note

Legislature works on fringes of staffing shortage: <https://www.vaildaily.com/news/will-three-bills-adequately-address-colorados-educator-shortage/>

D11 BoE & pronouns: <https://krdo.com/news/2023/02/20/d11-board-moves-to-prevent-teachers-from-asking-students-their-preferred-pronouns/>

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