

Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association
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Thumbs Up: CSEA Members at Delegate Assembly

CSEA members elected 20 of their own to serve as delegates to the CEA Delegate Assembly, the highest decision-making body in our state organization. Many spoke in debate and all voted on bylaws, resolutions, and business items. Thank you for your engagement!



Amanda, Cari, and Riot at the 2023 CEA Delegate Assembly



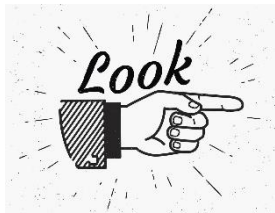
Region 5 Caucus (Southwest Colorado, including CSEA) at 2023 CEA DA

Ways to Get Involved in Our Profession and Association

Sign Up Today - Represent your School on the AR Council!

It is time for members to select their building's Association Representative (AR) for next year. This is a great opportunity for members to become more involved in our Association's leadership. The process to become an AR in your building is described [here](#). Please note that anyone interested, **even current ARs**, must self-nominate using this [google form](#) by April 28 at 5:00 p.m.

To learn more about the role of an AR, visit the AR section on our website [here](#). If you have questions or would like additional information, please reach out.



Board Watch- The BoE brought a resolution to give “the deepest respect and admiration” to the teachers of D11 for Teacher Appreciation Week. Five of them chose to share their own kind words of thanks. The usually voluble directors Jorgenson and Loma (when he returned to the room; he left when the resolution was introduced), however, somehow had no good words to share.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

First Year Teacher Rebate

The Colorado Education Association (our state affiliate) has a program that allows us to give a partial refund of state dues to teachers who are in their first year of the teaching profession. This rebate program applies only to teachers who are in their first year of teaching in public education anywhere, in any district. If you think you qualify and haven't already completed the form, use this [link](#) so we can begin the verification process. If you did not teach full time, or if you joined later in the school year, your refund will be adjusted accordingly.

Bargaining Session- Today!

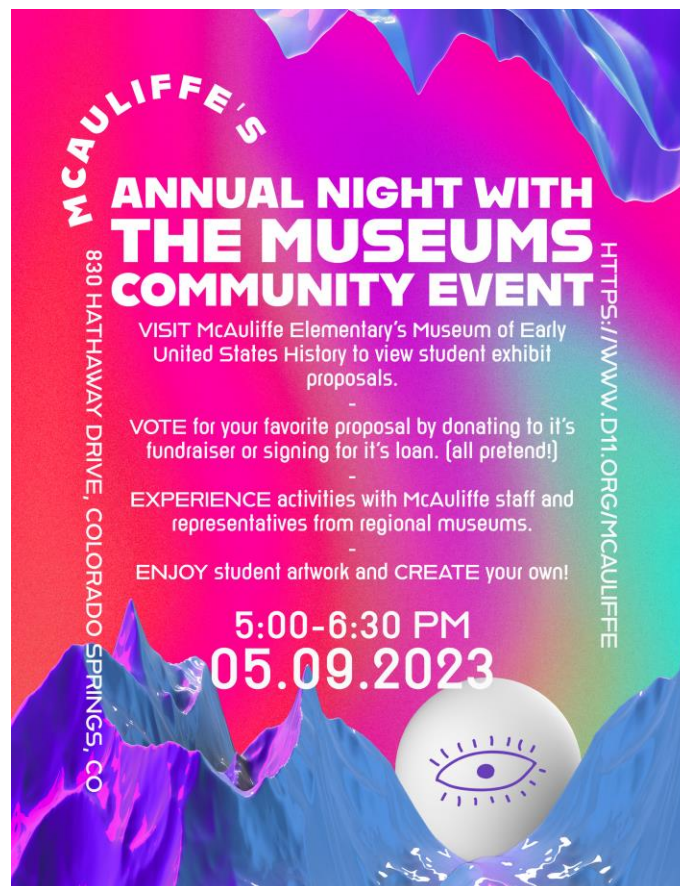
As highlighted yesterday, a bargaining session is scheduled for today, April 27 from 8:30-5:00 pm at Tesla Professional Development Building #250 (second floor) and is open to everyone. Your CSEA Bargaining Team will be in session with the BoE Team. We will begin discussing financials and wrapping up several topics. You can come for any portion of the session. It will also be live-streamed on the CSEA Facebook page as well as a link to the live-stream on the main page of the CSEA website. There likely will be times when the teams are in caucus, so don't let that shock you!

The issues exchanged in December remain posted on the member page of www.cseateacher.org and all bargaining dates are in the [calendar](#) on the website.

Music and Arts Grant

California Casualty's Music and Arts Grant program will award individual members with a \$250 grant for their classroom or program. This is a very popular association member benefit. They plan on awarding approximately 60 grants this year. [Quick Entry Link!](#)

McAuliffe Elementary's Annual Night with the Museums Event



Know Your Benefits

CEA-Retired is sponsoring a virtual pre-retirement seminar on May 13 at 9:00. They will cover membership, PERA, benefits, and more. Please register using this link:

<https://membershp.co/41rKyAr?q=VVdSxwcKfj>

Articles of Note

State Bill Would Establish Requirements for Expelling a Student:

<https://www.9news.com/article/news/local/next/next-with-kyle-clark/state-bill-could-add-protections-student-expulsions/73-15e16d02-182e-4ec3-9ea4-3c2f47f6fee0>

Pathway Schools Get Some Attention:

<https://news.yahoo.com/colorado-springs-arts-integration-schools-035500339.html>

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