

# Union Pulse

Colorado Springs Education Association  
May 11, 2023

## Bargaining



**HUNDREDS** of you attended Monday's session bargaining our contract and dozens were able to stay past midnight when the session ended. You are incredible. You even brought non-members with you, because all teachers see the value of collective voice in advocating for our profession—and your voice is being heard and *nobody* missed that the room was still packed with teachers at 12:03!



The concerted voices of a just cause will prevail!

**We will bargain Tuesday, May 16, from 4:00-7:00 pm at Tesla Professional Development Building.** If the room reaches capacity, the Tesla auditorium will be available as an overflow room (lots of seats, everyone together, cooler...). *It has become difficult to tell if a session will be long or short, but your patience and especially your **persistence** are making a statement!* Remember that the overflow room is still the bargaining room and you have the right to observe without distraction.

**Scan to add your name to the petition  
demanding fair pay for D11 educators!**



**Ways to Get Involved in Our Profession and Association  
Pride Parade, Float Building**

Join us June 10th and 11th to build a float and march in the Pride Parade! To volunteer, please see the QR code and/or register using this form.

<https://forms.gle/bo71PSjzFWH9mfX8>



### **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

#### **Vote in the upcoming PERA Board election!**

CEA recommends [Eunice Botchway](#), a Special Education teacher in Aurora Public Schools and a member of the Aurora Education Association. Info on the PERA Board and the importance of the election [HERE](#).

#### **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!](#)



**Article of Note**

Colorado survey shows huge lack of support for standardized testing:  
<https://news.yahoo.com/colorado-survey-shows-huge-lack-035900040.html>

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