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Dear Fellow Educator,

On behalf of the Colorado Springs Education Association, I welcome you to the new school year. Whether you are a returning District 11 educator, are a veteran educator new to our district, or are newly entering the teaching profession, you are the key to our students' success.

We are happy to be working with you and anticipate all the exciting successes that every school year brings. One of the special things about working in education is the feeling of renewal that happens at the beginning of every school year. We hope that you arrive at this school year feeling rested and ready to begin a fulfilling and effective year.

One of CSEA's core values is the belief that you, as well as every other educator, deserve to be treated as a professional. To us, this means that you are respected for having experience and expertise in your area and should have the ability to use discretion and judgment in the classroom. CSEA trusts you to do your job and to make critical instructional decisions every day.

As a professional, you should also expect the support needed to successfully fulfill your responsibilities. We are here to help you gain the support you need to make your environment a productive and rewarding one for you and your students. We all agree that schools and classrooms need to be fun, inviting places where students and staff look forward to learning and enjoying themselves.

This fall District 11 will be bringing mill levy override and bond questions to our community. The passing of these issues will help us gain the resources we need to improve our classrooms and our schools and is vitally important for the future of our District. We will need all of the District 11 community to help in this effort. Please consider doing your part to help make this effort a success. CSEA will be providing information around opportunities to contribute, and we look forward to your participation.

We look forward to visiting with you in your school this year and catching up on how things are going. I invite you to contact me at any time with your concerns and thoughts as we work together for our students and District 11.

Take care and have a great year!

Warm regards,

Kevin Vick

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President