

## Announcements

### Please Help Us Get The Message To Legislators On SB17-61

SB17-61 is a bill in the Colorado Legislature that would mandate the diversion of funding from Mill Levies to Charter Schools, whether local voters wanted it that way or not. Currently, Charter Schools get the same level of state funding as any other school, but it has been a local decision to include Charter Schools in Mill Levy questions to the voters of that area. In addition, Charter Schools have many opportunities for gifts, grants, and donations from the private sector that are not available to other schools. SB17-61 is currently in the House side of the legislature so we ask that you please contact our House members in this area and ask them to vote NO on SB17-61. CEA has created a hotline for you to call at [\(720\) 408-6669](tel:7204086669). After typing in your zip code, you will be directly connected with your state Representative.

There are a couple of openings remaining for members to join us as we to visit the Capitol on April 28 and engage our legislators in conversation on issues that impact education. If you're interested in participating please contact [Kevin Vick](#).

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Johnny Yates**, Madison, who was recently elected as a CEA State At Large representative to the NEA Representative Assembly. Johnny serves as CSEA's representative on the CEA Board of Directors.

### STEM Education Grants from General Motors

Do you need funding to launch or enhance a STEM learning project or program at your school? General Motors is providing grants to educators for specific STEM initiatives. GM's grant program supports programs that increase the number of students pursuing STEM degrees, increase access to STEM learning for underrepresented groups, and to "increase the supply of qualified teachers" in STEM. Many grants are available; grants are available from \$25,000 and up. The deadline to apply is May 12. Learn more [here](#).

## Events

### Pre-Retirement Seminar

Thursday, April 13                      4:30 – 6:30 p.m.                      Tesla Building

The Pikes Peak School Public Employees Association Pre-retirement Seminar is bringing together the experts to share the information you need if you are planning to retire in the next few years. The seminar will provide presentations on:

- PERA retirement process
- The retirement process where you work
- Financial planning issues to consider
- Health insurance coverage and other related issues
- Answers from the experts on your specific questions or concerns

If you need additional information, please email Terry at [terry.alley@ymail.com](mailto:terry.alley@ymail.com).

### **Fun Times With The Extension**

Friday, April 14                      3:30 – 5:30                      Peaks N Pines Brewery, 4005 Tutt Blvd.

Once again this fun-loving group invites you to join in an afternoon of companionship and fun times! The Peaks N Pines Brewery is a member-owned establishment, and is offering us \$1.00 off each pint. While they don't serve food, there is a Black Jack pizza and Schnitzels, a German restaurant, right next door that you are able to have at the brewery. No reservation is necessary; just show up for the good times!

### **Trivia Night**

Thursday, April 20                      5:30-7:30                      CSEA basement, 2520 N. Tejon St.

Come test your knowledge of random facts and information at trivia night. Bring a device that is able to connect to the internet. We'll provide snacks and assorted beverages, and there will be prizes for the winners!

### **safeTALK**

Saturday, April 22                      10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.      Tim Gill Center for Public Media

315 E. Costilla St.

SafeTALK is a half-day workshop that teaches how to identify people at risk of suicide and connect them with intervention resources. SafeTALK's proven, easy-to-follow steps are used around the world.

Most people thinking about suicide don't actually want to die, but they need help deciding to stay alive. You don't need any prior training to attend safeTALK – just a willingness to make a difference.

This event is being hosted by our sister organization, the Pikes Peak Education Association, and they have graciously extended an invitation to the members of CSEA to join them for this workshop. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required. You may register [here](#).

### **Fourth Annual Literacy Festival Sponsored by Black Educators' Network**

**"Literacy Engages The Mind And Promotes Critical Thinking In Today's World"**

Saturday, April 22                      8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.      UCCS Dwire Hall (Primarily)

Keynote Presentation      Centennial Hall Auditorium

Activities include poetry, science, career literacy, college literacy and a tour of the campus. There will be a continental breakfast. Entertainment will be provided by the Wildflower Elementary Honor Choir (Harrison School District). There will ALSO be a free book giveaway and door prizes.

Contact [Benliteracyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:Benliteracyfestival@gmail.com) for additional information and registry.

## **Contract Fact**

### **Article XIII.A Student Discipline**

The Association and the District believe that effective student discipline is a prerequisite for sound educational practice and academic achievement. The Association and District are committed to the creation of an atmosphere in schools that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. Within that context and limits established in law, policies and practices concerning discipline are intended to be responsive to the level of discipline infraction and to foster cooperation and collaboration among students, parents, administrators, teachers, and other staff members, local law enforcement agencies, and the community at large in order to meet these goals.

## **Articles**

### **[The Negative Factor: Why Colorado Schools Are Crying Poverty](#)**

### **[Another Day, Another Charter Scandal](#)**

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