

## Announcements

### Heads Up To Our Itinerant Members!

We have a Director on the CSEA Board of Directors dedicated to serving your interests. We understand that your needs and some of the challenges you face are unique to your positions. Steven Lambert is the Itinerant Director on the CSEA Board and is committed to representing you. You may contact Steven [here](#).

### New CSEA Board Members

On July 1 CSEA seated two new members of the CSEA Board of Directors. Corinne Turney (Twain), is the new Board Secretary and Carmen Moyer (Keller) is the new Primary Grade Director.

### We've Been Busy

CSEA members Lori Duffy, Amanda Hawkins, Leslie Miller, Joe Schott, Kevin Vick and Johnny Yates represented CSEA at this year's NEA Representative Assembly in Boston over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The NEA Representative Assembly (NEA RA) is the largest democratic gathering in the world and brings together more than 10,000 delegates representing every state each summer.

In early August, your CSEA Board of Directors attended a two day working retreat to review our values of Professionalism, Justice and Solidarity, to establish goals that are in alignment with our values, and to review our roles as leaders.

CSEA hosted breakfast for all the newly hired teachers at New Teacher Orientation and spent the morning introducing the group to CSEA, who we are, what we do, and how we serve the teachers of the District.

Our Association Representatives had their first meeting of the year on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and we were able to attend many Open Houses when school began.

We continue to be out and about in the buildings, and would be happy to make a building visit if you would like us to come. Please get in touch with your building AR or [Kevin](#) if you would like us to visit your site.

We are ramping up for the District MLO and Board of Education election. If you'd like to be involved, please contact [Thad](#).

### COPilot Opportunities Are Available

There are so many upcoming opportunities for you to pilot your career through COPilot. CEA has a variety of different courses starting on September 4th, including "[The Homework Myth](#)", "[Discipline Strategies for the Classroom](#)", and "[How to Say Less So Readers Can Do More](#)". We also have our "[Getting Started with Standards-Based Classrooms](#)" course starting on September 11th, worth two graduate credits from Adams State University.

If you have the mobile downloaded with push notifications switched 'on', you will be receiving a coupon code for the classes listed above. Look out for the code this week, and be sure to sign up for courses before they fill up!

## Events

### Stand With DCTA Members

Thursday, August 31

**Wear red to work tomorrow in support of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association.** Their contract expires tomorrow with no conclusion to bargaining. Take a picture and post on social media with the hashtag #solidaritywithDCTA and tag @DenverClassroomTeachersAssociation or send it to [us](#).

### **Bicycle Ride Through Monument Valley**

Friday, September 1                      CSEA/PPEA Building

3:00 p.m.

This ride is less than 20 miles round trip and is on a trail (no roads) the whole way. All are welcome to join us.

### **Union House Food Co-Op Pickup**

Fridays until November 10                      CSEA/PPEA Building

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.                                      2520 North Tejon

### **Early Career Educator Resource Day**

Saturday, September 16                      CSEA/PPEA Building

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                              2520 North Tejon

Come and get tips on classroom management, mindfulness, classroom engagement and other resources to help you through your early years of your career.

CSEA members are invited to attend this workshop that is being presented by our sister organization, the Pikes Peak Education Association. The workshop is provided to members without charge as a benefit of belonging.

### **Contract Fact**

#### **Article X. B.              Sick Leave Bank**

Teachers shall be able to participate in and apply for days from the District sick leave bank. Participation is voluntary and may be initiated by any teacher through a one-time donation of one (1) day of unused sick leave or paid leave during September of any year. New hires will be informed by the District that they may join during their first thirty (30) days of employment by making a day's contribution. If a new hire is not so informed, he/she will have ten (10) days from the time he/she is informed to join the sick leave bank by making a day's contribution. Only those contributing to the bank will be eligible to request use of days from the bank.

### **Articles**

[Teaching Adolescents How To Evaluate The Quality Of Online Information](#)

[Why Med Schools Are Requiring Art Classes](#)

[How Teaching 'Grit' Is Making the US A More Authoritarian Nation](#)

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