



# DCTA Slate

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## BARGAINING - Master Contract Negotiations



**Upcoming Session:** Stand up for your contract, our next session is February 6th at North High School at 5:00pm. We will be discussing LEAP and a new, less punitive evaluation system. Bring your neighbors, friends and colleagues!

Can't attend Monday's session? Follow us live on Twitter! [@DenverTeachers](https://twitter.com/DenverTeachers)

Check out how the first session went [here](#).

**ACTION:** We need your personal contact information! We will be providing urgent, up-to-date information on bargaining, including recent proposals and calls to action via these email addresses and cell phone numbers. [Click here](#) to add your email to the list and be in the know.

**Bargaining 101: Bargaining Pace.** Although there is a lot of discussion at each bargaining session, this is a process that takes time. Very rarely will the two sides discuss a new issue and come to an agreement all in one session. Often, conversations on various topics will span many sessions over weeks, and sometimes months. This is especially true when talking about hot topics such as healthcare or salaries. Right now, we are at the very beginning of bargaining and look forward to meaningful conversation with the District at the table, as well as with our members to make sure that when we do get an agreement, it is the right one for our teachers and SSPs.

**Membership Campaign:** We are building power to fight the District for a fair contract! Our power comes from the number of DPS teachers and SSPs standing together as members of DCTA. As such, we have launched an urgent membership campaign that goes until midnight, February 12. **Anyone who becomes a DCTA member during this time will be entered in a drawing where 2 people will each win \$500.** [Click HERE to join!](#)

**DCTA Elections are approaching!** If you are interested in running for a position or nominating a fellow member, please use the Nomination Form below. We look forward to active participation in our election process to promote growth and build the strength of our union. Nominations close at 5pm on February 10, 2017. Deliver to 1500 Grant, Suite 200 or email to DCTA Executive Director, [Pam Shamburg](#).

- [2017 DCTA Election Nomination Form](#)
- [2017 DCTA Election Calendar](#)
- [2017 DCTA Election and Campaign Rules](#)

**Denver Education Community Responds to Immigration Orders:** We stand together—as a school district, educators, students, and families—to oppose the actions President Trump has taken through his executive orders [read more](#)

## Upcoming DCTA Events:



### How to Lobby for your Rights, Thursday, February 16

Learn who key decision makers are and what they have power over, what some of the driving forces behind education today are and how you can impact it. [Read more](#)



### DCTA Lobby Day, Wednesday, February 22

If you are passionate about educating Colorado legislators regarding students and teachers' needs, join us as we talk with them in person. [Read more](#)



### ASIST Suicide Prevention Training, Friday, February 24 & Saturday, February 25

**Would you like to earn 15 hours of recertification credit?** ASIST is an Evidence-Based Practice designed to teach professionals and non-professionals alike how to recognize suicide risk and what to say and do to keep the person safe until the next level of help can become involved. The \$60 registration fee (payable to DCTA) includes 2-day interactive training, all participants' materials, a certificate of completion, as well as continental breakfasts and lunches both days. [Read more](#)

## Upcoming Community Events:

### Sanctuary City Policy Discussion with Immigration Leaders, Thursday, February 2

The Colorado Latino Forum invites the community to hold a dialogue with Immigration Leaders & Public Safety Officials, to provide clarity on what Denver's actual response to Executive Actions on Immigration will look like for our community.

### Protect our Muslim Neighbor Rally, Saturday, February 4

This will be a peaceful, family-friendly event to support our neighboring Muslim organizations and families alike. [Learn more here.](#)

## \$1,000 Scholarship Opportunity:

Are you a DCTA Member?

Do you have a kid who is an ethnic minority and is a senior in high school?

The Ethnic Minority Advisory Council (EMAC) and its chair, DCTA member Christina Medina, announces EMAC Scholarship Fund so that we can help Colorado students of color achieve their dreams by going to college. [Click here](#) for the application.

**T-Shirt Tuesdays:** Send us pics of your school in DCTA shirts and we will post them in the Slate.



Teller Teachers Unite for a Fair Contract!