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### **Membership Campaign**

From now, until August 31 we will be participating in a National, State and Local union membership campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to bring in some new faces to DCTA while allowing people who would like to re-join (this only applies to members who have **only** revoked once) without paying dues until September 1.

We encourage you to have conversations with potential members within your buildings and discuss the advantages of union membership and the power of collective voice. Here are some examples of union membership benefits:

- Someone is always in your corner: You have someone to support you when you need a hand!
- Pay: We have one of the best salary structures in the state! DCTA made this change! The more members we have, the stronger our voice is!
- Improvements in working conditions

Know somebody interested in joining **now**? [Click here](#) or send them to [www.DenverTeachers.org/join](http://www.DenverTeachers.org/join).

### **Retired Member Shout Outs!**

Every year, we have dedicated members who begin a new chapter of their life and retire from DPS. If you know a retiring member in your building/school who'd like us to acknowledge, [please fill out this contact form!](#)

### **Open Enrollment for Health Benefits Closes on May 7!**

This is a reminder that DPS open enrollment for health benefits closes on May 7. Please keep in mind that even if you are retiring or leaving DPS we advise you to re-enroll so you are covered through July 31. If you choose to not re-enroll for health benefits, they will end on June 30.

**If you will be on unpaid leave on the last day of school please contact us**, so we can inform you about the implications on your health benefits. You can reach us at [dcta@coloradoea.org](mailto:dcta@coloradoea.org).

### **Work Group for Center Program Educators**

If you are a center program educator looking to give or receive support from educators like you, we are starting a DCTA center program work group! Please contact UniServ Director, Faviola Armendariz at [farmendariz@coloradoea.org](mailto:farmendariz@coloradoea.org) for more information!

### **READ Bargaining Survey**

After listening to several educator concerns, It is clear that many are spending a great deal of time on the READ Act modules. We are currently bringing all of your concerns centered on the READ act to the district's attention to advocate for you.

In order to have concrete data to present to the district, [please fill out our READ Act Bargaining Questionnaire](#). This questionnaire It is only meant for educators who have been required to take READ Act courses before January of 2022.

**If you have already taken this survey, there is no further action required. Thank you for your participation!**

### **Employee Assistance Program**

Did you know you have access to free support for counseling, finances, legal concerns, even work-life balance? ComPsych Guidance Resources offers 5 free sessions per issue. Should you require help on more than one issue, you can still avail yourself of additional sessions. DPS sponsors this program and it is completely confidential and available to both you and your dependents. Call 855-327-1377 or go online: [www.guidanceresources.com](http://www.guidanceresources.com).

Web ID: DPS

They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

### **Foundations of CRE Professional Development Course Available in Spanish!**

As a reminder, The DPS Culturally Responsive Education (CRE) team is hosting a professional development focused on the Foundations of CRE on April 29 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. To register, [click here](#)

### **Take MLE graduate courses at CU Denver for free!**

Did you know the Multilingual Education (MLE) Department offers four free University of Colorado Denver (UCD) graduate courses? Earn a Graduate Certificate in Teaching for

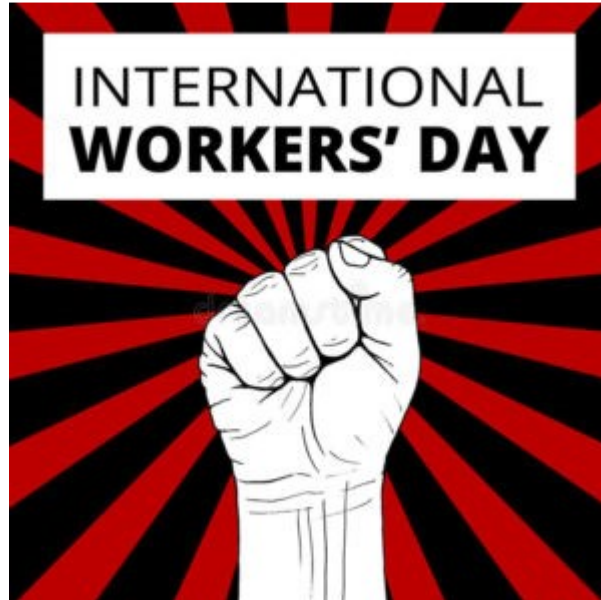
Cultural and Linguistic Diversity while also fulfilling your MLE advanced coursework! To be eligible, you must be MLE Level 1/ELA-T qualified at the start of the course. Summer registration is now open in Learning Space. Space is limited so interested participants are asked to register on the waitlist now for the following courses: [UCD 5030](#), [UCD 5070](#) and [UCD 5770](#). For more information, visit the [Multilingual Education Department page](#) on The Commons.

### **Gifted and Talented Internal Certification PDUs Available**

Interested in learning more about how to best serve your Gifted and Talented students? DPS offers three PDU courses and an internal certification to teach within DPS Highly Gifted and Talented (HGT) classrooms upon completion of all three courses. There is also the possibility of earning Adams State University credit as opposed to PDU credit.

- Course 1: Instructional Strategies for Gifted Learners (fall and spring 2021-22)
- Course 2: Programming and Assessment for Gifted Learners (fall and spring 2021-22)
- Course 3: Curriculum and Practicum for Gifted Learners (yearlong -- Fall 2021)

Share your interest by filling out this [Google Form](#). If you have any questions, contact [Nathan Burt](#).



**With May day approaching this Saturday, we'd like to wish you Happy May Day!**

**Our Solidarity over the years has brought us:**

- The Labor Movement

**DCTA solidarity has brought us:**

- Planning time
- Duty free lunch

- The 8 hour work day
- The end to Child Labor
- Weekends
- Workers Comp
- Health and Safety Standards
- Collective Bargaining
- Pay raises
- School Leadership Teams for voice in school decisions
- LEAP Collaboration committee and changes to LEAP



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 11 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Rep Council - Tuesday, May 18 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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