



Thank you to Alizay!



I Stand with



Many DCTA members know our former DCTA UniServ Director, Alizay Furtado. Alizay moved on from Denver UniServ this summer and will still be working with ESP and unions closer to her home in Jefferson County. She was an instrumental part of the DCTA team that organized our strike. She was a fierce advocate for our members and was always willing to organize around their needs. Although Alizay will be missed, please join us in wishing her continued success!

Return to School Bargaining Update!

On Wednesday, August 19, 2020 and Friday August 21, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. DCTA and DPS will begin COVID-19 related bargaining. As always, bargaining will be livestreamed and available to view using [this link](#). We will also live stream bargaining on the [DCTA Facebook page](#) updates will follow as necessary.

Eliminate the SPF - Do not replace it with another dashboard!

DCTA agrees with the removal of the DPS SPF. We however, oppose the committee recommendations two and three. We believe that the focus should be on our students and educator's safety during COVID-19 instead of creating a new dashboard that can be used as an accountability measure.

Please contact your DPS Board of Education and Superintendent by [clicking here](#) to stand with DCTA's decision.

Electing an Association Representative

Electing an association representative is an annual election within each school or department for SSPs. There is no specific time of year that is required to hold elections but it must happen annually. These elections must be by secret ballot and are allowed to be held electronically. A write in candidate space is required. Reps who were elected in the Spring of 2020 may but are not required to hold another election until Spring of 2021. Please contact your UniServ Director or Lawrence Garcia at lgarcia@coloradoea.org.

Please [click this link](#) for further details about the election process.

Meet Angelina!



The Denver UniServ Unit welcomes Angelina Ursetta as their new Communications Director. Angelina is a Denver, Colorado native and attended Denver Public Schools, K-12. In 2018, she graduated from the

University of Northern Colorado where she managed social media for their Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat accounts. During Angelina's free time, she enjoys being with her family, going on hikes with her Mini Australian Shepherd, Brodie and bingeing the newest Netflix shows! Angelina is passionate about education, which makes her thrilled to serve DCTA and our members. Angelina is most excited about highlighting our educators on social media, demonstrating what makes them unique!



Share Your Story!

We value our members highly and want to start spotlighting them via social media. If you, or a member you know are willing to participate, please fill out [this contact sheet](#). Thank you in advance!

Colorado Teacher of the Year Nominations Now Open!

Each year, the Colorado Teacher of the Year Program honors an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled K-12 classroom teacher to represent the entire profession in the state. The selected teacher will automatically become Colorado's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year competition. The national program is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers. Visit the National Teacher of the Year program web page for more information.

Do you know an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled K-12 teacher? [Nominate them to apply](#) for the 2021 Colorado Teacher of the Year award! Deadline is August 27, 2020 by 11:59 p.m.

\$500 for Tuition/Professional Development

The Teacher Education Fund is a trust fund established through the negotiated Agreement between the Denver Classroom Teachers Association and Denver Public Schools. Educators can apply for up to \$500 to assist in the payment of tuition for courses that will provide college or university credit or other professional development offerings. Applications are accepted throughout the year in Fall, Spring and Summer. Fall applications are due on September 1st and coursework must be completed by Dec. 31st. Details and application link can be found [here](#).

Don't forget you are also eligible for \$1,000 per school year (up to \$6,000 total) in tuition and student loan reimbursement. Check [The Commons](#) for more information

The Metro Denver Partnership for Health's Meeting Update

Thank you for being patient as we had technical difficulties posting the DCTA and DPS meeting with MDPH on our Facebook live. As promised, we did record the meeting to ensure you heard your questions being answered. Use [this link](#) to view the recording.

DCTA Supports Denver's Zoning Code Changes!

The city of Denver's zoning code currently limits the number of people who are not related by blood to live together. Under this zoning code, no more than two unrelated adults can live together in the same household. There have been recent propositions to change the zoning code, to allow more individuals who are not related by blood to live together. DCTA's Rep Council voted to support this change because they believe it's important to end systemic inequality within Denver's policy and believe it's important that Denver citizens have more affordable living costs. **How can you help?** Write a letter by [clicking here](#) to show your support in making a change!

Were you a Non-Probationary Teacher at another CO District Last Year? Transfer your non-probationary status now!

Why is having non-probationary status important? State law says probationary teachers can be non-renewed (laid off), for no reason as long as it is not illegal (such as discrimination). If a Probationary Teacher's job is cut, the district owes them no help in finding another position. A Non-Probationary teacher in good standing can only lose their position because the school had to reduce positions – not just because administration would prefer someone else. The district owes a Non-Probationary teacher a 12-month placement if he/she is unable to find a new position on his/her own. Probationary teachers must get 3 consecutive years of effective ratings and return to the same district for the 4th year in order to gain non-probationary status.



- **Rep Council Meeting**, Tuesday, August 18, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual
- **DCTA COVID-19 Bargaining**, Wednesday, August 19, 4-8 p.m. [Virtual](#)
- **DCTA COVID-19 Bargaining**, Friday, August 21, 4-8 p.m. [Virtual](#)
- **DCTA Board of Directors**, Tuesday, September 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m. – Virtual