



DCTA Slate

TAKE ACTION: DPS Declining Enrollment Survey

The Declining Enrollment Advisory Committee was charged with the task of developing criteria that will be used to identify schools for possible closure or consolidation due to declining enrollment. Over the next few weeks the committee will begin to draft and finalize criteria recommendations to ensure DPS creates a fair and equitable process to closing or consolidating schools due to declining enrollment.

Educator voice is imperative when it comes to making decisions that impact our working and learning conditions. Please invest some time in taking the declining enrollment survey.

[Take the survey here >>](#)

Senate Bill 22-197 Update

Last week, the House Education Committee heard Senate Bill 22-197 and voted to pass an amended version to the House of Representatives. Though the process has not concluded we want to be clear, SB 22-197 has been a challenge from the very beginning. We were not informed nor engaged in the process until weeks prior to its first hearing.

We believe the creation of this bill is unnecessary. We also believe the amendments made are a much needed compromise. These amendments model the current dispute resolution process between zones and the board. Additionally, the amended version no longer gives the State Board of Education the authority to overturn a local school board's decision. With the adoption of these amendments we are in line with DPS in a neutral position. Given the short timeline left in the legislative session, we are monitoring the bill to see if it will be passed before the end of session.

In the future, we are hopeful that lawmakers will prioritize the many challenges we have within public education rather than pass state laws that only affect a select few. We know that we need fully funded public education in every school, in every zip code.

DCTA Bargaining TOMORROW at Noon

The bargaining team is headed back to the table tomorrow, May 11 from 12-8:30 p.m. at the DPS Acoma Campus (1617 S Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223). Please join us in-person at a time that is convenient for you! Parking will be free to anybody who attends and pizza will be provided in the evening.

Bargaining Topics for 5/11:

- Article 30 - Compensation
- Article 8 - Professional Standards
- Article 10 - Performance Evaluations
- Discussion around a possible MOU on the misleading EL memo sent out from the Portfolio office.

If you cannot join us in-person, tune in virtually: <https://vimeo.com/event/561744>

Future Bargaining Dates:

- Wednesday, **May 11th**, Acoma Campus (1617 S Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223) Multi-Purpose Room, 12:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Interest Based Bargaining (telling stories)
 - Bargaining Topics: Compensation, professional standards, performance evaluations and innovation
- Wednesday, **May 18th**, Emily Griffith Campus (1860 Lincoln St, Denver, CO 80203) Multi-Purpose Room, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Traditional Bargaining (exchanging proposals)
 - Bargaining Topics: ROTC, MSLA, associate teachers and innovation
- Wednesday, **May 25th**, Emily Griffith Campus (1860 Lincoln St, Denver, CO 80203) Multi-Purpose Room, 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Traditional Bargaining (exchanging proposals)
 - Bargaining Topics: MOU for CTE Instructors and equity
- Wednesday, **June 1st**, Acoma Campus (1617 S Acoma St, Denver, CO 80223) Multi-Purpose Room, 12:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Interest Based Bargaining (telling stories)
 - Bargaining Topics: SLT, professional standards, performance evaluations, compensation and benefits

Solidarity Action with Educational Support Professionals on 5/16

As the cost of living soars, thousands of educational support workers in Denver Public Schools struggle to make ends meet! Come stand in solidarity with our union siblings at ABGW, FMA, DAEOP and other support workers as they demand a living wage and consistent staff in our schools.

Join educators, CCG and families at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 16 at Valdez Elementary School for a public action in support of fair wages for Denver educational support professionals.

[RSVP or learn more here >>](#)

Free Tickets to Live Netflix Taping of Patton Oswalt's Comedy Special this SATURDAY!

Patton Oswalt and Netflix are excited to invite Denver Educators to their upcoming special comedy taping for Netflix at Denver's paramount theater **this Saturday, May 14th at 9 p.m.** To see more info and to receive free tickets, click the button

[Get free tickets here >>](#)

CEA Ambassador Fellowship Program

The Colorado Education Association (CEA) Ambassador Fellowship enables outstanding educators (teachers and education support professionals) to expand their knowledge and ability to influence education policy and professional practice. CEA Fellows are at the forefront of modeling excellence in education at the local, state, and national levels. Through the CEA Ambassador Fellowship, educator voices are amplified on issues that influence public education.

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Need Teaching/Instructional Support?

Please join us Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm as Early Career Learning Labs hosts a weekly meeting to help meet the needs of our DCTA educators. If you encounter anything during the week that needs support or collaboration, please join us during our Thursday Zoom using the link below! Anything from union questions, to goal writing, content support, and beyond! Educators of any kind and any years of experience are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95032195452>
Email katthegreat1313@gmail.com with questions!



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