



DCTA Slate

Upcoming survey regarding school safety

At tonight's rep council meeting, reps will discuss school safety. As you are aware, there are many ongoing discussions regarding school safety, and it is crucial that we have open conversations and voice regarding school safety as new plans are developed.

DCTA staff and leaders are developing a school safety survey that will be distributed to all members tomorrow. Please keep a look out for the survey and **make sure that your voice is heard by providing your feedback!**

Colorado Educator Mental Health and Support Services Program

CEA partnered with the University of Colorado to provide mental health and support services to educators at no cost through the Colorado Educator Mental Health and Support Services program. The program offers educators group therapy sessions, workshops, individual support sessions and online programs.

[More information/resources >](#)

Sign the Petition: Bring Athletic Trainers into DCTA!

One hundred percent of the DPS Certified Athletic Trainers signed a petition expressing their desire to have a say in their working conditions, evaluation structure and professional compensation as DCTA members. These essential employees provide critical medical care to our student athletes. Their current situation is untenable with DPS. The district doesn't know how to classify, evaluate or equitably pay the Athletic Trainers.

Sign the petition below and show your support for Certified Athletic Trainers joining DCTA!

[Sign the Petition >](#)

Make Your Voice Heard! Vote in the DCTA Officer Election by Sunday!

The voting period for the DCTA Spring 2023 Election is open! Members should have received their ballots via DPS Gmail from an election company by the name of YES Elections. If you experience any technical difficulties with voting, please contact YES Elections by phone at (866) 384-9978 or by email at Help+DCTA@yeselections.com. Please note: you will need to provide your DPS employee ID to the election company for security purposes. **Voting will close THIS SUNDAY, April 23rd at 11:59 PM.**

CEA CoPilot Summer Classes are Here!

Summer is right around the corner, which means many of you will enjoy a well deserved break full of swimming, cookouts, vacations, and professional learning! CEA CoPilot is here to help with the professional learning piece! Summer 2023 enrollment is officially open, and we're featuring over 150 classes that can help you take your teaching and learning to the next level. CEA CoPilot has classes that focus on real strategies you can use in your classrooms right away regardless of what time of year it is. Every class is taught by someone like you: a full-time educator who is always looking for new strategies and ideas to use in classrooms and schools. Take some time and look through our [Summer 2023 Course Catalog](#) and find some professional development from real educators that meets your needs.

[Enroll Today >](#)

The Open Enrollment Period for DPS Health Benefits

As a reminder, the open enrollment period for DPS health benefits is happening April 17 - May 5 with benefit election changes effective July 1st, 2023. Open Enrollment is the only time you can change your medical, dental, and vision coverage without a [Qualifying Life Event](#).

This is an active enrollment year and you **must take action** to enroll or waive your benefits. If you are retiring this year, it is imperative that you take action to ensure you have coverage while you are employed with the district.

[More information and resources >](#)

HB 23-1230: Prohibit Assault Weapons in Colorado

DCTA members have done a great job lifting up the stories of educators, students, and our communities at large. Thanks to your help, 4 of the 5 gun bills we've championed are well on their way to becoming law. **This is a HUGE victory for our schools and our state!**

But the latest gun violence tragedies are an awful reminder our work is far from over.

There is one last gun bill moving through the legislature, **HB 23-1230: Prohibit Assault Weapons in Colorado**, and when passed, it will go a long way to keeping our schools and communities safe. **The House Judiciary is currently holding a hearing on this bill, and it's important that they hear your voice.** (The opposition is incredibly motivated and will be out in force to make noise against this bill.)

Tell our representatives to TAKE ACTION and VOTE YES on HB 23-1230: Prohibit Assault Weapons in Colorado. If you're able, we recommend including your own personal story related to gun violence or school safety.

[Take Action >](#)

CEA-R Pre-Retirement Seminar on May 13th

CEA and CEA-R INVITE YOU

PRE-RETIREMENT VIRTUAL SEMINAR

Learn the benefits of retired association
membership.

May 13th
9:00 to 11:00 am



PERA REPRESENTATIVE WILL
SHARE INFORMATION &
STEPS TO RETIRE



NEA MEMBER BENEFITS WILL
SHARE INFORMATION &
WAYS TO SAVE MONEY IN
RETIREMENT



CALIFORNIA CASUALTY
REPRESENTATIVE WILL SHARE
INFORMATION & STEPS TO
KEEPING YOUR INSURANCE



**ZOOM
Webinar**

Register here:
bit.ly/3J5uCf7

As some of you begin to retire, we invite you to learn about the benefits of joining DCTA/CEA Retired at the pre-retired seminar on May 13th from 9 AM to 11 AM.

PERA will join and share information about how to retire. NEA Member Benefits will share about how to save money in retirement. There will also be a representative with California Casualty present to share information and steps to keep your insurance benefits.

If you cannot attend and would like to obtain the information being shared at the seminar, please register below as the meeting will be recorded and emailed to those who registered.

[Register >](#)

Need Tuition Assistance? Teacher Education Fund Grant!

The Teacher Education Fund is a trust fund that was established through the negotiated Agreement between DCTA and DPS. 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. Applications for SUMMER coursework are now being accepted. [Teacher Education Fund Guidelines](#).

[Apply for TEF >](#)

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Stop the Grocery Merger!

On October 13th, 2022, it was announced that Kroger and Albertsons would pursue a \$24.6 billion mega-merger, joining together two of the largest standalone grocery chains in the United States.

A merger of two of the largest grocery companies in the nation will no doubt create a monopoly in the grocery industry, leading to store closures, thousands of lost jobs, and higher food prices. The merger also poses a huge threat to farm producers and other suppliers as well as smaller independent grocers.

Union grocery workers, consumers, elected officials, and community members are standing together to fight for access to nutritious food, safe shopping experiences, and investment in good jobs in our communities.

[More Information >](#)



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