



DCTA Slate

Happening Tomorrow: Privatization – A Dangerous Threat to Our Public Schools

Join Charles Siler, who was once a prominent lobbyist for the Goldwater Institute, ALEC and other billionaire-funded education privatization organizations for a virtual conversation on public school privatization this Thursday, January 5th beginning at 6:30 PM.

Siler now opposes the work he was hired to do because he ultimately realized he was on the wrong side of education policy, promoting ideas that do harm, not good. He is now an enlightened public education advocate who does communications and lobbying work in support of the public for public education.

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DCTA Lobby Days - 2/9/23 and 3/9/23

As we quickly approach the start of the legislative session, we are partnering with fellow Colorado Education Association members to fight for a fully funded public education system to help educators and students thrive. A fully funded education system means retaining and attracting more educators, smaller class sizes, safer schools equipped with ample mental health professionals, and essential resources to support student success.

This fight is not possible without the voices of educators across the state, which is why we are hosting lobby days with legislatures on Thursday, February 9th and Thursday, March 9th. Members who participate in lobby days will receive a DCTA leave day. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in participating and someone will contact you with more details.

[Lobby Day Sign Up >>](#)

Celebrating 100 Years with 100 New Members

This year, we are celebrating 100 years since DCTA was officially established. Our union has been a driving force in improving working conditions, student advocacy and pro public education values. We've celebrated many victories in the past 100 years including, duty free lunch, school leadership teams, smaller class sizes, whole child supports, benefits and salary increases.

Truth be told, those victories were possible because of our strength in numbers. The more members we have, the more power we have to win in the future. That is why we are working to recruit 100 new DCTA members in honor of our 100 year celebration. Invite your colleagues to join DCTA by visiting www.denverteachers.org/join.

Freedom Foundation's Opt-Out Efforts

“Opt Out Today,” a subsidiary of The Freedom Foundation, has been contacting educators and encouraging them to drop their DCTA and CEA membership. Please be aware that you are able to file a complaint about these messages with the [State of Colorado](#) as well as the [FCC](#). You may also file a complaint with CEA directly by filling out [this form](#).

The FCC is the most relevant agency to register complaints. If the offending organization does not identify itself in the text, does not provide an “Opt-out” option, and did not receive consent to be contacted, it is important to note those factors in the complaint.

Association Rep Training on January 25th

We will host an all-day training for association reps on January 25th. This will be a comprehensive training, providing different options based on your needs. Please contact your UD to register. DCTA will pay for your substitute.

Discounts on CEA COpilot Classes Through 1/10/23



As a holiday gift, CEA COpilot is running a 25% off promotion from December 8, 2022 - January, 10, 2023. Use the coupon code HOLIDAY to take advantage of this offer. The coupon code is limited to one per person, so make sure you have all the classes you want to take in your cart before applying it

[CEA COpilot](#)

Your Role as a Mandatory Reporter

As educators, we are often the first adults to see possible signs of student abuse and/or neglect. That is why Colorado law deems all public school employees as mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse and/or neglect. Please see [the commons](#) for more information about mandatory reporting.

Apply for the Commissioner's Teachers Cabinet

The Commissioner's Teacher Cabinet is an opportunity for Colorado teachers to share their hands-on classroom knowledge. This advisory group is made up of 22 practicing teachers from around the state representing small, medium, large, rural, suburban and urban school systems. The cabinet is seeking 12 new members and applications are open now through January 11, 2023. Visit the button below to find out more information about the Cabinet and apply.

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