

The CEA Voice

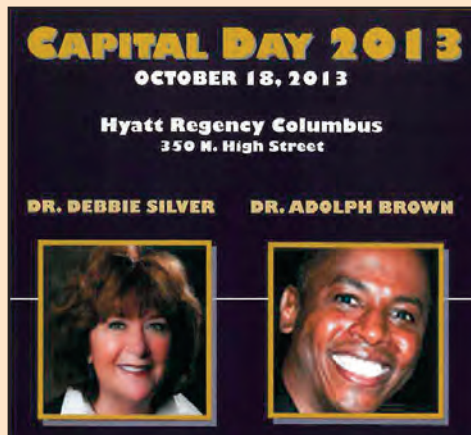
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It's required. Why not choose us?

Capital Day is a special event designed just for you. It's a full schedule of professional development sessions with speakers you won't hear anywhere else in Columbus. No other area teacher organization will hear these nationally recognized, inspiring educators.



No other teachers group in central Ohio will get the great lunch we provide, either—or the time to see your colleagues from across the district.

So get ready to have a great day on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The morning begins at 7:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. Activities begin at 8:30 a.m. with a keynote speech followed by workshop sessions. We've got two terrific speakers: Adolph Brown, who brings his motivational message about helping our students succeed; and Debbie Silver, humorist and author, who will remind you how important you are in the lives of children—something it's easy to forget during the daily grind.

Teachers may attend these official activities or attend activities at their school, provided the school has received a waiver. If you want to attend professional development somewhere else, that's allowed, too, as long as you have permission from your principal or supervisor. **BUT REMEMBER:** This is not a day to work in your room. You must attend PD somewhere.

These schools have been granted waivers: Arts Impact MS, Berwick K-8, Avalon ES, Avondale ES, Beatty Park ES, Broadleigh ES, Buckeye MS, Burroughs ES, Cassady ES, Cedarwood ES, Champion MS, Colerain ES, Columbus City Preparatory School for Boys, Columbus Global Academy, Columbus Scioto 6-12, Columbus Spanish Imm. K-6, Como ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Eakin ES, East Linden ES, Easthaven ES, Eastgate ES, Fairwood K-6, Gables ES, Gifted & Talented, Hamilton STEM Academy K-6, Huy ES/A.G. Bell Program, Indianola Informal K-8, Lincoln Park K-6, Lindbergh ES, Linden-McKinley STEM 7-12, Livingston K-6, Maize ES, Medina MS, Moler K-6, Monroe MS, North Linden ES, Northtowne ES, Oakland Park ES, Oakmont ES, Parkmoor ES, Parsons K-6, Salem ES, South Mifflin STEM Academy K-6, Southwood K-6, Sullivant ES, Valley Forge ES, West Broad ES and Woodward Park MS.

Let's get out there...

Issue 50 will do a lot for our district. But that won't happen without your support. You can help in these ways:

- ① Attend a Ten-Minute Meeting with your Faculty Representative and learn about the campaign.
- ② Pick up a yard sign at the CEA office and get other information about the campaign.
- ③ Share information with your family, friends and neighbors on Facebook, Twitter, through email and door-to-door.
- ④ Vote YES for Issues 50 and 51.
- ⑤ Make a donation to the campaign.



When you do all of this, you will help fund items that will further our mission to ensure that children are prepared for school, have access to the latest technology, and can count on highly committed, talented educators who believe their students can meet high expectations.

The levy will allow CCS to leverage resources from the private and public sectors. It will allow the district to more closely monitor and control the growth and operation of charter schools where 15,000 Columbus children currently attend.

Special thanks to Central OEA/NEA for endorsing Issue 50 at their recent board meeting.

We would also like to recognize the latest contributors to the levy campaign:

Centurion Club—\$100+

Lyn Blake, Michelle Coleman, Jeff Corbin, Angel Dyer, Claudia Eschelbach, Judy Forsythe, Paula Garfield, Robin Jeffries, Kathy Kessler, April Knight, Denny Mulloy, Matthew Thomas, Judy Valentine and Jennifer Zutterling

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Leslie Dingess, Bryan Haenszel, Gary Metzenbacher and Patricia Oliver

Other contributors

Rebecca Jezerinac and John Vance

Our FRs: The vital levy link

Our Faculty Representatives recently attended one of the most important Legislative Assemblies (LA) of the school year: a briefing about Issues 50 and 51. It was the last official LA before the Nov. 5 election. This vital information is being shared with you at your Ten-Minute Meetings.

We thank these representatives for ensuring you know what's happening, so we can engage in the work of our Association: Arts Impact MS, Alpine ES, Art, Avalon ES, Avondale ES, Beechcroft HS, Berwick K-8, Briggs HS, Broadleigh ES, Brookhaven HS, Burroughs ES, CAHS, CEA,



Cassady ES, Centennial HS, Clinton ES, Columbus Africentric EC SS, Columbus City Prep. School for Boys, Columbus City Prep. School for Girls, Columbus Downtown HS, Columbus Scioto 6–12, Como ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Duxberry Park ES, Eakin ES, East Columbus ES, East HS, East Linden ES, Eastgate ES, Easthaven ES, Eastmoor Acad. HS, École Kenwood K–6, Fairmoor ES, Fairwood K–6, Fifth Avenue K–6, Forest Park ES, Ft. Hayes Arts & Academic HS, Ft. Hayes CC, Gables ES, Guidance Counselors, Highland ES, Hilltonia MS, Hudson St. Warehouse, Huy ES/A.G. Bell Program, Independence HS, Indian Springs ES, Indianola Informal K–8, Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), Liberty ES, Lincoln Park K–6, Lindbergh ES, Linden STEM Acad. K–6, Linden-McKinley STEM 7–12, Livingston K–6, Maize ES, Marion-Franklin HS, Maybury ES, Medina MS, Mifflin HS, Mifflin MS, Moler K–6, Monroe MS, Music, Neil Avenue Center, North Linden ES, Northgate Center, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, Nurses, Oakland Park ES, Oakmont ES, Ohio Avenue ES, Olde Orchard ES, OT/PT, PAR, Parsons K–6, Phys. Ed., Psychologists, Ridgeview MS, Salem ES, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, Siebert K–6, South HS 7–12, Southwood K–6, Special Ed. Transition Coordinators, Starling K–8, Stewart ES @ Beck, Sullivan ES, Valley Forge ES, Valleyview ES, Walnut Ridge HS, Watkins ES, Wedgewood MS, Weinland Park ES, West HS, West Broad ES, West Mound ES, Westgate ES, Westmoor MS, Whetstone HS, Winterset ES, Woodcrest ES and Woodward Park MS.

Our teacher on the front line

CEA member Jody Barnes who teaches fourth-grade at Easthaven ES is one of 96 Master Teachers joining the National Education Association Master Teacher Project. She will unite with 95 of the highest performing K–12 Math and ELA common core teachers across the country to share all of her lessons and practices with fellow educators.

“The Master Teacher Project excites me because it will provide high quality resources for teachers who are seeking out ways to employ the Common Core State Standards (CCSS),” said Barnes. “I am also excited to bring the knowledge I learn from the project back to the teachers at my building who are thirsty for ways to bring CCSS alive in their own classrooms. Beyond what the project can do for others, I can’t wait for how it will improve my own practice.”

Through the project, NEA Master Teachers will provide 180-day common core aligned courses and instructional strategies, classroom management practices and classroom systems of good teaching. These will be distributed to all NEA members via the BetterLesson platform.

Congratulations, Jody.

Replicating great schools

CEA President Rhonda Johnson and Jennifer LaPlace, a teacher at Centennial HS, are part of a commission to discover how we can give more kids the chance to attend high performing schools. Mayor Michael Coleman, city council and the school board have announced the 15 members of the High Performing Schools Working Group. The group will examine and recommend steps to expand the number of excellent CCS schools. It will issue a report by the end of the calendar year.

The group chairs are Anthony Gatto, principal of the Arts and College Preparatory Academy; Keisha J. Jenkins, external affairs director, Mayor Coleman’s office; and Darryl Sanders, senior executive director of academic services, Columbus City Schools. Other committee members: Jessica Bennett, chair, Southside STAY; Lois Carson, President, Columbus School Employees Association; Paige Chapman-Layland, parent of Graham Primary School student; Angela Daniels, parent of three KIPP students; Celeste Ferguson, teacher, Columbus Collegiate Academy Charter School; Laura Lembo Kraus, Associate Director for Economic Access, The Ohio State University; Karen Morrison, senior vice president of

external affairs, Ohio Health; Bryan O. Steward, Board of Education member, Columbus City Schools; Shannon Taylor, PTA member, Eastmoor Academy; and Bishop Donald J. Washington, Senior Pastor, Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church.

Get your flu shot: Free

We work in a germ-filled environment. So it’s important that we all get our flu shots. And not just for yourself. It’s for your students and for your families. You don’t want to spread the flu to others. Some folks, such as the elderly, chronically ill and very young, are especially vulnerable, and the flu can be fatal for them. We will administer the vaccinations during Capital Day to employees. Participants must bring their insurance card to get the shot at no cost. The cost per flu shot is \$25 out of pocket if you are not covered by one of our insurance plans. Pneumonia shots will also be available for \$90, out of pocket only.

Track your evaluation

CEA has created the CEA Teacher and Licensed Support Professional Evaluation System Checklist, an evaluation form for members to use to record all activities of the evaluation process. It is the brainchild of CEA member Georgia O’Hara. The form helps you track your pre-observation conferences, observations, walk-throughs and final conferences.

We must be vigilant about making sure everyone follows the guidelines for I LEAD. We know from experience that if we track the events that occur during the evaluation process, we can get a good idea of where we stand. This document is not an official CCS form. It is merely a tool for members’ personal use in keeping track of your progress. You can find the form on the CEA website. A hard copy (on yellow cardstock) will be sent to every member.

Consider becoming a National Board candidate

Teachers interested in taking their professional growth and accomplishment to the next level should apply for candidate funding for the 2013–14 school year. CCS National Board Certified Teachers enjoy the benefits of a \$1,500 yearly-stipend opportunity, plus national, state and district-wide recognition with increased opportunities for teacher leadership and advancement. Additionally, the State of Ohio has created a lead licensure tier that recognizes this accomplishment.

Look for a message in your CCS email or contact Kriston Crombie Stotik in Professional Learning and Licensure at kcrombiestotik@columbus.k12.oh.us. The orientation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 4:30–6 p.m. at Northgate Center.

Special notes

- ❑ **Making Strides** of Columbus is an incredible and inspiring opportunity to unite as an Association **to honor breast cancer survivors**, raise awareness and raise money to help the American Cancer Society fight the disease. **Walk** with us on **Sunday, Oct. 27**. The three-mile walk **begins at 10 a.m.** at **COSI, 333 W. Broad St.** **Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.** To register, go to www.makingstrideswalk.org/columbus. Most importantly, add **Columbus Education Association** as your company. Call Ezetta Murray at CEA (253-4731) with your shirt size once you are registered.
- ❑ **CEA Members Scholarships** are available for your **college senior**. Distributed through The Columbus Foundation, this fund provides **\$1,000 in tuition assistance**. Only CEA members who have taught in CCS for the past four years are eligible. Your student must have at least a 2.0 GPA in order to apply. The deadline is **5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25**. To download an application, go to <http://bit.ly/ceascholarship2013>. Call Cora Miller at 253-4731 if you have questions.
- ❑ **Need legal services?** You have until **Thursday, Oct. 31**, to enroll in the comprehensive plan for \$500. To download an enrollment form, go to http://bit.ly/LegalSvcApp2013_14. **Contact Cloppert, Latanick, Sauter and Washburn at 461-4455** if you have questions.