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Our kids are counting on us

It's D-Day—tomorrow. Or should we say V-Day: V for Victory on Issues 50 & 51.

Tomorrow, Nov. 5, you will have a chance to advocate for your kids at the

voting machine. A “YES” vote for Issues 50 and 51 will:

- Provide an independent auditor who watches how the district spends its money and manages its data
- Ensure updated classroom technology, including one computer for each middle and high school student and one for every four elementary students
- Build modern facilities and Wi-Fi at every site
- Give our kids a great start with quality preschool programs
- Allow us to attract and retain high-quality educators
- Establish an innovation fund to support and increase achievement
- Build on our successes and offer high-performing schools in every neighborhood

There's a lot at stake! Strong schools mean a stronger economy. The Columbus Education Plan unites business and community leaders to focus on our kids' needs inside and outside the classroom. This is what we must do, so take this last opportunity to:

Vote FOR the Columbus Education Plan
Issues 50 & 51

➤ Tell your friends, neighbors and families to vote “YES.”

Assure them we are serious about change.

➤ Visit www.newcolumbuschools.com and make a contribution to help pay campaign bills and support the reform effort. You may also write a check payable to Reimagine Columbus Schools and send it to the CEA office.

Listed below are the most recent contributors to the levy campaign. It is not too late to join your colleagues on the list:

Centurion Club—\$100+

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Other contributions

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We are leading the way in CEA

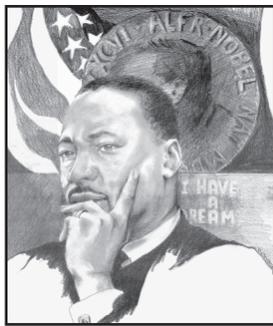
As you head to the polls on Tuesday, don't listen to the naysayers. You are the key to helping our kids succeed. In fact, your Association is way ahead of the district when it comes to reform. CEA has been working since 2011 to develop a partnership with CCS and the United Way of Central Ohio to implement policy and practice through professional rounds, parent-teacher home visits and expanded peer assistance and review. CEA just received word that we will get another installment of this five-year, \$1.25 million grant: \$250,000 to help sharpen the focus on professional learning communities and integration of the Common Core State Standards with instructional practices.



"In Columbus, the union, district and local leaders are working together on their schools' most pressing issues and developing strategies to address them," said Harriet Sanford, NEA Foundation President. "The collaborative approach ensures that the implementation effort is owned by all parties, which increases its effectiveness and chances for success."

Mark your calendar for MLK

This year's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner featuring Cornel West will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014. West is considered one of this country's most prominent public intellectuals. Best known for his bestselling *Race Matters*, *Democracy Matters* and nearly 20 other books, he is a frequent media commentator on political and social issues. Dr. West appears frequently on the "Real Time with Bill Maher," "The Colbert Report," CNN and C-Span. He can be heard weekly on Public Radio International with Tavis Smiley on "Smiley and West".



West, an enormously popular speaker, is Professor of Philosophy and Christian Practice at Union Theological Seminary of New York City and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. He has also taught at Yale, Harvard and the University of Paris. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard and obtained his M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy at Princeton.

This annual CEA event, held since 1980, honors our education and community leaders with humanitarian and social justice awards. The dinner this year is at a new venue, the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Tickets are \$30 per person; tables of eight are \$240. Call CEA for tickets. This is sure to be a sellout.

Know your Governor: Cindy Love

Cindy Love's career path started when she was in high school. Her Spanish teacher at Boardman High School encouraged her to cultivate her love of the language and to share it with others. She became a Spanish teacher and now teaches at Northland HS.

Love, a 22-year classroom veteran, taught adults at the former North Education Center. She also encouraged her younger students at Champion MS and at Northland to pursue their interests beyond high school. Her teacher also recognized that Love was a natural mentor to others. So did CEA President Rhonda



Cindy Love

Johnson, who then encouraged Cindy to represent teachers on the CEA Board of Governors.

"I have always been interested in the union," Love said. "It's all about giving teachers a voice." She became a faculty representative, and she joined the PAR program as a consultant drawing upon her master's degree in adult education and interest in strengthening the profession.

"PAR is a special program," Love said. "It's an opportunity to grow in the profession that most teachers don't get. The most important thing is making sure that every person in front of the students is a quality teacher."

State mandatory safety training

We all must be trained to recognize abuse among our students. In many cases, we are on the front lines helping when they have nowhere else to turn. According to ODE, all elementary school professionals who were employed on the effective date of Amended House Bill 276, Mar. 30, 2007, were required to fulfill the in-service training requirements by Mar. 30, 2009, and every five years thereafter. All middle and high school professionals who were employed on the effective date of the July 14, 2009, legislation were required to fulfill the expanded in-service training requirements by Oct. 16, 2011, and every five years thereafter. Training should incorporate the prevention of dating violence. New employees must complete the training within two years of commencing employment, and every five years thereafter.

To promote positive youth development and to train to prevent child abuse, violence and drug abuse, CCS is providing four online modules that cover:

- ▣ Mental health and substance abuse
- ▣ Depression and suicide ideation
- ▣ Harassment, intimidation, bullying and teen relationship abuse
- ▣ Child abuse and human trafficking

Watch for more information on the opportunity to take the training.

Identify the vets among us

On November 11, we honor America's veterans for their patriotism and love of country. Some of them are your colleagues.

Please join us in honoring the men and women among our membership who have served in the Armed Forces. When you see them, tell them how much you appreciate their service and the sacrifices they have made. Also, CEA would like to send a special thanks to our veterans in the next issue of *The CEA Voice*. If you are a veteran, send your name and your military branch to Bob Hern at bhern@ceaohio.org by Tuesday, Nov. 4. If you would like to see one of your colleagues recognized in *The Voice*, you may send the information to CEA yourself. We want to recognize all veterans among our CEA ranks.

Bowl with us

Chase away the winter blahs by knocking down the pins at the 31st Annual All-District Bowling Tournament. The application fee is \$16. The tournament times are on Saturday, Jan. 11, at noon, 3:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace, Rt. 161 and Cleveland Avenue. You must have five people for your team and list your captain's name. Make checks payable to Columbus City Schools. All entry fees must be included. Cash is not accepted. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 29. Lanes will fill quickly. For questions, call the CCS FACTLine at 221-3228.