### Article 211 Calendar 2021 (Conducted Virtually)

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<td>Wednesday 20</td>
<td>Article 211 Training (Mandatory) Location: Virtual via WebEx 9 a.m.-11 a.m. (Departments) 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (Region 2 and Region 5)</td>
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<td>Friday 5</td>
<td>Administrative Staff Reduction Notification (Please ensure written notification is provided.)</td>
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<td>All Round 2 School and Department roster changes must be resolved and sent back to Human Resources by 5 p.m.</td>
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<td>Virtual Job Fair–4:30 p.m. (complete instructions on virtual job fair process will be made readily available to participants)</td>
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### ILEAD/OTES Update

House Bill 404 recently went into effect and provides a variety of temporary provisions for school districts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the evaluation process. The district’s OTES, OPES, OSCES, and LSP Performance process is not impacted by the House Bill and will continue as it is currently being implemented. Please note the following in regard to the use of student growth data for evaluation purposes:

- Value-added and/or any other student academic growth data cannot be used to measure student learning attributable to a teacher or principal while conducting evaluations. Thus, the Student Growth Measures component of the evaluation will not be included, and the 2020–2021 OTES and OPES. Evaluations will be based on the Performance component only.
- Any metric used to evaluate positive student outcomes or measure student learning attributable to a school counselor while conducting evaluations cannot be utilized. Thus, the Metric(s) of Student Outcomes component of OSCES will not be included in the 2020–2021 process.
- The deadline for the first semester observation cycle of the evaluation process is Jan. 15, 2021. If you have any questions about the completion of your evaluation events, log in to your ILEAD portal at [https://www.ccsoh.us/Page/2360](https://www.ccsoh.us/Page/2360) or speak with your evaluator. If you have questions about the impact of House Bill 404 on the evaluation process, or any other evaluation question, please reach out to Wendy Jones or Rhonda Rice in Professional Learning and Licensure.

### Continuing Contract

It is that time of year where you can apply for a Continuing Contract. The Continuing Contract application is a Google Form. Bargaining unit members will have to be logged into their CCS Google account in order to access the online form. Go to [https://bit.ly/CCapp2022](https://bit.ly/CCapp2022) to complete the online application.

You must meet all the eligibility requirements on the application to be considered. In accordance with CEA Contract Article 401.16, to be eligible to receive a continuing contract you MUST have the following:

- A five-year professional license or a permanent certificate shall be on file in Human Resources. The certificate/license should be received in Human Resources or on or before Mar. 5, 2021.
- At the conclusion of this school year, you must have completed three years of successful Columbus teaching experience within the last five years. If you previously had a continuing contract in Columbus, or another Ohio district, you must have completed two successful years of successful Columbus teaching experience.

Under the new licensing standards, you must also meet the following coursework requirement:

- If you hold a master’s degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher’s certificate/license, then six (6) semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license is required.
- If you do not hold a master’s degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher’s certificate/license, then thirty (30) semester hours of 300 level coursework or above in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license is required.

If you believe that you will be completing the requirements making you eligible for a continuing teacher contract for the 2021–2022 school year, you must complete the online application no later than Mar. 5, 2021. If you have questions, email Leslie Butler at license@columbus.k12.oh.us.
Grievance Update

Your Association works hard to protect your rights and maintain the integrity of the negotiated contract. While we advise bargaining unit members to work out our problems at the building level first, we know this isn’t always possible. We will regularly inform you of the grievances on which CEA is working.

Voluntary Staff Reduction Opportunity Coming

Your Association knows that from time-to-time issues arise at your current assignment, especially during your three year commitment. Sometimes bargaining unit members experience strong philosophical differences with the program(s) within their current assignment. Other times, they experience health and/or safety issues within their current assignment.

Bargaining unit members that believe their skills would be best utilized in another assignment within the district have the opportunity to request a voluntary staff reduction from Human Resources. Two reasons can be cited to request a voluntary staff reduction: philosophical differences or health and safety. Individuals who are interested in requesting a voluntary staff reduction must submit their request in writing to HR.

Any full-time contract bargaining unit member can request a voluntary staff reduction. You are not required to inform your administrator, or to ask their permission, to seek a voluntary staff reduction. Additionally, administrators should not ask bargaining unit members if they are seeking a voluntary staff reduction, nor will written requests be shared with administrators. Keep in mind that requesting a voluntary staff reduction is just that—a request.

Ultimately it is the decision of HR whether or not to grant each bargaining unit member’s voluntary staff request.

The deadline for teachers to submit their request for a voluntary staff reduction based on philosophical differences or health and safety is 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 14. Individuals requesting a voluntary staff reduction must provide specific reasons for making the request. Requests can only be submitted via email using your CCS email to article211@columbus.k12.oh.us. Include in the subject line “Voluntary Staff Reduction Request” followed by your full name, last name, and employee ID number. Faxed letters will not be accepted.

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Looking for a Job Share?

Job sharing provides a way for teachers who wish to continue their employment with Columbus City Schools in less than a full-time capacity. Most job shares are a 50/50 split, but other arrangements can take place.

If you would like to job share with another bargaining-unit member, each partner must complete their own job-share packet.

The documents must be signed by both job-share partners as well as the principal or supervisor where the job share is to occur. Once the job-sharing request is approved, the job share cannot be dissolved unless all parties agree (teachers, principals or supervisors, and HR). To download the job-share packet for the 2021–2022 school year, go to the CCS Intranet. Each partner’s completed job-share packet is due to CCS Human Resources no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12.

If you are planning to job share and to carry insurance through CCS, the rate you will pay will be significantly higher than what you would pay as a full-time teacher. Contact CCS Human Resources Benefits Department to determine your cost. If you have further questions about job sharing, contact Cindy Love at C.E.A. at (614) 253-4731.

Textbook Committee Nominations Open

Our Master Agreement provides CEA members input into viral classroom decisions. Section 504.01 details the agreed-upon framework for textbook selection. When it is time to review textbooks in a particular subject area, teachers from those subjects participate.

The District will be selecting textbooks for middle and high school science for the following courses:

- Middle School Science: Grades 6–8
- High School: Life and AP Science
- High School: Physical and AP Science

Note: Each grouping above represents a separate textbook committee. Bargaining unit members may only serve on one committee due to the RFQ process.

Here’s how the process works:

- CCS posts a notice asking for textbook-adoption committee participants.
- Only teachers from each pertinent subject area and grade level at schools involved elect the nominees.
- Each of the building nominee elections is conducted by its principal and Association Building Council (ABC).
- Nominations should be emailed to C.E.A President John Coneglio (coneglioj@ceaohio.org) and copied to Kathryn Myers (kmyers@columbus.k12.oh.us) no later than Friday, Jan. 8.
- Nominations should be on school letterhead signed by both the building principal and Senior Faculty Representative.
- Nominees go to a joint Association and Board committee for a final vote.

Is Your License Expiring?

If your Five-Year Professional License expires in 2021, you were sent an email from Human Resources in November with comprehensive instructions for renewing your license. If you have a Resident Educator License that expires in 2020, you will be receiving an email from Greg Mild in Professional Learning & Licensure. Your teaching license is your most important credential. Please read the email carefully. That detailed message contains specific instructions about the renewal process for this year, including how to complete the online application process through the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) website. Failure to comply with renewal regulations could result in non-renewal from the District.

If your license from ODE is expiring June 30, 2021, and you have a limited employment contract, you must complete the required coursework or CEUs necessary for renewal and apply before Feb. 1 to be licensed by ODE for the 2021–2022 school year. If you have a continuing contract, you have through June to complete your coursework and submit your application. Failure to renew your license may result in suspension of pay and initiation of termination/non-renewal proceedings.

In addition to the online application, you will need to complete a background check. All fingerprint results must be completed electronically through Webcheck. A permanent certificate still requires fingerprinting every five years. The Human Resources Department, located at 3700 S. High, oversees this process. The CCS Fingerprint Office is open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Accepted forms of payment are credit/debit card or money order made payable to Columbus City Schools. Go to https://bit.ly/ccsFPrint up to schedule a date and time to complete your fingerprinting.

If you have any questions about the date of your last background check, or if you do not plan to renew your license, contact Leslie Butler, Human Resources, Teacher Licensure, at licensure@columbus.k12.oh.us. Any questions concerning CEUs or the license renewal process should be directed to Greg Mild at gmild@columbus.k12.oh.us.

You Are Not Alone: EAP is Here

From time to time, we all feel stressed out. We have a tough job and personal problems on top of everyday challenges can make even the strongest among us feel alone sometimes. Luckily, one of your negotiated benefits is the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). It is a way for you to obtain help, at no cost to you, for confidential and private counseling services. The program is run by ComPsych, which provides supportive resources via phone and web.

You can get a referral for matters related to work, family, health, and other areas of your life when you call 800-774-6420. Referrals include free, short-term counseling for stress, depression, grief, substance abuse, family and caregiving consultation, legal and financial issues, household matters, and personal and family safety.

It is a good idea to consider counseling if you:

- Feel overly preoccupied with a problem
- Fail repeatedly to solve a problem by yourself
- Find yourself denying that a problem exists or hoping it will go away
- Feel that you don’t have the resources to resolve an issue
- Feel unhappy most of the time
- Experience problems with family or friends

ComPsych’s website, www.guidanceresources.com, features articles, assessments, webinars, financial calculators, searchable databases, skill builders, and more. When you go to the website, use “CCS” as the company ID to register.

PAR/CEU Classes

The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) office will be offering a series of professional growth opportunities for teachers of all skill and grade levels. Participants will receive CEUs. Course materials will be provided.

- Jan. 12 CEA Article 211 Interview Process & Informational Session (0.2 CEUs)
- Jan. 20 Make and Take Mini-Session: Edpuzzle (from 4–5 p.m.) (0.1 CEUs)
- Jan. 26 Overcoming Trauma (0.2 CEUs)

Register today on PD Planner for any or all of these sessions. All classes will begin at 4:30 p.m. Call the PAR Office at (614) 365-5110 for more information or ask your PAR CT if you have questions.

Zoom into PBIS FRIDAY LIVE!

Every Friday the District PBIS Coordinators present PBIS FRIDAY LIVE! Fifteen minutes of SEL Connections and PBIS Quick Tips. These are a great opportunity to connect with other staff, practice self-care, and start your Friday in a positive and calm way. All staff are welcome! Join us on Fridays from 8–8:15 a.m. Go to https://ccsoh-us.zoom.us/s/3059377463 to participate.

If you have questions, contact Jacque Pencek, District PBIS Coordinator, at jpencek986@columbus.k12.oh.us. We look forward to seeing everybody on Jan. 8.
Special Notes

☐ Catastrophic Leave Donation Request: Michelle A. Innis-Dorsey has been approved for Catastrophic Leave and is in need of donated days. To donate, enter your name at the top of the CCS “Report of Employee Absence” form. In the "Comments" section, write the words, "Catastrophic Sick Leave Donation." Be sure that you and your principal or supervisor sign the form. Indicate on the form to whom you are donating the sick time.

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☐ Paid Holidays: Know Your Leave Balance

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