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Mini Grants Awarded

The CEA Foundation Mini Grant Committee is pleased to report another successful year of supporting innovative and transformative projects led by our dedicated members across the district. This year, nearly $20,000 went to 42 CEA members for their mini-grants!



Our purpose, as outlined in the CEA Foundation Mini Grant Purpose Statement — "to empower CEA members, in good standing, to design and implement innovative opportunities that will ultimately lead to higher achievement for all students" — remains at the heart of the meaningful work happening in our classrooms and departments every day.

This year's recipients exemplify creativity, collaboration, and a deep commitment to student achievement. Their projects represent the spirit of innovation and excellence that defines our community of educators.

Please join us in celebrating these outstanding educators for their passion, ingenuity, and dedication to providing exceptional learning experiences for all students.

Together, we continue to advance our shared mission — inspiring excellence and empowering educators to make a lasting impact.

Phillip Bailey	Lincoln Park ES
Lisa Brandt	Columbus International HS
Casaundra Bronner	Eastmoor Acad. HS
Tina Cegala	Ridgeview MS
Angela Dolan	Huy ES/AG Bell Elementary
Beth Eshelman	Binns ES
Lucy Farr	Binns ES
Megan Fitzgerald	Westmoor MS, Westgate ES
Jessica Fix	Briggs HS
Christine Gaffney	Marion-Franklin HS
Briana Gruenberg	Valley Forge ES
Molly Heinmiller	Leawood ES
Sarah Heinselman	Liberty ES
Tracie Helmbrecht	Hilltonia MS
Colette Jackson	Ohio Ave. ES, Olde Orchard ES, Medina MS, Hudson Warehouse
Hillary Jackson	Lincoln Park ES
Megan Jewell	Eakin ES
Katherine Lowry	Forest Park, Valley Forge ES
Yasmeen Mallory	Livingston ES
Laura Mannarino	Columbus Scioto 6–12
Allison Martz	South Mifflin STEM Acad., Ohio Ave. ES
Laura Maxwell	Indianola Informal K–8
Jochen McEvoy	Fort Hayes Arts and Academic HS
Markia Miller	Columbus Spanish Imm. Acad.
Kacey Milligan	Cassady ES, Eastgate ES
Paige Mooney	Forest Park ES
Jessica Nouanesengsy	Linden STEM Acad., Ohio Ave. ES
Ma Carie Oliquino	Africentric EC MS
Melanie Richards	Shady Lane ES
Daniel Schaible	Johnson Park MS
Christina Schetter	Windsor STEM Acad., Beatty Park ES
Devorah Schlein	Eakin ES
Emily Seidle	Avondale ES
Tara Shiman	Medina MS, Sherwood MS
Rachel Stillwell	Berwick ES, Stewart Alt. ES
Korri Storms	Ohio ES
Chiquita Toure	Columbus Africentric EC HS
Heather Vanh	Speech & Language Dept: Cedarwood ES, Johnstown Road FCBDD (CCS preschool classes); Linden Park ECEC evaluations; Central Enrollment ECE evaluations
Patricia Vazquez	Columbus Spanish Imm. Acad.
Anna Walcher	Cedarwood ES
Sara Williams	Briggs HS
Linda Willis	Oakland Park ES

CEA HS Governor At-Large Results and Run-Off Schedule

On Thursday, November 5, the HS Governor At-Large race concluded with the following vote count:

Clarence Daniels 914
Chris Weyand 607
Chris Monteiro 604

None of the candidates received 50 percent plus one of the total votes cast. As a result, the two highest vote-getters will proceed to a run-off election. The schedule is as follows:

- Run-off ballots to buildings . . . . . Friday, Nov. 20
- Run-off voting begins . . . . . Monday, Nov. 30
- Run-off voting ends . . . . . Tuesday, Dec. 15
- Tally Day: . . . . . Wednesday, Dec.16



The CEA Master Agreement is set to expire in fewer than 643 days.

Grievance Update

CEA works to protect your rights and maintain the integrity of the negotiated contract. While we advise bargaining unit members to work out problems at the building level first, we know this isn't always possible. We regularly inform you of grievances we are working to resolve. Go to: **https://www.ceaohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Grievance-261116-14.pdf**

Grants for New Teachers

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Each year, Gamma Chapter, one of the local chapters in the central Ohio area, provides grants to new teachers to buy materials and supplies for their classrooms. These grants are given in the form of gift certificates to the recipients. Interested teachers should go to **https://bit.ly/4Bszaqp**. Grant applications are due by Jan. 5, 2027. Applicants will be notified by Jan. 17, 2027.

Discounted Cleveland Cavaliers Tickets: CCS Night December 12!

The Cleveland Cavaliers are offering CCS staff discounted tickets to five upcoming home games, plus a special on-court experience during CCS Night on December 12 against the Golden State Warriors! The first 40 CCS staff members to purchase tickets for December 12's CCS Night will get to help hold the giant Cavaliers flag on the court during the National Anthem and receive a FREE CCS Homage T-shirt to wear during the experience.

All discounted games include:

- **December 12 (vs. Golden State Warriors) CCS Night!**
- **January 9 (vs. Denver Nuggets)**
- **February 6 (vs. Orlando Magic)**
- **March 25 (vs. LA Lakers)**

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

Cleveland Cavaliers: View All CCS Discounted Tickets at bit.ly/4zV0wni.

Consider Joining the OEA Jewish Affairs Caucus for 2026–2027

The purpose of the OEA Jewish Affairs Caucus is to:

- Inform OEA members of the unique issues which affect Jewish children and educators.
- Advocate for Jewish educators and students
- Combat antisemitism and bias in schools and workplaces
- Promote education and awareness of Jewish history and culture

The membership year is September 1–August 31 | $10 for current and retired OEA members. You do not need to be Jewish to join the Caucus. Go to: **bit.ly/47Jpeev** to join.

Know Your Contract: Extended Time Pay Process Now Digital

In August of 2025, CEA members voted to ratify the *2025–2028 CEA Master Agreement* with a number of new provisions. One of them was the District's intent to roll out a fully digitized process for CEA members to submit and track payments for extended time for the 2026–2027 school year. Your Union is pleased to announce that beginning October 1, the District will officially transition to this system.

The extended time form has officially transitioned to a fully digital workflow in SCView.

Link **https://auth.myscview.com/Identity/Account/Login**

This solution eliminates paper forms, simplifies submissions, and allows CEA members to follow the form through the various approval processes.

Go to: **https://www.ceaohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/SOP-Extended-Time-Employee-3.pdf** to access the Standard Operating Procedure Instructions for SCView.

To view a video of how to use SCView, go to **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8joLe2-jXc**.

If you have any questions or need assistance submitting a form, please reach out by emailing scview@columbus.k12.oh.us

Special Notes

Make a donation to the Catastrophic Sick Leave Bank: When someone experiences a life-threatening illness or injury, and they are out of accrued time, they can apply for catastrophic leave. When approved, sick leave days can be donated, allowing them to remain in paid status and receive healthcare benefits. The following members have been approved for Catastrophic Leave and are in need of donated days: **Dawn Berenzweig, Displaced; Jennifer Burley, Displaced;** and **Colleen Biederman, Displaced**. To donate, complete the Catastrophic Sick Leave Donation Form, available on the CEA and CCS websites. Submit the completed form to leavesofabsence@columbus.k12.oh.us.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING AN ORGAN DONATION! A transplant is needed for CEA Member Robyn Chernack, Intervention Specialist at **Cedarwood ES**. She is in need of a kidney donation from a living donor. Such donations are typically very successful and ideal when made by living donors. Eligible donors have matching blood types and are free of diseases including high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, kidney and heart disease. Donors are able to lead normal lives. To become a donor, go to: **bit.ly/40y23zN**.

If you know someone new to your building or unit, approach the person and ask them to become a member of CEA. We have made joining CEA simple. **Step 1:** Click "JOIN" on the homepage at **www.ceaohio.org**; **Step 2:** Download the CEA Membership Form to your device and complete it. (It is a fillable pdf for your convenience); **Step 3:** Email the completed form to **membership@ceaohio.org**. Call CEA at (614) 253-4731 with questions.

Bank where you belong! All CEA members and their families can become members of **Education First Credit Union**! Enjoy exclusive financial benefits, low-rate loans, high-yield savings, and personalize service. *Join today at* **www.educu.org**.