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Capital Day rules

Capital Day is Friday, Oct. 21. On this day, you are required to attend a professional development activity, held either at the Hyatt Regency, or at your own building. Here is how it will work: If your principal or supervisor has received a waiver for you to attend a professional development activity with your building or unit, you may choose to attend it. However, you may instead choose to attend the Capital Day activities at the Hyatt, or at another location with your principal's/supervisor's permission.

This is not a day off or a day to work in your building. You must choose an activity. We encourage members to attend Capital Day at the Hyatt. We will have awesome speakers, workshops and prizes, as well as a continental breakfast and a lunch.

Registration/check-in and continental breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., with activities beginning at 8:30 a.m. Register through PD Planner by Tuesday, Oct. 18. Do a PD Search for Capital Day 2011. Scroll down to "Capital Day 2011: A Main Event at The Hyatt Regency." Click on the name to open it, and then under "Scheduled Sections," click on the "Register" button.



"No" is the way to go

Many of us know that Issue 2 on the November ballot has something to do with Senate Bill 5. But what we need to make clear is that the right vote on this is NO. It can be confusing, since the ballot language will be phrased in such a way as to encourage a "yes" vote.

Just remember and tell everyone: **NO on Issue 2** means we DON'T want Senate Bill 5 to remain on the books. We want it repealed. We need to encourage our friends, family and associates to vote **NO when they see 2**. How can we do this? It's easy:

- ☑ Ask some folks over for coffee and dessert. Tell them why a "no" vote is personally important to you. Ask them to pledge to vote **NO**.
- ☑ Change the greeting on your cell or home phone to a short message reflecting your voting preference on this issue, and use the phrase: "**'No' means 'no' on Issue 2.**"
- ☑ Organize a group of supporters to gather for early voting. Sit together over coffee and fill out your absentee ballots, and then submit them together.
- ☑ Get creative! Make a T-shirt or a lawn sign, or even



one to hang from the front of your house.

- ☑ Don't forget to wear **red** every Thursday until we defeat Senate Bill 5.
 - ☑ Visit <http://bit.ly/helpwao> or www.waofriends.com to build a team and keep in touch through your account.
- Need talking points? Here are some:
- ☑ Issue 2/SB 5 eliminates our right to bargain over class size, restricts our consideration of longevity and use of step increases and limits the amount of sick leave you can accumulate. It prohibits new continuing contracts, requires merit-based pay, eliminates the right to strike and caps severance pay. If parties are unable to reach agreement on a contract, the public employer can choose to implement its own best offer.
 - ☑ Issue 2/SB 5 puts the safety of all our families at risk by making it illegal for nurses, teachers and emergency responders to fight for safer staffing levels, critical safety equipment and training that protects them and safeguards our communities.
 - ☑ Issue 2/SB 5 hurts Ohio families and blames public employees for a mess caused by Wall Street's greed.

The people abusing the system are not the hard-working people of Ohio. They are the politicians making a special exemption just for themselves and upper management. The real crime here is the thousands of middle-class Ohioans whose rights have been stripped away while politicians pay back corporate donors.

You don't solve the problems facing Ohio families by attacking them and putting their safety at risk.

Vote early, vote NO on Issue 2

Want to be sure you cast your vote? It's easy to vote early, in person or by mail. You never know what could happen on Election Day, and it is important not to lose one single vote to repeal Senate Bill 5 by voting NO on Issue 2.

To obtain an application for an absentee ballot, go to <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/upload/elections/forms/11-A.pdf>.

To obtain an absentee ballot, on the application you must include your Ohio driver's license number, or the last four digits of your social security number, or a copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address.

Ballots must be returned either by mail or in person to your local county board of elections.



Making strides: It's personal

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, and CEA is a flagship sponsor. Join the society, and walk with us Sunday, Oct. 23. Each step we take is personal. Each donation is helping to save lives. Each volunteer helps create a world with less breast cancer and more birthdays.



The ACS walk unites communities to celebrate people who have battled breast cancer, educates people about ways to reduce their risk and empowers communities to join the fight. Every dollar you raise and every step you take will save lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back against breast cancer.

The Making Strides walk begins at 10 a.m. at COSI, 333 W. Broad St. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Help us by forming a team at your school. Anyone can be on your team. Team members do not have to be district employees.

There is no fee to register. The first 30 people to register online can receive a free CEA Making Strides T-shirt. Sizes are limited, so register early. Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive your T-shirt. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/cWoVMb>. Please be sure to add Columbus Education Association as your company. For more information, call Ezetta Murray at CEA 253-4731.

We danced, we ate, we schmoozed

CEA had a great Fall Fling on Sept. 23. We enjoyed music, met new colleagues and welcomed elected officials, including Mayor Michael Coleman. More than 700 CEA members and guests attended. This event was designed to celebrate you. We hope you enjoyed the event and felt appreciated.



We want to thank the following volunteers who helped make the Fling a success: Ann Aeschbury, Bonita Agnew, Marilyn Allen, Karen Andermills, Donna Baker, Jan Bell, DeJuana Black, Maggie Burnes, Aranya Brown, Jo Annette Byas-Marston, Susan Chevalier, Jeff Corbin, Kristan Crosby, Gerry Curran, Kathy Darling, Carla Davis, Angel Dyer, Victoria Evans, Barbara Flu Allen, Charlene Gomer, Vicki Hatfield, Tai Hayden, Rita Hinz, Deborah Huffman-Mirab, Kevin Jackson, CJ Jamison, Rebecca King, Loretta Kleinline, Carolyn Lake, Lynette Lewis, Christy Maser, Martha Matesich, Gary Metzenbacher, Deborah McCoy, Greg Mild, Stephanie Mills, Karen Mughan, Scooter Mullins, Teri Mullins, Alice Munnerlyn, Judy Murphy, Rosie Perry, Jenny Plemel, Carol Price, Gaye Reissland, Lisa Spencer, Vanda Suchetson-Hughes, Izetta Thomas, Anne Vincent, Diana Welsh, Merele Wilder, Judy Wright and Dwayne Zimmerman.

Achieve the Bold Goals

The fact that we are united is reason enough to give to United Way of Central Ohio. But if you are looking for more than com-



munity spirit, consider this: United Way has developed "bold goals" within education, neighborhoods, income and health and has developed a 10-year strategy that builds on its previous work. The goals are designed to create broad, lasting change that will make life better for all of us.

More than 300 volunteer experts from the fields of business, government, health and human services and education worked with the United Way staff to develop these goals. Help us achieve these education goals:

- ★ Increase the percentage of young children entering kindergarten in Franklin County public school districts from 71 to 85 percent.
- ★ Increase the percentage of students who graduate from high school in Franklin County public school districts from 87 to 95 percent.

United Way will leverage extensive relationships throughout central Ohio to solve community problems, and it will hold everyone accountable for the group's progress, adjusting programs and approaches as needed to ensure that we are making the most effective use of our resources.

Want to be even more effective? On your pledge form, you can use the optional box and direct your donation toward the educational goals of United Way. It is a great way to make your donation count for our students.

Be part of it all. CEA's two-week campaign is under way, ending on Thursday, Oct. 21. **GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.**

Special notes

- ❑ The **Columbus Area Writing Project Conference** will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 22**, at the Quest Conference Center from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Registration fee of \$90 includes continental breakfast, lunch and snack. To register and for more information, go to <http://cawp.ehe.osu.edu> or contact Robin Holland at 436-4481.
- ❑ The **CEA Members Scholarship Fund** provides monetary assistance to the dependent children of **CEA** or **CEA-R** members. Dependent children must be college seniors pursuing a college or university degree. The **deadline** is **Tuesday, Oct. 18**. Applications are available at www.ceaohio.org under "Member Benefits" or from the CEA office (253-4731). Send the completed application to Cora Miller at CEA.

CEA Pre-Paid Legal Services Plan OEA/NEA Attorney Referral Program



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Job-Sharing Request • 2011–2012

If you are looking for a job-share partner, fill out the form below and return it to the CEA office. A list will be printed and mailed to each person who submits the form to assist in finding a partner for job sharing. Even if you submitted your name last year, **fill out a new form this year**. Please return this form to **Carol Wagner** at CEA by **Tuesday, Nov. 22**.

Name: _____

School: _____ Phone: _____

Present Assignment: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Certification Area(s): _____

Mobile Phone: (____) _____

Teaching Preference for Next Year: _____

Email Address: _____