

The CEA Voice

Columbus Education Association November 8, 2011 • Voting Guide

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Get out the vote and vote NO on Issue 2

When SB 5 was introduced in February, we realized quickly that we could not sit on the sidelines. We understood that the fight was ours; that we could not expect others to fight for our students, our profession or Ohio's middle class.

Over the past nine months, CEA members have given testimony against SB 5, attended Statehouse rallies, town hall meetings and trainings too numerous to count. We provided hundreds of down payment petition signatures with just a few hours notice. We collected thousands of signatures, adding to the 1.3 million amassed by the We Are Ohio coalition.

CEA was at the Ohio Ballot Board meeting when it was decided that a "NO" vote on Issue 2 would be a "NO" vote on SB 5. Since that day, we have canvassed, phone banked, talked to friends, families and neighbors and urged them to vote "NO" on Issue 2.

"This is the election of your lifetime," said CEA President Rhonda Johnson in September at the first meeting of the CEA Legislative Assembly. "Our teaching conditions and the learning conditions of our students are on the line."

Would you ever forgive yourself if you were prevented from voting on Election Day and awoke the next morning, only to find that Issue 2 passed by one vote? Cast your NO vote on Issue 2/SB 5.



Recap of Capital Day

Thousands of members of the Columbus Education Association, and even a few administrators, convened for professional development at our annual Capital Day, held Oct. 21 at the Hyatt Regency. Columbus educators were charged with inspirational advice from well-known, award-winning educators.



Capital District President Tai Hayden and CEA President Rhonda Johnson kicked off the day with greetings and an introduction of our powerful keynote speaker, Dr. Michael White.

Dr. White, an expert in standards-based instruction, teacher training and assessment, set the tone for the day with a motivational message that empowered our teachers to succeed with their students.

Our luncheon speaker was Crystal Kuykendall. She reminded us that teaching is a job that should be recognized as a great calling. She mentioned that she had taught elementary school earlier in her career. She said, "We should all be that 'Proud Merchant of Hope' to our students."

Throughout the day, participants could attend workshops, visit on-site educational vendors, get blood-pressure screenings and flu shots. CEA and our vendors gave out door prizes. The grand-prize winner of an iPad 2 was Susan Fadley of Avondale ES. Thanks to all who made the day successful.

Making Strides against Breast Cancer

Like tributaries flowing to fill a river, thousands of people convened Sunday, Oct. 23, tied their walking shoes tighter and strutted out in teams for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. It was a beautiful day for a walk, and we raised more than \$12,000 dollars for the cause.



CEA would like to thank you for lending your time and energy to support the American Cancer Society and making strides with us. We are saving lives and truly making a difference in the fight against breast cancer, thanks to each and every one of our dedicated walkers, volunteers and volunteer fundraisers.

More than 100 CCS staff members, students, parents and friends participated, representing the following schools:

Alum Crest HS, Avalon ES, Beechcroft HS, Berwick ES, Briggs HS, Champion MS, Clearbrook MS, CEA Office, CEA-R, Columbus International HS, Dana ES, Dominion MS, East Linden ES, Fifth Ave. International, Gifted & Talented, Independence HS, Leewood ES, Liberty ES, Lincoln Park ES, Moler ES, North Linden ES, Ridgeview MS, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, Shepard Center, Sherwood MS, Southmoor MS, Starling MS, Woodward Park MS and Wedgewood MS

We hope you can join us again next year and bring more friends along. Thanks again for making a difference, making history and making strides against breast cancer!

United Way contributions are adding up

Thanks to everyone who contributed to CEA's United Way fund drive this year. If you forgot to give, there is still time.



The official deadline to turn in envelopes was Oct. 28, but your Senior Faculty Representative still can collect your pledge and take it to the CEA office.

Your donations help our students and their families in so many ways. United Way addresses the root causes of some of the most persistent problems that we face in our community. Your dollars help kids get ready for school; help more kids graduate; improve our community's health; ensure that more residents are prepared for emergencies and disasters; help families obtain basic needs; reduce crime in our neighborhoods; and make life better for everyone in central Ohio.

Thanks go to the following buildings/units that have completed their campaigns:

17th Avenue, 6th Street Annex, Alpine ES, Arts Impact MS, Avondale ES, Beatty Park ES, Beechcroft HS, Berwick ES, Binns ES, Briggs HS, Buckeye MS, Burroughs ES, Cassady ES, CEA Office, Cedarwood ES @ Stockbridge, Centennial HS, Champion MS, Clearbrook MS, Clinton ES @ Hubbard, Colerain ES, Columbus Africentric ES, Columbus Alternative HS, Columbus City Prep. School For Boys, Columbus City Prep. School For Girls, CEC, Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy, Cranbrook ES, Dana ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Eakin ES, East Columbus ES, East HS, Eastgate ES, Easthaven ES, Eastmoor Academy, Fairmoor ES, Fairwood ES, Forest Park ES, Ft. Hayes General's House, Ft. Hayes Bus Compound, Georgian Heights ES, Gifted & Talented, Highland ES, Hilltonia MS, Hudson Distribution Ctr, Independence HS, Indianola Informal K-8, Johnson Park MS, Kingswood Data Ctr, Leewood ES, Liberty ES, Lincoln Park ES, Lindbergh ES, Linden-McKinley STEM Academy, Linden ES, Livingston ES, Maize ES, Marion-Franklin HS, Maybury ES, Mifflin HS, Mifflin MS, Moler ES, Morse Road Bus Compound, Neil Ave., North Linden ES, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, Ohio Avenue ES, Old Orchard ES @ Old Shady Lane, PAR, Ridgeview MS, Salem ES, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, Shepard Center, Sherwood MS, Starling MS, Stewart ES @ Beck, Sullivan ES, Valley Forge ES, Valleyview ES, Walnut Ridge HS, Watkins ES, Wedgewood MS, Weinland Park ES, West Broad ES, West HS, West Mound ES, Westgate ES, Westmoor MS, Whetstone HS, Windsor STEM Academy, Winterset ES, Woodward Park MS and Yorktown MS

Special notes

- Fee waiver applications for Winter Quarter 2012** are due back to Northgate by **Friday, Nov. 11, by 5 p.m.** If you have **Priority I or Priority II status**, include the proper documentation. Your priority status will change without proper documentation.
- Wear your red CEA Solidarity T-shirts on Election Day** when **Senate Bill 5 will be repealed** and **Issue 2 will be defeated**. If you don't have one, come to the CEA office to purchase one for \$6. **Remember to vote NO on Issue 2 to repeal SB 5.**
- Beginning this year, you will not receive a new OEA Membership Card.** This card is also your CEA, Capital District and NEA membership card. If you have misplaced your card, please **contact CEA at 253-4731** to request another one. New members will receive their cards soon.

Job-Sharing Request • 2012-2013

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: _____