

# The CEA Voice

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## Columbus Education Association November 6, 2012 • Voting Guide

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*The Voice*  
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left blank because  
it contains a  
political endorsement.

This November voters have the chance to bring common-sense reform to Ohio's broken redistricting system—by voting YES on Issue 2. For too long, politicians in our state have had the power to draw their own districts and gerrymander Ohio's legislative maps to the point where our elected officials are not accountable to us, the Ohio voters.

The Voters First Amendment on the November ballot as Issue 2, ensures every Ohio voter's right to fair, competitive elections by replacing the current system—where politicians draw their own legislative and congressional districts—with an independent, non-partisan Citizens Commission that will draw new districts out in the open for everyone to see. The Citizens Commission will include equal numbers of Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Politicians, lobbyists and political insiders are not permitted to serve on the commission.

If you are tired of politics as usual, Vote YES on Issue 2.

- Issue 2 makes redistricting more accountable, fair and impartial.
- Issue 2 ensures that no political party or special interest can rig the system to their own advantage.
- Issue 2 is a big step in the right direction towards fixing a broken system.

Vote YES on Issue 2 to approve the Voters First Amendment. A YES on Issue 2 will finally let voters choose their politicians instead of politicians picking their voters.



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## Education means skills

By 2020, nearly two of every three U.S. jobs will require some advanced education. Our children must be ready. Education and technology CEOs told Mayor Michael Coleman that Columbus must continue expanding programs that provide specialized skills, particularly in growing sectors such as healthcare, to attract more businesses to central Ohio.

Stacia Edwards, director of STEM work-force development at Battelle; Kenny McDonald, CEO of Columbus 2020; and David Harrison, president of Columbus State Community College, spoke at a briefing Oct. 25 for Mayor Coleman, City Council President Andrew Ginther and Columbus education adviser Eric Fingerhut. It was part of a series that is helping officials understand Franklin County's educational landscape. Coleman has declared that he will become more active in supporting programs to improve education, so that our economy can improve as well.

Harrison talked about programs at the college developed in partnership with the logistics, manufacturing, health care, polymers, and bioscience sectors to ensure students have the required communications and technical skills to take on demanding jobs. McDonald and Edwards agreed this is the kind of partnership that needs to continue. Companies, they said, are locating where the talent pool already exists—not simply where the tax structure is favorable.

Mark Real, Executive Director of KidsOhio.org, said, "It was very encouraging" to see officials and business leaders working together. CEA President Rhonda Johnson continues to monitor these sessions and is excited about what they signify. "It means our community leaders really understand the connection between Pre-K education and work-force development," she said. "I believe when we work together, we can help our kids achieve and lead productive lives."

Keep reading your *Voice* as we follow this developing story.

## United Way campaigns completed

We thank all school employees for participating in this year's United Way campaign. Because of you, many of our families will receive services and assistance they need to stay warm in the winter, ensure their young ones are prepared to begin school, assess their skills for a job search, feel secure in a safer neighborhood and so much more.

Thank you to the following buildings/units that have completed their campaigns since the last edition of *The Voice*: 17th Ave., Beatty Park ES, Briggs HS, Broadleigh ES, Champion MS, Clearbrook MS, Colerain ES, Columbus City Prep. School for Girls, Columbus International HS, Cranbrook ES, Dana ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Fairmoor ES, Fifth Ave. K-8, Ft. Hayes Bus Compound, Ft. Hayes CC, Gables ES, Georgian Heights ES, Hamilton STEM Academy K-6, Innis ES, Leawood ES, Lincoln Park K-6, Linden STEM Academy K-6, Livingston K-6, Maybury ES, Mifflin MS, Moler K-6, Neil Ave. Center, Ridgeview MS, Salem ES, Shepard Center, Sherwood MS, West HS, West Broad ES, Westgate ES and Whetstone HS.

## Honoring our true Native Americans

Did you know that Lacrosse is a very old game that probably developed in the ancient Americas? It was one of many varieties of stick ball games that explorers discovered indigenous people playing when they landed on our continent.

There are many interesting historical facts we can teach our students during Native American Indian/Alaskan Heritage Month, which began Nov. 1. The commemoration began in May 1916 in New York when Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, rode horseback from state to state, getting endorsements from 24 state

governments, to have a day to honor American Indians. Today, we honor the 5.1 million people in our country who have brought their unique backgrounds to building our communities.

Here are some quick facts from the U.S. Census:

- ✦ There are 566 federally recognized Indian tribes, including Cherokee (819,105), Navajo (332,129), Choctaw (195,764), Mexican-American Indian (175,494), Chippewa (170,742), Sioux (170,110), Apache (111,810) and Blackfeet (105,304).
- ✦ Twenty-seven percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives age 5 and older speak a language other than English at home, compared with 21 percent of people in all U.S. households.
- ✦ American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses earn more than \$34 billion every year
- ✦ 153,223 American Indian and Alaska Natives are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Need activities? Read a book about American Indian history, *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann. This book looks at science, history and archeology to provide a balanced, more accurate view of America and its indigenous populations prior to European settlement.

Watch a film about or starring American Indians, such as "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" (2007). The film, based on the book by Dee Brown, is a chronicle of how American Indians were displaced as the U.S. expanded west.

For more information on how to support our students and their tribes, visit <http://www.collegefund.org>.

## CCS/OSU Outreach Courses

The CCS/OSU Outreach Courses for Spring Semester 2013 will be open for online pre-registration November 1-15.

Available courses are:

- Active Dramatic Approaches to Teaching and Learning K-12 (EDUTL 5892)
- Educational Assessment of Exceptional Learners (EDUPAES 5743)
- ESL Field Experience (EDUTL 7189)
- Pedagogical Grammar (EDUTL 8890)
- School and Family Based Interventions (EDUPAES 7897.10)
- Teaching and Writing in Elementary and Middle Grades (EDUTL 7340)
- Teaching Physical Education to meet Ohio Physical Education Standards (EDUPAES 8893.20)
- Understanding the Language Arts Common Core Standards (EDUTL 5892)
- Urban Issues in Education (EDUPL 7897.10)

For more information about these classes and to pre-register, go to <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/osu>, click on "Spring 2013 Courses," then read through the two information pages to access the list of courses.

**Correction:** Colerain ES was omitted from the attendance list for the Oct. 4 CEA Legislative Assembly. We apologize for this error.

## Special notes

- Be sure to vote in the CEA Special Election for two **CEA High School Governors-At-Large**. If you have not received your ballot, please contact your Senior Faculty Representative or CEA Elections Chairperson Michele Mays at 253-4731. Voting ends Nov. 12. Votes will be tallied by the Elections Committee on Nov. 13.
- Fee waiver applications for Spring Semester 2013** are due back to Northgate by **Friday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m.** If you have **Priority I** or **Priority II** status, include the proper documentation.
- Itinerant teachers who wish to submit a **gainsharing service agreement** for the **2012-2013 school year** must do so by **Friday, Nov. 9**. The form can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/TmSI29>. Submit the original to **Human Resources via interoffice mail** or fax a signed copy to 365-5652.

## Job-Sharing Request • 2013-2014

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. 20**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Certification Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Teaching Preference for Next Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_