

Hello SVVEA Members,

Below you will find relevant information regarding several timely issues. This may be more than you can act upon during this busy time; you can always access Member Updates and a lots of other helpful information via links on the svvea.org Home Page.

State Standards and Assessment Task Force & Your Input

A result of the 2014 state's legislative session, HB 1202 established a state task force to gather feedback on the impact of assessments and provide recommendations by January 31st for the 2015 legislative session. SVVSD BOE member John Creighton is one of the 15 members on this Task Force.

CDE has posted an online informational site about the Standards and Assessment Task Force at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdedepcom/taskforce>.

The Standards and Assessment Task Force welcomes and encourages input from all interested stakeholders. There are several key questions posed, but the Task Force is especially interested in written responses to the question: What would an effective statewide assessment system include?

On this CDE site you will find an email address to provide responses, and any other feedback you wish to include. Please feel free to CC me on your correspondence as I plan to attend the Task Force monthly meetings. Written comments are to be shared with the Task Force at each monthly meeting and also posted on the CDE website. I want to check this. A schedule of the regular monthly meetings is provided on the CDE site, and roundtable discussions are also being planned for October and November at various sites around the state; dates & locations soon TBD. I'll provide you those dates as soon as they are available.

Educator Evaluation Rubrics Feedback

Refinements to the Teacher Rubric, as well as those more recently developed for Specialized Service Professionals such as Counselors, OTs, SLPs, etc., are all still being considered by CDE. You may email your suggestions directly to Jean Williams (williams_j@cde.state.co.us), who oversees Rubric Development and Changes. *Please CC me* as well so that I may follow up with CDE about your suggestions and recommendations.

For an abbreviated form of educator evaluation feedback, check out this link [Express Your Opinion on Educator Evaluation](#)

Co-Curricular Time Cards and Pay Periods

Teachers have received conflicting information regarding the reporting and payment of their Co-Curricular and Intramural Program hours that are distributed at each school through the process spelled out in APPENDIX C of the Master Agreement. I have clarified this information with the Finance Department.

You currently have three options:

- 1) You may complete a time card monthly (submit by 15th of each month) for your co-curricular earned during that month, and be paid monthly.
- 2) You may submit your co-curricular hours at the end of each semester. If you have a program that is across both semesters you can request half of your co-curricular hours in December and then request the other half June.* You just need to indicate this on your time card (example: 20 hours for August to December).

- 3) You may request all hours of your hours at the end of the school year.* However, if so, your time card should list the total hours as being worked between January and June so the wages are reported on your W-2 statements accurately.

*For options 2 & 3 there is a request that time cards are submitted by December 1st and June 1st to help facilitate processing by the Office of Fine Arts & Athletics.

There may be a push in the future to move to bi-annual pay outs, but that decision has not yet been made. SVVEA will work with the Office of Fine Arts & Athletics and the Finance Dept. to ensure your input on any change from current practice.

Master Agreements Have Arrived

Print versions of the updated Master Agreement are completed and Kay is preparing them for distribution to SVVEA Members and District Administrators. There have been healthy discussions in our BOD and AR meetings questioning the need for print versions with abundant and available technology, but the consensus is that there is power in a bright, highly visible printed Agreement, as well as ease of use. (NOTE: The print costs are divided evenly between the District and SVVEA.) Finally, access to the Agreement, with a Find/Keyword search feature, is available under Member Resources at svvea.org.

It is an honor to be at your service.

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