

DOUGLAS COUNTY FEDERATION OF TEACHERS RAPPING PAPER



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MUST READ!!!

PERA COALITION: Douglas County Federation, Colorado Federation of Teachers, Colorado Education Association, AFL-CIO, Denver Paraprofessionals, Colorado Classified and the SEIU have formed a coalition to track the proposed restructuring of the Public Employees Retirement Association. The group, of which Joanne Slanovich (DCF) is a member, met with the Joint Financial Committee and PERA on February 2 at the State Capital and will continue to meet until the issue is resolved.

PURPOSE AND GOALS:

The purpose of the coalition is to bring together local organizations that currently exist to protect the rights and benefits of employees and retirees who are members of the Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) to collaborate on addressing the valid issues of PERA while maintaining a secure defined benefit retirement plan for employees. The goal is to reach consensus on elements of the retirement plan that can be amended through legislation, fulfilling the purpose of the Coalition.

****Look for previously printed *Rapping Papers* online at the DCFT website – DCFT.net.**

****Look for information on “Infinite Campus” in upcoming issues.**



Upcoming Events!

March 11 Apple Awards Ceremony
Hyatt, Denver Tech Ctr.

March 21 General Membership Meeting/
Douglas County Events Center

April 11 ER&D Work Session/
Retreat for Trainers/
Douglas County Events Center

May 9 Student Awards Ceremony

Negotiations is on-going as the “living contract” process is followed. Teams meet monthly.



The DCF sent a team of teachers to New York to train in a course offered by the American Federation of Teachers entitled “**Making Data Work for You.**” The team will put together a Skill Block using the information. The course has 3 objectives:

1. To surface assumptions about data and begin to identify what is meant by “data.”
2. To understand two different types of assessment data - uses and limitations.
3. To learn how to analyze data to make informed decisions about school improvement and instruction.