

AFT President Speaks at CO AFL/CIO Convention



AFT President, Ed McElroy speaks to delegates attending the AFL/CIO Convention.

Members of the Douglas County Federation attended the Colorado AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention held in Denver. More than 200 delegates, including a DCF delegation, and Union leaders from various AFL-CIO chapters attended the event. Colorado AFL-CIO has been under the direction of a trusteeship, but on March 28th, following ratification of the changes to the Colorado AFL-CIO Constitution, the trusteeship was lifted and new officers were elected. In a unanimous vote, Dwayne Stephens from the SMWIA was elected President and Dave Atkinson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

On Saturday, March 29, more than 350 Union activists participated in the CO Labor 2008 Kick-Off meeting. Joining them was AFT President, Ed McElroy. President McElroy emphasized the need to elect worker and education friendly candidates in to political office.

More than a dozen local elected officials joined Congressional Candidate Joan Fitz-Gerald and Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff in publicly signing a series of core principles that included support for the Employee Free Choice Act, the AFL-CIO health care principles, and opposition of so-called Right to Work and Paycheck Deception laws.

AFT President Ed McElroy



DCF officers (1 to r) Cindi Leitch, Jody Papini, and Brenda Smith, President, join AFT President, Ed McElroy and AFT Colorado President, Dave Sanger (5th & 6th from left) for a photo opportunity at the Colorado AFL-CIO office.

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Did you know?

- ✓ All material in a teacher's official personnel file, which is false or unrelated to his/her professional development and performance, shall be removed.
- ✓ The expiration date for a teacher's license appears on monthly paychecks.
- ✓ Elementary schools submitting applications for extra plan time must form a committee of teachers to develop the plan.
- ✓ Copies of the DCFT/DCSD contract are online at DCFT.net and DCSDk12.org.
- ✓ A teacher who is Nationally Board Certified shall receive additional salary compensation in the amount of \$2,500 a year. Submission of a portfolio is required.
- ✓ DCF sponsors all ER&D Skill Blocks – Foundations of Effective Teaching, Thinking Mathematics, Instructional Planning, Managing Antisocial Behavior, Managing Student Behavior for Support Staff, Beginning Reading Instruction, and Reading Comprehension.
- ✓ The Learning Center (TLC) is a partnership between the Douglas County Federation and the school district.
- ✓ *Rapping Papers* are archived on our website at DCFT.net.
- ✓ DCF will be notifying members concerning ER&D training opportunities soon – Summer Institute Training will occur in July.
- ✓ Approximately 350 certified teachers applied for Tuition Reimbursement. 141 were drawn to receive the reimbursement benefit.

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Save the dates!

May 15:

Student Awards Ceremony

May 9

ER&D Trainer Applications due

July:

- ✓ ER&D Regional Institutes
- ✓ AFT National Convention

