



CDE News and Announcements

CDE Launches Campaign on the Importance of Reading to Children at Home

To increase awareness of the importance of early literacy, the Colorado Department of Education launched a public information campaign to encourage and empower parents to make reading part of their daily routine with their children. Go to [ReadWithMe.Today](https://www.readwithme.today) to learn more.

U.S. Department of Education awards Colorado a five-year, \$16 million grant for literacy advancement

The U.S. Department of Education awarded Colorado a \$16 million grant to implement the Colorado Comprehensive Literacy Project, which aims to advance literacy skills for children from birth to grade 12 with special emphasis on disadvantaged children, including children living in poverty, English learners and children with disabilities. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Setting the Standard Webinar Series with CDE's SIS Office

The Office Standards and Instructional Support hosts ongoing virtual webinars called *Setting the Standard*.

October Webinars:

- 10/2: Best, First Instruction Part I
- 10/23: Social Emotional Learning

[Join the team](#) to stay up-to-date on high impact instructional strategies, CDE resources for teaching, and Colorado Academic Standards implementation updates.

Statement from the NCTE Presidential Team

NCTE stands in steadfast support of teachers, and we know this continues to be an unprecedented time for so many, particularly within our own community. To that end, the NCTE Executive Committee has voted to reduce this year's Annual Convention registration fee for members to \$175 through the early bird deadline of October 31, 2020. We hope this reduction allows more members of our community to attend the Convention in this most challenging of seasons. Registration fees for students and emeritus members (\$110 and \$140, respectively) remain the same.

Our Annual Convention is our signature event. It provides rich opportunities focused on teaching, learning, research, and engagement. Although this year's Convention will be virtual, it promises to uphold our mission of "improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education." We remain deeply devoted to this mission, to our members, and to sustaining our professional organization.

All registered attendees who paid the original price will be contacted in the next week. Each person will be offered the choice of a refund or the opportunity to donate the cost difference to NCTE, earmarked for a 2020 registration scholarship. Details on the scholarships will be made available next week.

Full registration information for the 2020 Virtual Annual Convention is available [here](#), and you can read about our exciting keynote speakers [here](#). We hope you will join us this November to find new teaching allies, make new connections with luminaries and authors, and gain fresh inspiration for your vital work with students!

—The NCTE Presidential Team on behalf of the Executive Committee

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