

This week's issue of ELA Weekly is coming to you later than usual, as your Board of Directors just concluded its annual spring retreat, this year by Zoom. There was much to discuss, both near-term for the Annual Conference and longer-term for further strengthening ELA going forward.

EDUCATION LAW NEWS

Killing of George Floyd Plays Out in Educational Institutions

In the wake of the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, which has provoked protests and riots in cities across the country, the University of Minnesota has announced that it will no longer contract with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) for support services during large-scale events like football games, concerts and ceremonies, as well as for specialized services such as K-9 explosive detection. The director of the Minneapolis Public School Board also announced on Friday that he will submit a proposal, drafted with the support of the school board chair and another member, this coming Tuesday to end the school district's contract with MPD, cease all future negotiations with MPD, and direct the district superintendent and his staff to devise an alternative plan to serve students. Denver Public Schools (DPS) school board member Tay Anderson has called to end the district's contract with the Denver Police Department to staff secondary schools with school resource officers (SRO), after he saw DPS students at a Thursday protest at the Colorado state Capitol running from gas and pepper spray fired by the police. Meanwhile, a wrestling coach in Bethel, Washington, was fired after uploading a photo to Facebook of himself on the floor, smiling, with a knee to the back of his neck, along with the statement, "Not dead yet I'm doing this for ... police officers the media is a race baiting machine and I'm tired of it I'm going to speak out every time if you don't like that I'm sorry but I love All people.. Wake up America."

- [*Twin Cities Pioneer Press*](#), "UMN cuts ties with Minneapolis police in light of George Floyd case," by Matthew Guerry (May 28, 2020)
- [*Newsweek*](#), "Minneapolis Public Schools to Drop Contract With Police After George Floyd Death," by Daniel Villarreal (May 29, 2020)
- [*Chalkbeat Colorado*](#), "After George Floyd killing, Denver school board member calls for ending police in schools," by Melanie Asmar (May 29, 2020)
- [*Washington Post's Answer Sheet blog*](#), "School district fires wrestling coach over media post defending police in George Floyd's death," by Valerie Strauss (May 29, 2020)