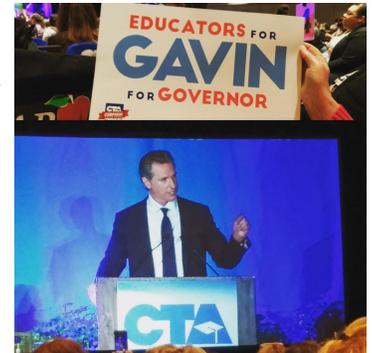


CTA State Council--April 6-8, 2018
Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

General Session

Saturday's General Session started with a dynamic speech from CTA's endorsed candidate for Governor, Gavin Newsom. He shared his vision for California and his promise to support public education and teachers throughout our state. One of my favorite moments in his speech was when he said that in California "we don't tolerate diversity. At our best, we celebrate our diversity." Click [here](#) for more information on Gavin Newsom.



Legislation

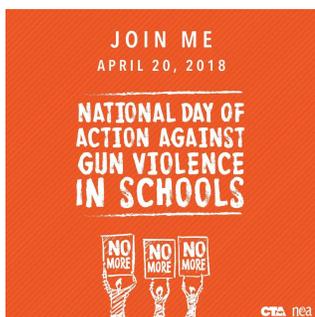
During this State Council, 225 total bills were presented to the State Legislation Committee. Some of the bills that stood out or led to substantive discussion on the floor included:

- AB2808 (Muratsuchi) This bill would increase the base grant of the LCFF and included new targets for funding levels. State Council voted to support this bill.
- AB2979 (Parker) This bill would establish a State Seal of Career Technical Education Pathway Completion to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of knowledge and proficiency in career technical education pathways. State Council voted to support this bill.
- AB1974 (Gonzalez Fletcher) This bill would prevent school districts from taking negative action against a child for an unpaid debt by a parent or guardian and would prohibit districts from using third party agencies to process and collect debts. State Council voted to support this bill.
- AB2153 (Thurmond) This bill would require districts to provide training for certificated educators in grades 7-12 on school and community resources for supporting LGBTQ students. State Council voted to support this bill.

You can access the complete list of bills and the entire State Council report book [here](#).

Education funding

Statewide education funding levels are a topic that cross many committees and were the focus of Executive Director Joe Nuñez's general session speech on Sunday. California currently spends \$9,417 per pupil on education, placing us 43rd in the nation. The national average is \$12,526 per pupil. Raising California's per pupil spending to the national average would require the addition of \$19 billion to the education budget. There have been and will continue to be various plans and ideas about the most effective and equitable ways to increase education funding, many involving the tax code, but all stakeholders agree that we must work together to find increasingly stable funding streams for our schools.



National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools

On April 20th, CTA and NEA will be participating in the National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools. Every community's response to this problem will be different, but we will all send the same message to our elected leaders: We can no longer tolerate inaction. One of the easiest ways to participate is to record your own #ArmMeWith video and submit it [here](#).

CTA has set up a great resource with printable signs, social media information, and statistics to share with colleagues and community

members. You can access it [here](#). Check with your local leaders to see what events will take place at your site.

Inglewood Teachers Association

Inglewood Teachers Association (ITA) is currently at fact-finding with Inglewood USD over health benefits and school safety language among other issues. The district is trying to make up an \$8 million budgetary shortfall on the backs of ITA members, who are already the lowest paid in Los Angeles County. The district is proposing ITA members take a **40% cut** to their benefits in order to fix the district's budgetary mistake. This would amount to an average **pay cut of 7%** per member. ITA is willing to do whatever it takes to secure and protect their working conditions, students' learning conditions, and their livelihoods, but they need our support. You can learn more about ITA's struggle and how you can support them [here](#).

Ethnic Minority Early Identification & Development Program (EMEID)

Are you an ethnic minority who is interested in developing your leadership capacity within CTA? Then the EMEID program is for you!

You will attend the Emerging Leaders strand at Summer Institute where you will learn all about our union legacy, Parliamentary

Procedure, our structure and governance, and the various roles of leadership. You will set goals and be paired with a CTA Staff mentor

who will, throughout the course of the year, guide and mentor you in

the attainment of your goals. You will also attend CTA's State Council of Education, CTA's policy

making body, to further witness what multiple levels of leadership look like. The application deadline is April 27. Click [here](#) for all the program specifics and to access the application.



Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (805) 431-8383 or robinson.sarahlou@gmail.com

In Solidarity,

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