



CTA State Council--March 24-26, 2017
Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

General Session

In our general sessions, we heard NEA Secretary-Treasurer Princess Moss and Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin De León discuss the importance of supporting public education in California. Senator De León voiced his continued support for CTA and public educators throughout our state. Click [here](#) to see his speech.

May 1st--Statewide Day of Action

CTA members across the state will be participating in a day of action on May 1st. The objective of this day is to declare our unwavering support for all students, our vigilance in making schools safe zones, and our persistent advocacy for the public education *all* California students deserve. Each local or even each school site can focus on the activities and issues that most affect their students and teachers.

CTA has prepared a toolkit of materials to help you organize your event. Click [here](#) to access posters, planning sheets, and directions on how to share your actions via social media.



Legislation

There are a large number of education-focused bills being presented in Sacramento, and the legislative subcommittees were quite busy researching policy and making recommendations.

Political Action

Steve Zimmer, a supporter of public education, was victorious in his primary campaign for reelection to the LA Unified School Board against challengers supported by corporations and for-profit charter schools who are poised to spend more money on this election than any other school board election in our country's history. The election is on May 16. If anyone in your chapter would like more information, contact Erika Jones at ejones@cta.org or visit his [Facebook](#) page for more ways to get involved.

Informational Items

In 2016 CA voters passed Prop. 58, which recognized the importance of providing students the opportunity to become bilingual, biliterate, and even multilingual. CTA is seeking data to ascertain the number of bilingual teachers available/needed. Please click [here](#) to take a survey about bilingual teacher shortages.

The March for Science will be occurring on April 22 across the country. The march champions and defends science and scientific integrity, and is a small step in the process toward encouraging the application of science in policy. Support our science-teaching members in any way you can. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Joint Ethnic Caucus Issues Conference will be held May 5 in Manhattan Beach. Click [here](#) for more information and to register online.

You can access the full state council report and other documents [here](#).

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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