

JUNE 2015 CTA STATE COUNCIL

STATE COUNCIL UPDATE



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Dear Members of PVFA, RBTA and CVSTA,

I am happy to present the first of hopefully many updates from CTA State Council. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the members of CTA District ILA6. I will work tirelessly to ensure that public education endures for generations to come. Please feel free to contact me via email at jcalizar@aol.com. Have a restful and enjoyable summer break.

In Solidarity and Aloha,

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CTA Installs New Officers

State Council bid farewell to the Executive Leadership Team of Dean Vogel(President), Eric Heins(Vice President) and Mikki Cichocki(Secretary-Treasurer). This Executive Leadership Team has lead CTA through one of the worst economic recessions in the organization's long history. At the conclusion of State Council, a new Executive Leadership Team was installed.

The new Executive Leadership Team of CTA, President Eric Heins, Vice President Theresa Montano and Secretary-Treasurer David Goldberg.

Elections

The following were elected to CTA Board of Directors for three year terms beginning June 26, 2015:

Greg Bonaccorsi (District B), Elana Davidson (District F), Erika Jones (District J), Kendall Vaught (District M) and Heather Mummy (CTA/ABC Committee District B).

Legislative Actions

CTA State Council members wrote post cards to their respective state legislator urging that they keep their promise to fully fund Prop 98. This means not including child care under Proposition 98 funding.

In the Sunday District Caucuses, State Council members wrote to U.S. Senators Boxer and Feinstein urging their renewal of ESEA . Included in this new version of ESEA is the replacement of high-stakes testing with an "Opportunity Dashboard" comprised of a range of school quality indicators.

We need your help as well. You can get involved in the action by visiting cta.org and click on the tab "Issues and Action".

NEA Report

VOUCHERS—After nearly two decades since their defeat, the idea of school vouchers is coming back. CTA/NEA are preparing to defeat this attack on public education, yet again.

TITLE I PORTABILITY—There is proposed legislation that would allow for a student's Title I money to follow the student to his/her new school without any guarantee that the Title I money would be used to improve the student's educational experience. This would be a win-win for those that wish to privatize public education on the backs of middle-class tax payers.

Retirement

Pension Attack—Reed & DeMaio have filed paperwork for a statewide proposition to appear on the Nov 2016 ballot that would work to do away with our hard earned pension. CTA Retirement Committee will be providing an in-depth analysis in future State Councils.

Please reach out to any member you know that may be retiring and urge them to become a member of CTA/NEA Retired.

Our retired members are a strong advocate for supporting our efforts at CTA. They provide a wealth of experience and are a valuable asset.

Pending Court Action

CTA has received word that the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to decide whether or not to pickup the Friedrichs Vs. CTA court case on June 22, 2015. This is a landmark case that serves as an impetus for our work on Fair Share. The next two State Councils will be dedicated to the work of unionism and reaching out to our membership.

Committee Report

I have been assigned to the Credentialing and Professional Development Committee(CPD), chaired by Alicia Hinde. I will be working in the Legislative Subcommittee, chaired by Ryan Ruelas. Two legislative bills are on their way to passage with our support and efforts.

- 1) AB141(Bonilla D)—Prohibits the school district, county office of education or charter school from charging the cost of a beginning teacher induction program to the teacher participating in the program. Protecting free access to induction programs for new teachers strengthens the foundation for effective teaching and increases the likelihood that new teachers remain in the teaching profession.
- 2) SB62(Pavley D)—Student financial aid. Assumption of Program Loans for Educators (APLE): Governor's Teaching Fellowships Program. CTA supports this bill to increase the supply of fully-credentialed teachers and ensure each student in California has a caring, qualified and committed teacher.

CPD Legislative Subcommittee also reviewed the draft proposal of BTPE (Beginning Teacher Performance Expectations) as it relates to beginning teacher induction programs.

California Faculty Association (CFA)

Our brothers and sisters in the CFA need our support in ensuring restoration of funding for the CSU system. While we enjoy a restoration of funding to K12 education, sadly this is not the case with higher education. This is the system that continues to educate our students after they have left the K12 system and deserve our best efforts in ensuring that their quality education continues. Please log on to www.calfac.org to pledge your support.