

JUNE 2018 CTA STATE COUNCIL

STATE COUNCIL UPDATE



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Dear Members of PVFA, RBTA and CVSTA,

This edition of my Update will be a little different. If I may, I would like to take a moment of personal privilege. I am saddened to say this will be my last State Council Update. I will be returning to North HS in Torrance where I started my teaching career almost 20 years ago. It is a homecoming of sorts and I am excited to return to the school that gave me so much as a student. I have always preached that schools are a reflection of the communities for which they serve. I am extremely excited at the prospect of returning to my community school.

This is a bittersweet moment in my career as I will miss my colleagues at PVFA, SBUT and CTA. Serving the past three years as your State Council Rep has been one of the most rewarding opportunities I have experienced. In addition, my tenure as a site rep at Palos Verdes HS for the past 10 years has allowed me to grow both professionally and personally.

As we await the SCOTUS decision on Janus, I want to take a moment to recognize every union site representative out there. You are the heart and soul of our union. Your role as the trusted site rep will be integral to our survival in a post-Janus world. I thank every union rep at every site for your dedication and hard work on behalf of your members.

And with that, I want to thank all of you for your support and dedication to public education. You have inspired me to work hard and fight harder.

Have a restful and well deserved summer break.

In Solidarity and Aloha,

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CTA President Eric Heins showing his UNION support.

Drop Campaigns—

All locals need to be aware of concerted efforts to encourage members to drop their union membership. Even before the Janus decision has been rendered, such groups as the Freedom Foundation have contacted members of the San Diego Educator’s Association and UTLA urging them to drop their union membership. Beware of the WOLVES IN SHEEP’S CLOTHING. If you hear from any organization claiming they can replace your union, they are lying. Tell them, “I’m standing with my union.”

Janus Toolkit—

In advance of the SCOTUS decision, CTA has ready for download a Janus Toolkit. The toolkit is complete with background information, talking points and social media sample posts. To obtain the toolkit, log-in to cta.org and search, “Janus Decision Day Toolkit”.

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Our UNION POWER through high-participation work sites creates:

- Better public schools for our students
- Better teaching & learning conditions
- Smaller class sizes / caseloads
- Higher wages & benefits
- More secure retirement
- More say in our profession

Beware of the WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING!

The “Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing” are Coming for OUR FREEDOM TO STAND TOGETHER IN UNION!

The Wolves will IDENTIFY themselves as “ALTERNATIVES” to OUR Union. The WOLVES’ rich friends’ real goals:

- Lower education funding for our students
- Lower wages and benefits
- Weaken or eliminate our secure retirement
- Eliminate our freedom to negotiate a fair return on our work and the time to take care of our loved ones

What will the “WOLVES” say to TRY to get your POWER?

- They’ll contact you and claim to be an ALTERNATIVE to your UNION.
- They’ll encourage you to “DROP YOUR UNION MEMBERSHIP” because they can offer a cheaper membership option.
- They won’t tell you who is funding them or that they support Betsy DeVos’ school privatization agenda.

Tell the WOLVES...

“I’M STANDING WITH MY UNION!”

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WE COMMIT TO BEING PROUD UNION MEMBERS. WE ARE UNION STRONG, STRONGER TOGETHER!

JOE NUÑEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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AMERICA NEEDS UNIONS

OUR ECONOMY IS RIGGED AGAINST US. OUR UNIONS CAN FIX IT.

Post your own “UNION” picture like this using #WeAreCTA and #Union to show your support.

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