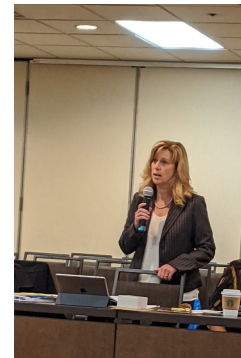


CTA State Council--January 24-26, 2020
 Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

General Session



At this State Council we honored those legislators who have supported public education through their work in Sacramento. This year’s recipients of the CTA Friend in Education were Christy Smith and Patrick O’Donnell. Their work was vital in the passage of AB1505 and 1507 which ensured accountability and oversight for charter schools. Christy Smith also visited our District I breakfast caucus to speak about the bills she currently has working their way through the legislature and her Congressional campaign to represent the 25th District in Santa Clarita.



The main focus of this State Council was the Schools & Communities First Initiative. A year ago, CTA voted unanimously to support this initiative, and we are currently in the process of getting enough signatures to place it on the November 2020 ballot. We need all registered voters to sign petitions to reach our goal. This

initiative will raise \$12 billion for schools and local government by closing the huge loophole in Proposition 13 which benefits corporations and wealthy investors. It will have no financial impact on residential property or agricultural land. To learn more about the Schools & Communities First Initiative click [here](#).

Legislation

Given the state legislative cycle, there was not much legislation to discuss at this council. CTA did vote to support SB796 (Leyva) which would require a certificated or classified employee who exhausts their sick leave and continues to be absent due to illness to receive their full pay, rather than differential pay. Stay tuned for lots of legislation to come out of the March Council meeting!

Black Lives Matter at School Week (February 3-7)

State Council unanimously approved NBI 1/20-3 which would urge our legislature to recognize Black Lives Matter at School Week. The goal of this week is to spark an ongoing movement of critical reflection and honest conversation in school communities for people of all ages to engage with issues of racial justice. You can find lesson plans, classroom resources, and an art competition to use in your classrooms [here](#).

- WEEK OF ACTION
 NATIONAL DEMANDS**
- ★ END ZERO TOLERANCE
 - ★ MANDATE BLACK HISTORY & ETHNIC STUDIES
 - ★ HIRE MORE BLACK TEACHERS
 - ★ FUND COUNSELORS NOT COPS



Conferences

At the upcoming Good Teaching Conference in Garden Grove on March 13, there will be a 1 day pre-conference focusing on Special Education. This pre-conference will address:

- IEP rights and responsibilities of general and special education teachers and education support professionals
- Inclusive instructional and behavioral practices at the elementary and secondary level
- Understanding the universal tools, designated supports, and accommodations of the Smarter Balanced Assessment

This pre-conference only costs \$25 for CTA members. Click [here](#) to find out more information and to register.

Please consider also attending this year's Equity and Human Rights Conference February 28-March 1 in Irvine. This conference will capture the essence in CTA's Mission Statement: to ensure that the dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected and to secure a more equitable and democratic society. This unique conference offers dynamic speakers and workshops to provide all CTA members with a greater understanding of the issues of diversity, equity and social justice. I have served on the planning committee and would be thrilled to see fellow SBUT members in attendance! Click [here](#) for registration and conference information.



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In Solidarity,
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