

CTA State Council--June 1-2, 2019  
Report from Sarah Robinson, Minority at Large Representative

### General Session

Saturday's General Session included two powerful speeches focused on CTA's achievements over the past year. President Eric Heins gave his final address as CTA President highlighting the fact that after the difficult result of the Janus case, "we're still standing!" and our union has grown even stronger. NEA Vice President Becky Pringle spoke about the powerful **#RedforEd** movement that has swept across the country and how by working together, we can change our country for the better. Her resounding call was that "collective action is real and elections matter".



NEA Vice President Becky Pringle illustrates the size of NEA & CTA's legal victory over Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.



### New Haven Teachers Association

As of 6/3, the New Haven Teachers Association in Union City is entering their 10th day on the picket lines. Many State Council members expressed their support for our colleagues in their struggle for a fair contract. If you would like to contribute to the New Haven Teachers Association Hardship fund, you can click [here](#) to donate via their Go Fund Me page.

### **#RedforEd movement continues**

Thousands of CTA members and other public education allies took to the Capitol on May 22 to raise their voices against the for-profit charter schools that are siphoning funds from public schools and are failing our students. They witnessed a major victory with the passage of AB1505 which would ensure local communities control the authorization and renewal of charter schools and also repeal provisions allowing the State Board of Education to approve, renew or hear appeals of charter school petitions. It also allows local school boards to consider the economic, facilities and academic impacts of a charter school applicant on students in neighborhood public schools.

Click [here](#) to watch a video highlighting the collective action of the **#RedforEd** movement in Sacramento.



### Special Education

Kristin Wright, the Director of the Special Education Division at the CA State Department of Education visited the Special Education Committee to give an overview of Special Education in the state as well as to solicit concerns and questions from members to take back to Sacramento. She said “everything is on the table in Special Education.” If you have a concern you would like to share with her, feel free to email her at [kwright@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kwright@cde.ca.gov)

### CTA/NEA Retired

Lifetime dues for CTA/NEA retired members are going up from \$450 to \$550 on July 26. So if you are contemplating retirement in the next few years, you can join now to save some \$\$ and maintain your benefits. Click [here](#) for an application form.



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I wish you a restful and enjoyable summer spent with friends and family.

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

In Solidarity,  
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