

# STATE COUNCIL REPORT

## CTA Helps Launch Schools & Communities First Initiative

On Sunday, the CTA State Council General Assembly gathered for the official launch of our signature gathering phase of the Schools & Communities First ballot initiative. This important initiative will appear on the ballot in November of 2020. CTA has pledged 150,000 signatures and we fully plan to meet and surpass that goal. This initiative will raise 11 billion dollars annually, 5 billion of which will go to education. This initiative would protect all homeowners and small businesses and only

increases the taxes on large corporations, making them finally have to pay their fair share of property taxes. With successful passage, these companies' properties will be reassessed so that they may pay their fair share like the rest of us have been all these years. The wealthy corporations will, of course, launch a campaign to confuse the tax payer voters. But we will get out ahead of their ploys.



### Lily Eskelsen Garcia, President of NEA addresses the Assembly

Lily spoke to us and acknowledged all that CTA and NEA have been doing to better the lives of teachers. She reminded us of all that is at stake in the 2020 election and urged us to tell people about our our website and its ability to compare the candidates to one another, issue by issue. Please check it out and spread the word!  
<https://educationvotes.nea.org/presidential-2020/compare->



### E. Toby Boyd

Support for our President by our Board of Directors and our Assembly was strongly expressed this past weekend. We are excited to have Toby and the other CTA leaders to guide us in the months ahead.

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<https://calta.sharepoint.com/CTA%20Resources/Forms/AllItems.aspx?>

### Conferences

There are many conference grants available each year. Please consider attending one of the many conferences and/or applying for one of the conference grants. Go here:<https://ctago.org/>

## CTA Helping Victims of State-Wide Fires

One of the many benefits of membership in CTA is our disaster relief fund access. If you've been affected by this season's devastating fires, then please go to the following CTA disaster relief site: <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/Life-Events/Disaster-Relief-Fund>

