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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes – October 16, 2015**

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*"Through ignorance you descend to servitude, through education you ascend to liberty."  
Diego Cordoba, lawyer and Columbian politician*

### Upcoming Meetings

*Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
Next School Board Meeting: **October 20**  
7:00 @ District Office, Fifth Floor*

*Mark your calendar!*

*October 29 – Maternity Workshop 3:30pm @ GGEA Office*

*Click link: [Maternity](#)*

*November 13 – Annual GGEA Craft Fair @ GGEA*

*Click link: [Craft Fair](#)*

### Upcoming Committee Meetings @ GGEA Join a GGEA Committee and get involved!

**For more info email [Tina](#)**

10/30 – Political Involvement

11/2 – Human Rights

[Bargaining](#)

[October 23](#)

[November 6](#)

[November 10](#)

[Wear GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your GGEA Pride.](#)

### Segment Meetings

Our GGEA office was filled to the brim with the wonderful reps from most of our sites. Please thank your reps for their dedication to their members. Their hard work in getting information to communicate with members at their sites is what makes GGEA work well. Thank you reps for attending meetings and caring for your members!

## **Climate Survey**

Most of you have seen the results of last spring's GGEA school climate survey by now. The reps are sharing it with members as well as the administration. You may see the statements that had been on the survey on the back of the results form. We ask that you look at the overall results rather than focus on individual statements that appeared on the survey. We are more focused on the six dimensions rather than individual questions. If you have any questions, contact [Tina](#).

## **Bargaining Survey**

Thank you for taking time to give your input to our Negotiations Team by filling out the survey. We have had over 1000 respondents thus far. The survey link will be open until Sunday night for you to answer important questions that will give the team more information about what members prefer. If you have had difficulties getting the link to work, try a new browser or device. It is also on our Facebook page.

## **CTA Folder**

Each member was given a new CTA folder. This folder is a good place to keep evaluations, absence affidavits, calendars etc. It also contains your Weingarten Rights on the inside cover. See your site rep if you would like other ideas to utilize this folder.

## **How much time do you spend in IEP's?**

GGEA's Special Education Committee is keeping track of the number of hours both General Education teachers and Special Education teachers attend IEP meetings. Please use the IEP tracker (available on the GGEA website) and send it via district mail to the GGEA office. Your input will help us find solutions the the number of IEPs that our members attend.

## **New Teachers**

you're a newly hired CTA member this year, you may be eligible for a special, limited-time opportunity to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard).

If you apply within your first 180 days of starting your new job, eligible CTA members can get up to \$200,000 of Life Insurance coverage without answering any health questions.

You can also apply for Disability Insurance, which can help with the everyday bills like your mortgage and utilities, that continue even when you can't work -- expenses that health insurance won't cover. The CTA-endorsed Disability Insurance plan was specially designed to address the gaps in coverage that many California educators face.

Remember, you only have 180 days to apply for this unique opportunity. Don't miss out.

For costs and further details of the coverage and this enrollment opportunity, including exclusions, benefit waiting periods, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, call The Standard's CTA Customer Service Department at 800.522.0406, or visit <http://www.standard.com/cta/newhire> to apply online.

**Orange Service Center Trainings**

GGEA is one of many locals who belong to the Orange Service Center. There are trainings for members at their site in Orange. They are free to members. Oct. 29 is about Special Education/IEP rights and responsibilities, January 14 is about the Smarter Balanced Digital Library, February 18 is Smarter Balanced Performance Tasks for Math and ELA, and April 27 is 21st Century Literacy and Student Engagement. Attending these workshops allows you to work with teachers from other districts and share ideas and compare notes. If you are interested see flyer here: [OSCCTrainings](#)

**Attorney Available at the GGEA Office**

GGEA provides its members with the opportunity to meet with an attorney for 30 minutes about non-job related issues free of charge. This is on a first come, first served basis. There are spaces available on the following afternoons: October 7, 21 and 28, 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

**Join the GGEA Facebook Page**

To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our administrators 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook.

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***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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