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Garden Grove Education Association
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Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional."
Roger Crawford

Upcoming Meetings
Committees meet monthly and welcome new members
January 5 Human Rights
January 8 SpEd, Organizing, Communications
January 12 IPD
January 26 Retirement

GGEA First Fridays
Help welcome the New Year!
Join us for a meet and greet!
January 9th 3:00-? @ Azteca on Main Street in Garden Grove

Bolsa Grande High School

Many of you have heard about the fire at Bolsa Grande High school last Sunday. At the Rep Council meeting on Tuesday, the Reps dug deep and contributed \$400 personally for the teachers who have been displaced. The Rep Council also took \$1500 from the annual budget to help these teachers. With other donations from the GGEA staff, GGEA raised \$2,000 for our Bolsa Grande members. Furthermore, CTA offers Disaster Relief up to \$500 to members who were affected.

Portables have already been dropped at the site and should be ready after break. The district personnel, Garden Grove Police Department and Garden Grove Fire Department have all worked well together to help our school get through a tough week. Teachers from all over have reached out to their colleagues offering lesson plans and materials. Our community has pulled

together and did their best to support one another.

Bargaining Survey for 2015-16

Please use the link below to complete the GGEA Bargaining Survey for the 2015-16 School year. The teams will begin negotiations in January for NEXT year in hopes to settle the next contract. Your input is important!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GGEA201516>

School Board Meetings

GGEA is asking our members to attend school board meetings next year to learn about GGUSD. We need to be informed of the decisions being made that may impact our profession and our students. Join President Tina Gurney to see presentations, see how decisions are made and learn about your district. Wear GGEA Blue! Get a handout from Tina when you are there to be in a raffle for a gift card. Thanks for being involved. See the list here: [SchoolBoard](#)

January Board Mtgs are Jan 6 and 20. Schools asked to attend either of these: Grove, Bolsa, Lake, Ralston, Violette, Warren, Parkview, Stanley, Simmons, Crosby, Evans, Cook and Morningside. Contact Tina if you have any questions.

Observations

Many of our members have had their first observation and have been given their reports. First observations were to be completed by Dec. 10. If this did not occur, and you are on the evaluation cycle, please notify GGEA. If you need any assistance with writing a response or understanding the evaluation process, feel free to talk with your Rep at your site or to call the GGEA office to speak with Tina or Jim.

Upcoming CTA Trainings

CTA offers free trainings at the Orange Service Center for interested members. Coming up in January: Jan 10 from 9-3 Unconscious Bias Training and January 29 is Equity Training for GLBT for GSA leaders. If you are interested in attending either one, email Tina at president@ggea.org

Special Education Task Force

GGEA is looking for general education teachers to serve on the Special Education Task Force. We need teachers from elementary, intermediate and high school who teach special education students in their classes and would like to work with GGEA and GGUSD to problem solve issues that affect our special education population. If you are interested or have

questions please contact Tina Gurney at president@ggea.org

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 afternoon: December 17, January 14 and 21 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Have you joined the GGEA Facebook Page?

To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. This is a great way to get up to date information. 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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