



# ADVOCATE

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# NOTES

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## Special Education and the CAHSEE

### Ruby Payne Workshop Openings

Back by popular demand, GGEA will be offering two (2) Ruby Payne Poverty Workshops this year. The first will be offered on March 30<sup>th</sup> and the second on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Both will be taking place at the Garden Grove Community Center, starting at 3:30 PM. The workshop is limited to 50 people per session. Seating will be granted on a first call basis by calling the GGEA office. This eye-opening workshop will enlighten attendees about the poverty issues and the effects it has on our students. Stipend credit will be offered for attending this workshop.

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### Teddy Bear Collection for the Community

The Community Action Committee collected teddy bears on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the GGEA Rep Council. These bears will be distributed to children at the Garden Grove Boys and Girls Health and Dental Center on Chapman. If you would like to still donate a teddy bear(s) for this cause, they can be dropped off anytime at the GGEA office before March 8<sup>th</sup>. As always, your involvement in this activity is greatly appreciated by the children of our community who benefit from your generosity.

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### Good News re: High School Exit Exam

SB 517 (Romero) exempts students with disabilities in the Class of 2006 from passing the exit exam under certain circumstances. Students must have:

- An IEP as of July 1, 2005
- (or will have) completed all other state and local graduation requirements
- Taken the exit exam at least twice after 10<sup>th</sup> grade, including once in their senior year with any accommodation or modification specified in their IEP
- Availed themselves of remediation

For further information, check the CAHSEE site at [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov).

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### Evaluations

If you receive a final evaluation that is less than satisfactory, you have the right to contact the GGEA office for advice or assistance. We can also assist you in the preparation of a Form R.