



# AD NOTES



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## **GGUSD Modernization Bond**

The GGEA Representative Council voted unanimously last Tuesday to take a support position on Measure A, the GGUSD Modernization Bond that will be on the June 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. GGEA will now work hard as part of the Measure A committee, Garden Grove K.I.D.S. (Keep Improving District Schools) 2010, to help ensure its passage. We need to secure 55% of the vote to supply the District schools with vital funds that will allow us to access matching funds from the state. These funds will be used for large-scale renovations to things like plumbing, electrical wiring, ADA access, and playground safety. Ultimately, Measure A will help ensure that District general funds can be used for things like salary, health benefits, and lowering class sizes instead of growing maintenance costs.

GGEA will be planning targeted mailers, but most importantly we need volunteers for phone banks. Other employee groups, parents, and district administrators will also be joining in the effort, including Superintendent Dr. Schwalm. The phone banks will be on May 3-6 and May 10-13 at the GGEA Office (Euclid St. and Garden Grove Blvd.). Dinner will be served at 4:45 pm, training will start at 5:15, and phone banking will begin soon after. **Phone banks are a key way to educate voters about the benefits of Measure A. We need as many members as possible to volunteer for this activity.** In addition to dinner, a daily raffle will be held and an overall grand prize that all participants will qualify for. If you are able to help out, please call the GGEA Office (714) 638-7480 or email ([cfrancis@ggea.org](mailto:cfrancis@ggea.org)) to schedule your date.

If you live in the community, please notify the GGEA Office so that we can deliver a yard sign to be posted at your residence. Every little bit of support will help the passage of Measure A.

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## **Retirement Tribute**

GGEA's annual Retirement Tribute will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Center. It is our time to celebrate the contributions made by our retiring teachers and wish them well. All are invited to come and hear each retiree's words of wisdom, favorite teaching experiences, and detailed plans for retirement. If you have a fellow staff member who is retiring this year, encourage them to come so that GGEA can give thanks for their many years of service.

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## **Transfer Postings**

The May posting date for this year is May 10. The last regular posting of vacant positions for the 2010-11 school year is on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The summer postings are on the second Monday in July, the first Monday in August and the third Monday in August. Please call the GGEA office at 714-638-7480, if you want information regarding the summer postings.

Keep in mind that many postings, especially at K-6, will not be available until the summer or at the beginning of next school year. As the District attempts to raise the staffing ratio at the primary grades, we will not know which positions are actually available until most retirements and resignations are submitted to Personnel. Currently there are no positions to move teachers that are at this time considered excess staff. This will also cause some June 1 elementary tentative assignments to be that much more uncertain as additional changes will probably be happening in the fall. Unfortunately this is another undesirable effect of the bad economic times. The District and Association are working together to make this process as smooth as possible.

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## **California State Budget Challenge**

Local state representatives recently held a forum for community members to give their input on the state budget crisis and ways to solve it. Each participant was given an electronic device to submit answers so that instantaneous poll results could be examined. Fortunately public education and Proposition 98 were strongly supported. Hopefully that message is being given across the state by the voters. It was nice to see our local legislators taking the time to hear directly from their constituents.

The budget challenge is also available on-line for everybody to give their input. It is a very informative process that helps illuminate all of the obstacles that our state legislators are forced to deal with. The internet address to the simulation is: [www.nextten.org](http://www.nextten.org). The forum included complaints from the legislators that CTA is attempting to address as well. First is the 2/3 votes needed to pass a state budget. Currently this allows a minority group to delay the budget process and hold it "hostage" for certain concessions. The second issue is term limits. State legislators have many responsibilities and there is plenty to learn. By the time this learning is complete, many representatives are termed out and the process starts all over again with newly elected representatives.

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## **CA Day of the Teacher/ School Nurses Appreciation Day**

Wednesday, May 12, is the California Day of the Teacher and School Nurses Appreciation Day. On behalf of GGEA, thank you for everything you do for your students. Don't forget to give your school nurse an extra thank you and note of gratitude as well. They do a great job of ensuring our students' health so that they can come to class prepared to learn.

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