



# AD NOTES



President: Chris Francis Volume XXVIII, Issue 14 June 11, 2009

Garden Grove Education Association, 12966 Euclid Street #220, Garden Grove, CA, 92840 (714) 638-7480 [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org)

---

## GGEA Vice Presidents

We would like to offer congratulations to Debi Lindberg as she assumes the position of GGEA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. She has stepped up admirably the past few months in filling both Vice President positions. Debi also has strong experience in the Association and brings unique expertise to the table as a Special Education teacher.

We would also like to congratulate Tina Gurney who was recently elected as GGEA 2nd Vice President at the May Rep Council. Tina definitely brings experience, as she has been an Elementary Segment Director, NEA Representative Assembly Delegate, Political Involvement Committee member, and Women's Leadership contact. There is no doubt that Tina will do a great job in wearing the many hats required in her new position on the Executive Board. Thank you both for your hard work and leadership!

---

## 2009-2010 GGEA/CTA Dues

At the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the GGEA Representative Council has decided not to increase dues for the 2009-2010 school year. This decision was made with the current state budget crisis in mind. Therefore, the amount for GGEA dues will continue to be \$16.00 per month for a total of \$160 per year.

At the May CTA State Council, delegates approved an increase of \$2.20 per month to a monthly total of \$62.10. This decision was made after much debate over whether this was the appropriate time to continue using the same formula to calculate dues that averages the percent salary increases across the state over the last three years. Ultimately it was decided that with the current state budget crisis now was not a time to cut back on CTA resources since we will need CTA support for negotiations, lobbying, etc. NEA dues will be \$16.20 per month.

---

## President Email

It was recently brought to my attention that some members have tried to contact me through my old District email address. Unfortunately I no longer have access to my District account, so please email me at [cfrancis@ggea.org](mailto:cfrancis@ggea.org), if you would like to contact me in this format. I apologize for any mix-ups or lack of communication that might have occurred because of this. I make every attempt to return all phone calls and emails in a timely manner and will continue to do so in the future. Please remember that if I don't know about concerns, I can't advocate for a solution.

## **State Budget: What Now?**

As you are probably well aware, the Propositions during the May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election did not pass. Unfortunately this will definitely have a negative impact on public school funding. The impact is uncertain at this point because the state legislature has not yet agreed on the revisions that will be made. We are still waiting for Federal Stimulus Package monies that should help soften the blow. Nevertheless, the projected amount will fall well short of any state budget cuts if the Governor's budget revision proposal comes to fruition. In addition, the stimulus money is only for this year and next, while cuts to our state funding are ongoing. Updates will be emailed and posted on the GGEA website. The District bargaining proposals are purposefully vague to allow leeway in accommodating for any cuts through the negotiations process.

CTA is preparing a lawsuit to file against the "illegal manipulation" of Proposition 98, the state's minimum education funding law. CTA has prevailed in court twice over the last 15 years in similar lawsuits. Regrettably, any lawsuit will likely take years to settle and will have little impact on our funding issues for this year or next.

---

## **Principal Survey**

Each school staff member will be given the opportunity to give feedback regarding the school site administrator through an anonymous survey. Survey data will be collected by the District and then distributed to each principal, so anonymity will be ensured. It is vital that honest feedback is given so that principals can take a realistic look at their strengths and weaknesses. Administrators have done a great job in formulating the survey and it should be a great tool for improving school performance and climate.

---

## **GGEA Summer Office Hours**

Commencing June 22<sup>nd</sup> and concluding September 4<sup>th</sup>, GGEA Summer Office Hours will be in effect. During this period, the office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8:30- 3:30. Feel free to visit with any concerns you might have and any voice mails or emails will be checked during these hours.

---

## **Have A Good Summer**

I know it has been a long and tough year, but we have survived! I continue to be impressed with the performance of our teachers, nurses, and librarians. Everyday they go above and beyond to ensure our students are getting the most out of their education as possible. As a reminder, I want to be as inclusive as possible with our membership. It is only united together that we can make our voice heard. Please call with any questions or concerns you have during the summer or during the coming school year. Knowledge is power. If you would like to be put on the email update list, please send me an email at [cfrancis@ggea.org](mailto:cfrancis@ggea.org) and I will make sure you get all pertinent updates. Have a great summer!

---

**T.E.A.M. GGEA: "Together Everyone Achieves More"**

