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# NOTES

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## Speak Up, Be Heard, Support Public Education

### Need to Renew Your Credential?

Do you need to renew your teaching credential? The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) is now allowing credentials to be renewed online. Credentials renewed online are processed faster than applications submitted by mail. Most Clear, Professional, Professional Clear, and Emergency 30 Day Substitute Permits may be renewed online. All others must be submitted by mail. The average processing time for online renewals is 10 days; however, to ensure the accuracy of the new computer system, the online renewal process is currently taking more than 10 days. You also do not have to get a money order or cashier's check for this process since you can use a credit card via the internet. After completing the renewal application and receiving your renewed credential, be sure to send Personnel a copy. For more information on this process, go to [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov) and click on "Renew your Credential".

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### Hurricane Katrina Children in this District!

Several families displaced from their homes due to Hurricane Katrina are now in the Garden Grove School District. As of today, we have about a dozen displaced students enrolled in the GGUSD. I have spoken to Gayle Knight at the H.O.P.E. Family Support Center on Main Street about these families. Anyone wishing to make a donation for these unfortunate families may do so through her organization. Any donations for these families will be earmarked for their use only. Gift cards to Payless Shoes, clothing stores, or local supermarkets would be greatly appreciated. There is a great need for any type of children's clothing and supplies, especially diapers and toiletries.

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### Direct Mail to Teachers at their Schools

GGEA and CTA are aware that many teachers have received direct mailings about the upcoming election addressed to them at their school sites. The letter was signed by Richard Riordan, former Secretary of Education in California. The letter was paid for by two wealthy businessmen who are bankrolling the 'Yes' on Prop. 75 campaign. This group more than likely obtained your names, school sites, and addresses through one of many websites available on the internet. Thank you to everyone who brought this situation to our attention.

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