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AD NOTES

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State Budget Passed

A state budget was finally passed. For this year, our funds will only see a 0.71% increase. In addition, categorical funding will not see an increase at all. Further details will be explained at the segment meetings tomorrow. Your reps should be able to give you more information.

CTA Voluntary Dues Contribution

CTA implemented a voluntary \$20 per year dues assessment this year. Members and non-members alike are automatically enrolled. The dues contribution is flexible as everyone has a choice to adjust the amount sent to either advocacy efforts or scholarships and grant programs. If unchanged, \$10 will go toward each fund. To adjust the amount, you may visit the website, CTA.org, or mail in the form that was distributed. The CTA deadline to receive these forms is November 1st.

Phone Solicitors

We have received reports from members who have received phone calls from CTA soliciting products like disability insurance and retirement products. It is important to understand that CTA does not actively call members to promote products. These companies are in no way related to CTA and everybody should be very careful in giving out information. If you receive such a phone call, please notify us with the name of the company so that we can address this problem.

SchoolsFirst FCU & First Financial CU

First Financial Credit Union is a CTA endorsed vendor. In addition, the District has a Third Party agreement with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union (OCTFCU) to be the provider for retirement vehicles like the 403b. Other banks may be accommodated for these purposes as well.

School Board Endorsement

GGEA recently endorsed the following candidates for the upcoming Garden Grove School Board Election: **George West, KimOanh Nguyen-Lam, and Linda Paulsen-Reed**. Please help us get the word out any way you can. These candidates have outstanding experience in education as classroom teachers and beyond. We will be phone banking on 10/29, 10/30, and 11/3. Your participation would be greatly appreciated, plus we always provide dinner!

GGEA Meeting Time

Your administrator should provide you with time either at the beginning or end of a staff meeting to hold a GGEA meeting. It is important the Site Representatives have time to meet with our members. The administrator(s) should also leave during this time to allow members to speak freely. If your principal is not giving your staff this meeting time, please notify the GGEA Office.

Rep Council Scheduling Change

Please make the following changes to your calendar: the November Rep Council will be held on November 18th instead of the 25th at the Courtyard Center at 12732 Main St. Segment meetings will be cancelled for November. All Site Representatives with active email addresses were sent an updated calendar.

Declining Enrollment

This year broke the trend of declining enrollment. As of right now, our student population has grown by 37 from last year's 48,450 to this year's 48,487. It would be a good sign if this trend continues for future funding. Unfortunately it deepens the financial crunch felt this year. Due to funding mechanisms, we will essentially be receiving less funding for more students.

Rules and Elections Committee Opportunity

There is an opening on our Rules and Elections Committee. This committee is responsible for the oversight of the elections procedures and for tallying the results. Dinner is always provided and it is a great way to get involved. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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