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Remember to Vote on November 8th

CTA State Council Delegate Elected

Michael Greer was elected in the recent GGEA State Council Delegate election with 1122 of 1183 votes cast. He will serve for one-year finishing out a three-year term of a member who retired from the district last year. He will serve as one of five GGEA members elected to this position.

The State Council serves as the legislative and policymaking body of the California Teachers Association. This statewide representative assembly acts upon proposals affecting the welfare of the public schools; elects the CTA Board of Directors, CTA Officers, and NEA Board Members from California; adopts the CTA budget; and performs additional duties as provided in the CTA Bylaws.

Medicare Issues You Should Know

Medicare is a health insurance program for those people age 65 or older or people under age 65 with certain disabilities. If you are **still working** at age 65 and your employer provides health benefits, those benefits are primary in most cases. If you are age 65 and retired, you should sign up for Medicare. At age 65 and **retired** Medicare becomes your primary medical insurance. You must enroll in Medicare Parts A & B within a 7 month window, 3 months before and 3 months after your 65th birthday. There are **permanent penalties** if you miss the deadlines. For more information, visit www.medicare.gov.

Substitute Report Forms

Did you know that you have the right to report the performance of a substitute teacher to the district? Each school secretary has a report form available for all teachers so that you can report outstanding or under performance of a substitute. These reports are taken very seriously by the Personnel Office. In the case of poor performance, the substitute is contacted and made aware of the situation. If a substitute receives multiple unsatisfactory reports, they are no longer used as a substitute in this district.

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