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# ***AD NOTES***

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*The secret of education is respecting the pupil.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## **Credential Renewal Changes**

Great news! As of January 1, 2007, you will no longer be required to show that you have completed 150 hours of seat time to renew your teaching credential. Senate Bill 1209 (Scott) eliminated this condition. Teachers are now encouraged to engage in an individual program of professional growth with no specific hour requirements. Also, after January 1<sup>st</sup>, all credential renewals will be handled online. The holder will be required to submit an application and fee for renewal to the CTC every five years and meet certain professional requirements relating to good moral character.

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## **CTA State Council Delegate Run-off Election**

GGEA will be conducting a run-off election for the open State Council seat. The two individuals in the run-off are Rose Chapman and Kolleen Nolan. The winner of this election will serve a one-year term on the council. The election will be held November 3 - 9 at your site. Because of Veterans Day, the ballots are due to the GGEA office on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Federal \$250 Teacher Tax Credit**

Teachers and paraprofessionals will be socked with a \$250 tax increase if Congress continues to fail to renew a tax deduction for educators' out-of-pocket classroom supply expenses. Contact your Senators and Representative before they return to Congress on November 13<sup>th</sup>. If we raise a collective voice, we can save the tax deduction. Our elected officials must know that we will not stand by quietly as they raise our tax bill. Educators already make enough financial sacrifices. To contact your elected officials, use the link located on the GGEA website at [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org).

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## **Release Days on Collaboration Wednesdays**

If your release day is scheduled for a Wednesday which also happens to be a collaboration day, you are not mandated to attend collaboration activities. However, if you choose to participate, you have the right to do so. If your principal demands that you attend, do so and then call the GGEA Office.

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