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Students are our Special Interest

Contract Ratification

The GGEA 2005-06 contract addendum was ratified by the members during the election held October 31st – November 4th. There were a total of 1767 legal votes cast. The contract passed with 1612 for ratification verses 155 against. There were 17 illegal votes cast. Thank you to the GGEA Negotiations Team for all of their work during the bargaining process. Due to county payroll deadlines, the retroactive pay will probably be included on your January 3rd paycheck.

Leave of Absence

If you go on an **unpaid leave**, you should notify the GGEA office as soon as possible. You must continue paying dues to maintain membership in GGEA/CTA/NEA that allows you to keep your enrollment in CTA sponsored programs such as UnumProvident, A+ Home and Auto Insurance, and CTA Legal Benefits. To preserve all your benefits, you also pay a reduced dues amount. For more information, please call Susan at the GGEA Office @ (714) 638-7480.

UnumProvident Disability Insurance

If you need to obtain information about UnumProvident disability insurance, go to the GGEA website at www.ggea.org and click on their link at the bottom of the page. Once on the UnumProvident website, you can either enroll in the program or download the necessary forms to file a disability claim. You can also call them at (800) 282-4049.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Update

At the October Rep Council, the revised GGEA Bylaws and Standing Rules were unanimously approved. The changes will take effect on December 1, 2005. Included in the Standing Rules were new procedures for voting in GGEA elections. According to the new rules, each member will place his/her vote into an envelope and seal it. This will help to ensure that each member truly has a secret ballot.
