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AD NOTES

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False CalSTRS Information

Some teachers have received information through District mail regarding the CalSTRS Retirement System. It was sent looking like a pay stub and the title at the top of the advertisement is "Important Information for Public School Employees". Please be aware that the District, the Association, CTA, and NEA **does not** endorse this mailing or this company. Any business conducted with this company is done at the member's own risk and there will be no appeals process available to deal with any problems.

Job Share List

It is not too early to begin thinking about next year and possibly being part of a Job Share. A Job Share is when two members share one full time contract. GGEA helps teachers find Job Share partners by organizing a list in the office. If you are interested, please contact the office to add your name to the list and to receive the list of names we already have on record.

Elementary Learning Walks

Learning Walks at the elementary level may look different this year than years past. Schools have the ability to decide what the Learning Walk participants will be looking for, how it will be conducted and organized, and if District Office personnel will participate. Currently the K-6 Instructional Department is working on a communication that will be used with principals and teachers to help explain the different ways of implementation. Learning Walks will be an item on the next Elementary Segment agenda.

The Standard Disability Insurance- Last Chance!

The time for open enrollment is ending soon. All applications must be postmarked by December 1 to be accepted. We are currently **not** on pace to meet our goal, which means that we need to make a last push to any qualified members. If we do not meet our goal, all members with pre-existing conditions will not be able to receive disability coverage.

CTA/ NEA Conferences

Fall Leadership went very successfully. The Orange Service Center does an excellent job of providing trainings that help our Site Reps do their job better. Thank you to them for their hard work. The conference also provides Site Reps the chance to network and share ideas with Reps from other school districts. There are several different conferences coming up later in the year offered by CTA and NEA. We have brochures in the office describing each conference. If you are interested in attending one, please contact the office and we will send you the information.

State Budget

The governor has proposed many cuts that would have a direct effect on our on-going funding if they were passed through the state legislature. Right now they are just proposals, but we may know more in the coming weeks. The governor is pushing for action now in hopes of getting the needed votes from those representatives that were either termed out of office or not re-elected. Read the Bargaining Update and talk to your Site Rep for more information as this topic was covered at the last Rep Council.

GGEA Holiday Open House

GGEA will be hosting our annual Holiday Open House on December 11, 2008 from 3:30 to 6:00. All GGEA members are invited to come enjoy some good company and holiday food. This is a great opportunity to meet other teachers and get an idea of what GGEA is all about. No need to RSVP, just stop by and stay for as long as you like!

November Rep Council

We held Rep Council last Tuesday, November 18th. Be sure to ask your Site Rep about the following information:

- TheStandard Disability Insurance
- State Budget Update
- Election Results
- CTA Disaster Relief Fund

Reminders

- Segment Meetings will be held December 9th at 3:30 (elementary will be at the courtyard)
- Holiday Open House will be on December 11th at 3:30 in the GGEA Office

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