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# Garden Grove Education Association

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GGEA Mission Statement: GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.

GGEA 2019-20 Goal: Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.

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**Wear your GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your support of GGEA. Your support is what makes us strong!**



**3/20 Spring Begins  
3/23 Rep Council  
3/29-4/2 Spring Recess**



## **Reopening for Hybrid In-Person Instruction**

As of March 12, all 45 of our elementary schools were open for in-person instruction as well as five intermediate schools, Mark Twain Special Education Center and Jordan Adult Transition Program. Our High Schools will soon follow.

Usually our phones are ringing off the hook along with many emails being received prior to reopening due to increased anxiety levels and stress. Once sites reopen, calls and emails lessen.

Please reach out to your Site Reps and GGEA Leadership with any concerns that may arise after reopening. Stay safe. You've got this.

### **GGEA First Electronic Voting Election**

Unfortunately no candidate received the necessary votes needed to win, due to the lack of voting. There were 327/1837 electronic votes cast. While we understand that this is the first time we've experienced electronic voting in our association, we didn't expect it to be that low.

***What do these results mean?*** For the candidates it means another election in May, if they are still interested. The May election will not only include CTA State Council positions but will also include our general elections for GGEA Officer(s) and Segment Directors.

### **Standardized Testing**

The mandate for standardized testing is now flexible. In light of COVID-19's impact on students, families, and schools, CTA has been calling on the State Board of Education and U.S. Dept. of Education for a waiver to suspend 2021 standardized testing.

On March 16, the State Board of Education voted to let school districts use either state tests or other standards-aligned assessments to gauge student learning this spring. It will be interesting to see what GGUSD decides.

### **Poster Contest**

This was in an earlier AdNote this year. Orange Service Center Council's (OSCC) Equity Team is conducting its poster contest once again. All K-12 students are encouraged to submit their artwork around the themes of Ethnic Minority Issues, LGBTQ+ Issues, Women Issues, or People with Disabilities Issues. Posters are due **April 2, 2021**. For more information click on the link below.

- <https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/187d2c16-332a-4c2e-91d8-430f5760caef.png>

### **Guy DeRosa Grant Workshop**

The Equity Human Rights OSCC Committee is conducting a workshop for those CTA members who are thinking about applying for this grant and need help or ideas.

The workshop will be on **April 8th, 2021** from **4:00-6:00 PM**.

The **grant deadline is May 17, 2021** with an award amount up to \$2,500.

The LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program, in honor of Guy DeRosa, was created to promote human and civil rights by making our public schools safe for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning+ persons.

This grant program will support groups, projects and presentations that promote the understanding of and respect for LGBTQ+ persons.

For more information click on the link below.

- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOXsS9GDUop4iSH325nZeJUTyqe3-yrdOIBXvJipOOEVjQig/viewform>

## Women's History Month

In March of 1978, educators in Santa Rosa, California, first celebrated Women's History Week to increase the awareness of women's contributions to society. This corresponded to March 8th's International Women's Day.

Check out the links below for stories, activities, and ideas to celebrate.

- <https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/womens-history-month-classroom>
- <https://www.readbrightly.com/stories-and-activities-to-celebrate-womens-history-month-with-young-readers/>
- <https://www.atlantaparent.com/6-must-read-kids-books-womens-history-month/>
- <https://myhero.com/women>
- <https://kidsdiscover.com/teacherresources/womens-history-month/>
- <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

## Helpful Tax Information

Remember, ask your tax advisor if your professional association dues are tax deductible. Click on the link for your GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2020 tax year.

- <https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/2b4023dd-1dc5-4029-85e2-59974d18d34c.png>

## CTA Virtual Conferences - April

Coming in April, CTA's 1st Special Education Conference.

Please RSVP to [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) if you are registering for these conferences.

**University Credits and Professional Development hours can be acquired at these conferences. CTA will be paying for university credits. However, you will need to follow district guidelines for approval.**

**2021 Special Education Conference - Home Edition!** April 30-May 2, 2021. More information to follow.

Please go to <https://www.cta.org/conferences> where you can review session descriptions. If you are interested in attending you will need to register. Please let the GGEA office know if you are attending any of the above mentioned conferences.

**REMINDERS:**

**Attorney Consultation Available**

The opportunity to speak with an attorney for 30 minutes on non-work related issues has resumed. Please call the GGEA office for more information.

**Join the GGEA Facebook Page - Connect with other members!**

Search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our admin 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook. Here you can read education articles, see GGEA activities, and share your ideas.

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