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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!**



**1/11 Segments**

**1/13 UTK Information Meeting for Teachers**



## **CDHP Guidelines/COVID Testing**

Prior to returning back to school after the break, a district communication went out stating the new CDPH Guidelines. Specifics were given regarding coming in contact with a positive COVID person, testing positive yourself, etc.

There was mention about isolating and testing on day 5. It has been extremely difficult for many, with symptoms, trying to find a testing site or even an at home test.

GGEA leadership expressed concern over this because it would lead to one using 10 of their sick days, as opposed to 5.

Due to this effort, GGEA and the district are working together to expedite an expansion of employee testing.

The district will be sending further communication regarding this either tonight (1/7/2022) or Monday morning (1/10/2022)

### **Negotiations Update**

GGEA and GGUSD bargaining teams met yesterday. Thank you Bridget, Joe, Tamra, Arquilla, Sarah, and Executive Director Paul Kim, for continuing to advocate for GGEA members and their students.

A copy of the update is attached in the link below.

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### **GGEA Scholarships**

GGEA offers seven (7) scholarships to graduating seniors which are provided from the dues of GGEA members. They are offered in the following areas: Garden Grove Unified School District Graduating Seniors (4), Graduating Seniors of a Garden Grove Education Association (GGEA) member (2), and the Arlene Pavey Scholarship also offered to a graduating Senior of a Garden Grove Education Association (GGEA) member. **Please note that applications are due by March 1st.**

There will be more information in next week's AdNotes as well as a fillable pdf on the webpage

### **Virtual Meetings**

Having concern about the safety of our members with the uptick in COVID cases and the new variant Omicron, GGEA leadership sent emails and made calls to the district requesting January **district meetings** such as department chair, grade level chair, SPED coordinator, etc. be held virtually.

For those groups that had meetings this week, you received a district email with this change.

**However, per the district, the teachers/staff must participate virtually from their school or district site.**

Staff meetings and regular site collaboration will continue in person at the site.

More information will be coming out next week from the district regarding which groups will be affected and how determination is made as to whether the meeting will be held virtually or in person

### **Retiring?**

GGEA's Retirement Committee started working on the Retirement Tribute back in September. Venues are booking up fast. The GG Community Center was already booked.

The committee would like to have an idea on the number of future retirees (June 2022) in order to determine the size of the venue needed.

If you are going to be retiring this year, GGEA would love to hear from you. Please call the GGEA office and let us know. We're just taking a count for now

### **Universal TK (UTK)**

If you are interested in teaching TK or just want to hear more information, there will be a virtual meeting Thursday, January 13 at 3:30 for teachers.

No stipend will be offered for this voluntary meeting.

Click on the link below to view the flyer.

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**NEA RA**

Under a separate AdNote sent earlier this week, GGEA is seeking interested members to be representatives at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly this summer.

The National Education Association Representative Assembly—the RA—is the highest decision-making body within the over 3 million-member NEA. With over 8,000 delegates, the RA is also the world’s largest democratic deliberative body.

Over the course of eight business sessions spanning four days, RA delegates debate the vital issues that impact American public education and set Association policy and activities for the year ahead.

We encourage those interested to apply for both local and state. Declaration of Candidacy at the **local level is due no later than 5PM January 21** and at the **state level, no later than January 28.**

A fillable pdf is also available on the GGEA webpage.

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**Day of the Teacher Poster Contest**

GGEA's Community Action Committee is announcing the 2021-2022 Day of the Teacher Poster Contest.

This flyer should already be posted on your site's GGEA bulletin board.

The flyer contains all the necessary information regarding the details and submission of the poster.

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**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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Together Everyone Achieves More

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