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# Garden Grove Education Association

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President: Bridget Holdermann, Electronic Communication AdNotes – Jan 19, 2024
12912 Brookhurst St, #360, Garden Grove (714) 638-7480 www.ggea.org

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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 2022-2023 Goal:

**Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.**



## COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Community Action Committee**  
**Upcoming meeting Jan. 22 @ 5 p.m.**

Topic: GGEA CAC Committee  
Time: Jan. 22, 2024 5:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://ggusd-us.zoom.us/j/95203514953?pwd=Zk1VSUZmZINpVi96UVc3TUNOK2Fidz09>

Meeting ID: 952 0351 4953  
Passcode: GGEA

## NEA-RA 2024

Any GGEA Member interested in attending the NEA/RA please submit your declaration of candidacy form to the GGEA office **no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, January 29**. Any form received after that will not be eligible for the ballot. To access a printable version of the Declaration Form, click on either form below.

For anyone wishing to declare candidacy as a state delegate use the following link to access the form on the CTA website: <https://www.cta.org/about-us/leadership/nea-ra/ra-state-delegate>.



## Rules & Elections



Committee Chair: Willie Burghard, January 12, 2024

Garden Grove Education Association, 12912 Brookhurst Street, Suite 360, Garden Grove, CA 92680 (714)638-7480 [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org)

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### **NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

The GGEA Rules and Elections Committee is calling for an election from March 4–8, 2024, to elect delegates from our Association to represent us in the NEA policy-making body. Any member of GGEA is eligible to run for these positions.

In addition, GGEA members will have the opportunity in the March election to vote for the California state delegates to the NEA Convention from Orange County. All GGEA members are also eligible & encouraged to run for these positions.

The Association is seeking candidates for the following vacancies:

- GGEA Delegates to the NEA Representative Assemblies of 2024 & 2025
- Alternate Delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly of 2024

The NEA Representative Assembly will be held on July 3–7, 2024 in Philadelphia, PA. When CTA confirms the number of delegates that GGEA qualifies for (approx. February 15), we will be able to determine how many spots will be available. The delegates with the greatest number of votes will be elected for two (2) year terms and the runners-up in the election will be designated as successor delegates (alternates) for the current year in the order of the vote count.

Nominees must complete the "Declaration of Candidacy" form and return it to the GGEA office no later than 5:00 P.M. on Friday, January 29, 2024. Drop off, fax to (714)638-9167 or email to [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org).

\*\*\*\*Any GGEA member wishing to be a candidate for CALIFORNIA STATE DELEGATE to the 2024 NEA Representative Assembly must use the electronic Declaration form mentioned in the Dec23/Jan24 CTA Publication, *CALIFORNIA EDUCATOR*. This is now an online only form at [cta.org](http://cta.org). The deadline for receipt of that candidacy form is 4:00 P.M., January 31, 2024.

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GGEA ENCOURAGES YOU TO RUN AS BOTH A GGEA/LOCAL AND STATE DELEGATE

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**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**

FOR GGEA DELEGATE TO THE NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY 2024 & 2025

You MUST be a member of GGEA/CTA/NEA to qualify

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Legibly)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL EMAIL (REQUIRED) \_\_\_\_\_

The following information is needed to complete the delegate report forms to the NEA:

Last 4 digits of SSN or CTA ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_Male \_\_\_Female

Educational position: \_\_\_ Teacher/Librarian \_\_\_ Nurse

Green Participant: (all documents via email, no hard copies supplied) Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Email restrict for GGEA use only: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is optional information.

\_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska Native \_\_\_ Caucasian (not Spanish origin)

\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander \_\_\_ Hispanic

\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_ Other/Unknown

"Ethnic Minority" is defined as those persons designated as such by statistics published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

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THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024 AT THE GGEA OFFICE, 12912 BROOKHURST STREET, SUITE 360, GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840, FAX (714)638-9167 OR SCAN AND EMAIL TO: [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org)  
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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



The communications committee is looking for new members. Currently we are in need of a Chairperson, plus a minimum of 3 additional members.

The communications committee puts out the ADVOCATE bimonthly and also oversees our FaceBook page. Although new and fresh ideas on how we can communicate more effectively with our members is appreciated.

Anyone interested in joining the communications committee please email [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org)

Thank You!

**IFT GRANT**



THE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING

# ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

Intended for CTA Members and Local Associations  
to support Strength-Based Teacher-Driven Change.

**Application period:**  
**December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**

Visit [www.cta.org/IFT](http://www.cta.org/IFT)

## ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR



**Monday, February 5, at 3:30 p.m.**

**There will be a Job Share Meeting at the GGEA Office.**

**Thursday, February 15, at 3:45 p.m.**

**There will be a Maternity Workshop at the GGEA Office**

## CONSULT



First: Thank you to our members serving on the Ethnic Studies, Collaboration, and Grading Consults.

There are times when you may not agree with the decision reached by the majority of the members on the consult. In those instances, your opinion is still important and should be shared. This can be done by filling out the Consult Minority Report. If you need to fill out a minority report you can get a copy from a GGEA board member or bargaining team member serving on the consult, the instruction office, or you can click on the picture below to access a printable version of the report. Please return the report to the GGEA office through district mail or email to [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org).



**Garden Grove Education Association**

**Consult Minority Report**

Please fill out and return to [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org) or print and return through district mail to GGEA.

Consult Member Name:

Name of Consult:

Dates Consult Met:

Recommendation of Consult:

Did you agree with the recommendation of the consult?

Please explain your answer:

Explain how the consult process could be improved:



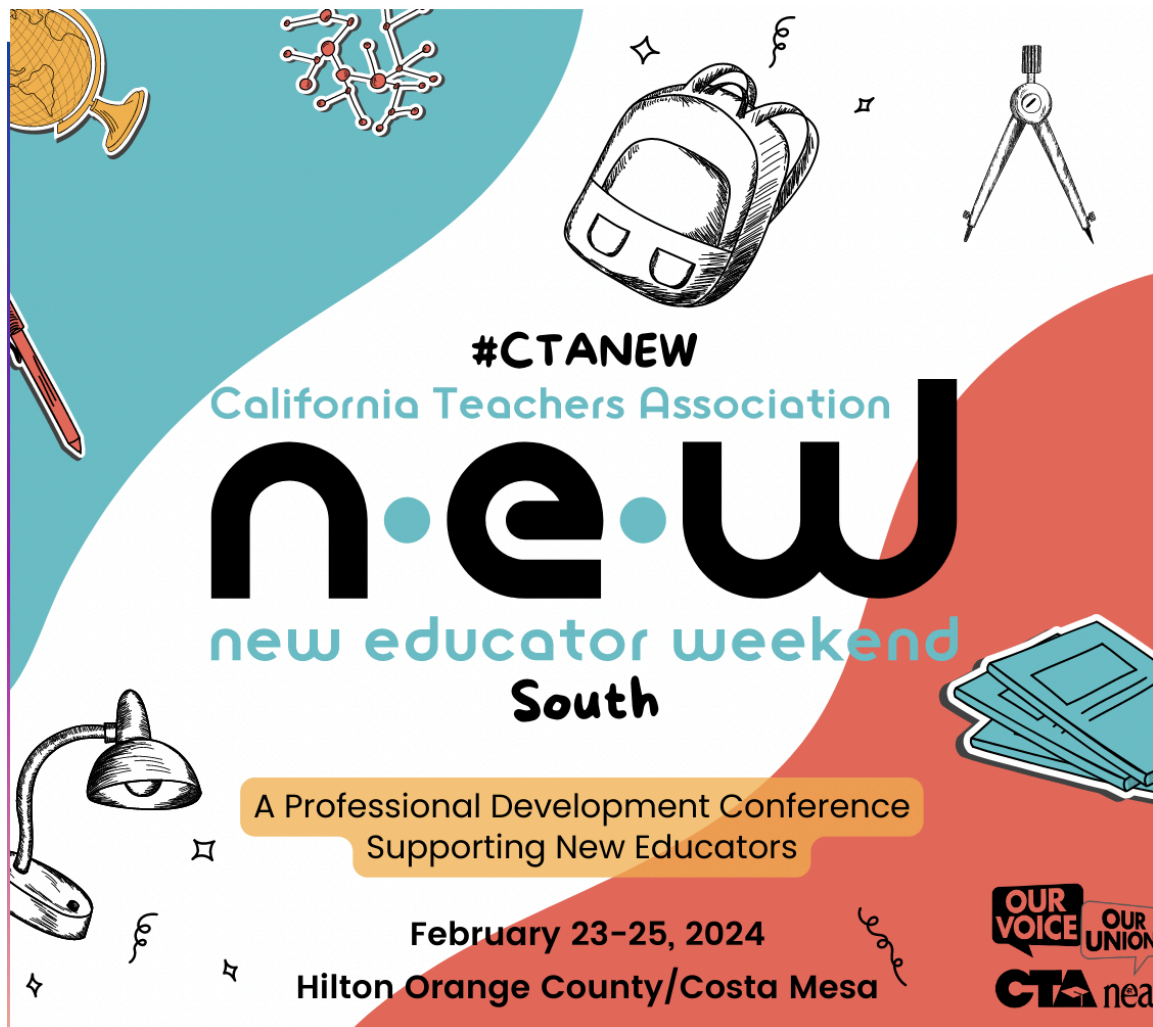
## NEW EDUCATOR WEEKEND - SOUTH

The conference is designed for educators in the first 3 years of their career. GGEA will cover the cost for three (3) of our new educator members to attend the conference, but all new educators are welcome to sign-up for the conference.

Please respond to this email if you would like GGEA to reimburse you for your costs to attend the conference. The first 3 emails received will be reimbursed for registration, parking, and mileage.

University credit can also be earned for conference attendance. However, if you plan to use the units towards advancement on the salary schedule, you will need pre-approval from your immediate supervisor and the Office of Personnel Services (per article 12.2f of the contract).

Click on the flyer below to access the CTA conference registration page.



## The STANDARD

Newly hired CTA members have 270 days from starting work to apply for the only CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance plans with no health questions asked.

Learn more or apply on your own: <https://sites.standard.com/cta/newhire>

Have someone help you: [www.stdrd.co/team4](http://www.stdrd.co/team4)

**Special Enrollment Opportunity  
For Newly Hired CTA Members**

Don't miss your limited-time opportunity to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance with **no health questions asked**.

For more details or to apply, visit [standard.com/cta/newhire](http://standard.com/cta/newhire)

For costs and further details of the coverage and this enrollment opportunity, including the exclusions, benefit waiting periods, and reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policies may be continued in force, please contact Standard Insurance Company at 800.522.0406. GP190-LTD/S399/CTA.1 GP190-LIFE/S399/CTA.3 SI 23677-CTAvol (7/23)

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Standard Insurance Company  
P.O. Box 4744 | Portland, OR 97208  
Phone: 951-204-5419

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**MESSAGE FROM THE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE**

Whether you are at the beginning, middle, or near the end of your career it's a good idea to attend a retirement workshop. There are several online workshops available in the upcoming year. Click on the link below to sign up for a date. If you are nearing retirement and have not set up an appointment with a CalSTRS planning consultant, then I highly recommend that you do this sooner rather than later.

**[RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS 2023-24](#)**

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE – IMAD AWARD**

Know a GGEA member who volunteers their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large? GGEA wants to recognize our members who go above and beyond to serve students, parents, and/or colleagues. Submission form available on the GGEA Human Rights Committee webpage. A pdf form is also available for download (Click on the flyer below).

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## **“I Make A Difference” Award**

The Human Rights Committee recognizes GGEA members who make a positive contribution outside of the classroom.

This award is given to members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large. This may include involvement in local charities, afterschool tutoring projects, library programs, charity work and other human rights endeavors.

Nominations can be submitted to the GGEA Human Rights Committee via email at [humanrights@ggea.org](mailto:humanrights@ggea.org)

**Nominate someone today!**

Nominations can be submitted by a single member, by a group of members, or by the entire school staff.

Please include the following in your nomination:

- The nominee's full name, school and contact information
- His/her/they specific contribution (please provide details)
- Your name and contact information

Quarterly, the committee will honor an IMAD recipient at a Rep Council meeting and feature him/her in the GGEA Advocate

**ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL – HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST**

# ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL

## 2024 HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST

Posters will be judged on creativity, originality, appropriateness, spelling, and relationship to the theme(s). Themes should include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, Women's Advocacy, and/or People with Disabilities Topics.



**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

### PLEASE INCLUDE:

Student's Full Name & Grade

CTA Sponsoring Member's Full Name,  
Local Association & Non-Work Email

### SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:

CTA-Orange Service Center Council  
281 N. Rampart, Suite A  
Orange, CA 92868

Must be submitted on 8" x 10" white paper. Original student work only. Winning artwork will not be returned to the student.

### MONETARY PRIZES FOR STUDENTS:

|                   | <u>K-2</u> | <u>3-6</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>9-12</u> | <u>Higher Ed</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| First Place       | \$100      | \$100      | \$150      | \$150       | \$150            |
| Second Place      | \$75       | \$75       | \$100      | \$100       | \$100            |
| Third Place       | \$50       | \$50       | \$75       | \$75        | \$75             |
| Honorable Mention | \$25       | \$25       | \$25       | \$25        | \$25             |



# **ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL**

## **HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST**

**Name:**

**Special Education**

**Teacher (member) Name:**

**Teacher (member) E-mail:**

**Grade:**

**Local Teacher's Association:**

**School:**

**City:**

**Artwork Description (100 words or less):**

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

**SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:**

CTA-Orange Service Center Council  
281 N. Rampart, Suite A  
Orange, CA 92868

Must be submitted on 8" x 10" white paper. Original student work only. Winning artwork will not be returned to the student.

## **CTA CONFERENCES**

There are several upcoming conferences for the 2023/2024 school year. The GGEA Board of Directors usually approves reimbursement for approximately 3-4 members to attend. However, anyone can attend a conference at their own expense. Registration and information for CTA Conferences can be found on the CTA website at:

<https://www.cta.org/conferences>

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Office of Personnel Services

**APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR ADVANCEMENT ON THE SALARY SCHEDULE**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Subject Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to enroll in the following courses:

| COURSE NO.*<br>(Required) | TITLE | UNITS | SESSION<br>DATES | COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|--------------------|
|                           |       |       |                  |                    |
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\*Courses must be upper division or graduate level units.

**CONFERENCE**

I have conferred with the above named employee and recommend approval as indicated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ University Planned Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Related to Assignment

\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Goals

\_\_\_\_\_ Credential Program Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ Degree Requirements

**OTHER:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\* FORWARD ALL COPIES TO THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL SERVICES \*\***

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Approved by Personnel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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