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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Bridget Holdermann, Electronic Communication AdNotes – Sep 15, 2023**  
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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.**

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## AERIES Access and Lucy Calkins

There are many issues that teachers have brought to our attention from around the district. Some have easy answers and others are ongoing. GGEA continues to work with the District to find solutions for those issues that continue.

Here are 2 issues that we have answers for:

1. Access to AERIES from home - A link was sent to all teachers by the District IT department. However if you missed the email you can use the following link:  
<https://myclass.ggusd.us>
2. Lucy Calkins' Writing Program - Recently there has been a lot of controversy around Lucy Calkins' **Reading** Literacy program, which GGUSD does not use. GGUSD uses the **Writing** Units of Study to supplement the Wonders Program, which is the adopted curriculum for English Language Arts at the elementary level. Teachers can continue to use Lucy Calkins, Writing Units of Study.

## FREE BOOKS



Gerri Brown, retired GGEA member and teacher, volunteers at the Huntington Beach Public Library and gave me the information about recently donated class sets of books.

During the Intermediate and High School Segment meetings I reported that the books could be purchased for 25¢ each. Since the meeting Gerri has informed me that the books will be given away for free. Here is a list of the books that are available:

- Kite Runner
- Anne Frank
- Animal Farm
- Bless Me, Ultima
- Great Expectations
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- Nine Stories - Salinger
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking Glass
- Hound of the Baskerville
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Les Misérables
- The Chosen
- Main Street
- The Outsiders

plus

- Grapes of Wrath for \$1.50 each and
- Of Human Bondage for \$0.50 each

## **OSCC FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

I have received a registration link for the OSCC Fall Leadership Conference. GGEA had many members at the conference last year. Click below for information and to register. Please email GGEA if you are planning to attend. Reimbursement will be granted in the order of contact to GGEA. There are only about 5 spots available for reimbursement by GGEA, but all members are welcome to attend.



Register now for our one-day Fall Leadership Conference!

The 2023 Orange Service Center Council presents the annual Fall Leadership Conference on November 4th. This one-day event is packed with elective sessions, panel discussions and networking opportunities designed to assist you in representing your members and supporting their professional and personal growth.

Over **20 sessions** including:

- Energize your Chapter
- Organizing and Leading your Local
- Site Representative Training
- Bargaining Around Social Justice
- Effectively Managing Stress
- Transformation through Community Schools
- And many more!

Join with your colleagues and register now!

Conference Details:

Date: November 4, 2023

Location: Hotel Fera a Doubletree by Hilton - Anaheim/Orange County

[Register Now!](#)

### **DEADLINE: COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF RELEASE AND IEP DAYS**

Teachers will need to make their choice by Friday, September 22, regarding whether they will or will not trade their release days for compensation. See the MOU pictured below for details.

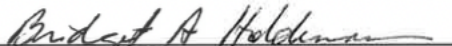
MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING  
Between  
GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
and  
GARDEN GROVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Compensation in Lieu of Release and IEP Prep Days

Garden Grove Education Association (GGEA) and Garden Grove Unified School District (the District) recognize that there continues to be a county, state, and nationwide substitute shortage, resulting in an inability to cover all GGUSD contractual release days. In an effort to alleviate this shortage of substitute teachers, avoid canceling release days, and ensuring substitute coverage for teachers' illnesses, PN's, and FI's, GGEA and the District have agreed to the following:

- Eligible teachers in grades Preschool-8 will have the option to take all of their Contractual Release Days or trade all of them for a payment of \$300 per day.
- Eligible Preschool-6 Education Specialists and Mark Twain SDC Teachers will have the option to take all of their IEP Prep Days or trade all of them for a payment of \$300 per day.
- High School Education Specialists will have the option to take all of their IEP Release Days or trade all of them for a payment of \$300 per day.
- Eligible teachers will have 10 work days from the date of the announcement to make their selection, or the release days will default to compensation.
- Education Specialists will have 10 work days from the date of the announcement to make their selection, or the release days will default to compensation.

This MOU shall be effective August 14, 2023 – May 30, 2024.

  
For GGEA

9-7-23  
Date

  
For the District

9/7/23  
Date

**TheSTANDARD SPECIAL ENROLLMENT CAMPAIGN**

GGEA's special enrollment opportunity for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance is now open!

**Chapter Campaign Virtual Group Meeting Dates & Times below – Plan to attend one**

Standard Insurance Company (The Standard)



### You Are Invited!

Join The Standard for a brief online presentation about the benefits of CTA-endorsed Disability and Life insurance, exclusively available through your CTA membership.

Learn more and ask questions in one of our online presentations on

- **Wednesday, September 13th at 4:30 pm or**
- **Wednesday, September 27th at 4:30 pm or**
- **Wednesday, October 11th at 4:30 pm**

[Register Now](#)

Standard Insurance Company, 1100 SW Sixth Ave, Portland, OR 97204

For costs and further details of the coverage and this enrollment opportunity, including exclusions, benefit waiting periods, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, please contact Standard Insurance Company at 800.522.0406.

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**OSCC MEET & GREET**





# OSCC Equity Meet & Greet



Join us to meet other Social Justice  
minded union members.

BJ's Pizza at Tustin Market Place  
13130 Jamboree Road  
Irvine, CA 92602



**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
**4:30 pm**

Please let us know if you will be attending  
by filling out this quick [RSVP form](#).

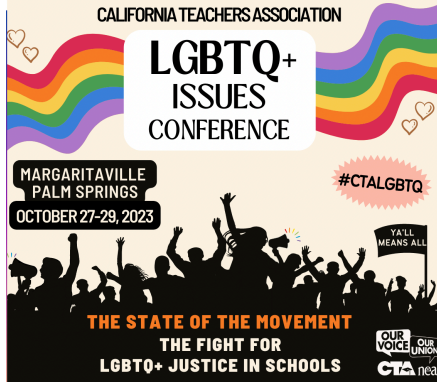


## CTA CONFERENCES

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>

**Oct. 27-29, 2023**



Currently 5 members are approved to receive reimbursement from GGEA for attending the LGBTQ+ Conference. Ideally we would like our members that advise the GSA clubs to attend this conference. Click the image for more information.

## ADVOCATE ARTICLES

# SEND US YOUR ARTICLES!

WE HAVE A **NEW GOOGLE FORM** FOR ADVOCATE SUBMISSIONS.

*The Advocate is GGEA's monthly newsletter highlighting the fantastic teaching, events, and successes happening across our district.*



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES AND PHOTOS!

LOOK FOR A LINK IN THE ADNOTES TOO!



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***Together Everyone Achieves More***

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