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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes – June 27, 2018**

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**GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve. Wear your GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your GGEA Pride.**

**GGEA Summer Hours  
Beginning June 18, the GGEA Office will be open  
Monday-Thursday from 8:30-3:30  
If you have an emergency and need a rep, please call 714-978-8861**

June 27, 2018  
From: Tina Gustin-Gurney  
Subject: The Supreme Court's Decision Today

Dear GGEA Members,

In a narrow 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court today turned its back on the educators, nurses, firefighters, police officers and public servants who make our communities strong and safe.

In Janus v. AFSCME, the court overturned a decision allowing the collection of fair share fees that was established more than 40 years ago. Allowing some to opt-out of paying will make it harder for all public employees to provide the services that everyone depends on. In short, it will be harder for workers to join strong unions. The key word here is harder, not impossible.

When we stand together, we have power. Power that allows us to bargain better learning and working conditions, good contracts that include pay increases, health care and retirement security. It gives us a seat at the table to negotiate for things that improve the educational opportunities of our students, like additional resources, class sizes, more nurses and librarians to keep students healthy and supported.

If we allow this decision to weaken our union, our ability to bargain better pay and benefits, support for new educators and necessary services for our most at-risk youth goes away. That's why it's more important than ever for us to keep our union strong.

So, while the court made it more difficult for us to do our jobs, we are a resourceful group. We are educators! We will continue to do what it takes to advocate for what our students need to

succeed. We won't give up advocating for our students. GGEA will offer many opportunities to our members as we have always done. Your participation is important.

If you agree, take a moment to post support for our union on social media using the #WeAreCTA #WeAreGGEA and #ProudUnionMember hashtags. To learn more go to [www.cta.org/Janus](http://www.cta.org/Janus)

Enjoy your summer and we will come back in August strong and ready to meet new challenges!

In solidarity,  
Tina Gustin-Gurney  
Proud Outgoing GGEA President

**Info for you:**

**Save Money!**

By being a member of GGEA, you are also a member of CTA and NEA. Both organizations have membership benefits that allow you to get discounts. You can save enough money to equal what you spend in dues! Go to <https://www.cta.org/Member-Services/Member-Benefits.aspx> and you can download the app. Or go to <https://www.neamb.com> for national savings.

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

To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our administrators 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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