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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Kelly Nolan, Electronic AdNotes – January 8, 2021**

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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!**



### IMPORTANT DATES

**1/12 - Segments**

**1/14-17 - CTA Issues Conference (Virtual)**

**1/18 - MLK Jr. Holiday**



### **School Re-Opening/Distance Learning for 2020-21 MOU**

In August the GGEA Negotiations Team was able to secure flexibility for our members to distance learn either at their school site or from their home. Now that all schools in GGUSD have returned to distance learning, it is important to remind everyone that if you cannot work from home or your site, due to unforeseen emergency situations such as natural disasters, please contact and work with your administrator.

## **NEA Representative Assembly**

GGEA is seeking candidates for the NEA Representative Assemblies of 2021 and 2022 and alternate delegates for the NEA Representative Assembly of 2021.

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.

RA delegates debate the vital issues that impact American public education and set Association policy and activities for the year ahead.

Please note there are deadlines for submitting your declaration of candidacy form.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/7e0bc4c3-9759-4a0d-9c17-2f9119043d52.pdf>

## **Electronic Voting Coming to GGEA**

We found it necessary to look into an alternate means of conducting GGEA elections based upon our last mail ballot election and the amount of incorrect address envelopes that were returned.

The Declared National and Natural Disaster Emergency Procedures, sent by CTA, allows us to temporarily change our bylaws in order to implement electronic voting and would be in accordance with CTA guidelines. A mail ballot would be provided for those unable to electronically vote.

GGEA's Rules & Elections Chair, Willie Burghard, researched CTA approved vendors and recommended Simply Voting to our Board of Directors.

The vendor will provide GGEA with a secure, cost effective, and environmentally friendly solution to our chapter's voting process.

In order to have a successful process, it is imperative that we have your correct email address as well as mailing address.

Have you been receiving GGEA electronic communications such as AdNotes and the Advocate? If no, then we don't have your personal email. Please email [jennyq@ggea.org](mailto:jennyq@ggea.org) or [membership@ggea.org](mailto:membership@ggea.org) with your correct personal email.

Did you receive last Spring's mail ballot? If no, please email your correct address to [jennyq@ggea.org](mailto:jennyq@ggea.org) or [membership@ggea.org](mailto:membership@ggea.org)

In the near future, more information will be provided on how electronic will be conducted.

## **CTA Virtual Conferences**

I will continue to update as future conference dates approach.

### **January 14-17 CTA Issues Conference: Facing Extraordinary Times Together**

This conference brings together local leaders and activists to learn, discuss, and strategize so that we can organize and increase our collective voice on the state and local issues that matter most in education.

### **February 4-7 CTA Good Teaching Conference (GTC) Elementary Home Edition! Grades TK-5**

The CTA Good Teaching Conference continues to support excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers via peer-to-peer instruction. GTC offers a variety of diverse workshops focused on relevant curriculum content areas.

### **February 18-21 CTA New Educator Weekend (NEW)**

This conference is for new CTA members. The conference is for educators in their first three years in the profession. The New Educator Weekend has everything that educators need to be successful in their first years of teaching with sessions and electives concentrating on:

- Online Classroom Management – Creating a Productive and Inspiring Learning Environment
- Best Practices for Distance Learning
- Technology Tips and Tricks
- Navigating IEP's and Special Education Areas in the Virtual World
- What I Wish I Knew My First Years of Teaching
- Working with Colleagues, Administration and Parents
- Common Core, State Standards, Assessments and Pedagogy
- Teaching is a Career
- Student Loan Forgiveness Programs for Educators
- Resources and Programs from CTA Available to Members

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.

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

### **Covid Testing Sites**

Per the flyer listed on the district's website, "As essential workers, we are eligible for testing. If you are using any of the 3 medical benefit plans GGUSD provides, the testing will be covered by your selected plan. For employees without insurance, you are also eligible for testing at no cost. You are always welcome to call your primary doctor to make arrangements and get tested. For your convenience, GGUSD has partnered with Xpress Urgent Care, which has four testing locations. In addition, Orange County Health Care Agency has two Super Site Testing locations offering testing at no cost to you."

### **Why Belong to Your Union**

Every year, usually around this time, I get asked why one should belong to the union. Here's a short video clip from CTA.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MV\\_GFOXmI&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MV_GFOXmI&feature=emb_logo)

### **Distance & Hybrid Teaching Practices**

For the past eight-nine months you have been living and breathing distance and hybrid teaching practices. At this time all sites are in distance learning mode. While we don't know when this will change, perhaps you want to read CTA's Instruction and Professional Development Departments overview on the matter. While it is a lengthy document, you might just find something to change things up a bit.

<https://aarjb2jw4n53e35fhhbquj418-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CTA-IPD-Overview-of-DL-Hybrid-Practices-1.pdf>

**Working Wardrobes**

The Orange Service Center Council's Equity Human Rights Team has teamed up with Working Wardrobes for a donation drive from December 2 - February 28, 2021. Click on the link below to learn about the three ways to donate.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/2bd9055a-0893-4ede-a875-da4f94db5386.png>

**Seeking Comments on Ethnic Studies Curriculum**

The Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) is recommending a 45-day public comment period on the revised Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC). Comments will be received from December 7, 2020, through January 21, 2021.

<http://bit.ly/34mtMXS>

**Human Rights Day**

If you have pictures, projects, or lessons that you presented to your class for Human Rights Day, which was December 10, GGEA's Advocate is asking you to submit them to

[Advocate@ggea.org](mailto:Advocate@ggea.org)

**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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