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Garden Grove Education Association

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President: Kelly Nolan, Electronic AdNotes – May 14, 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!



**5/25 Rep Council/Recognition
6/2 GGEA Retirement Tribute @ Peters K-3**

GGEA 2021-2022 Bargaining Survey

We will have a soft opening of our 2021-22 bargaining survey starting this evening. On Monday, May 17, a separate AdNote will be sent just for the survey.

Please only take the survey once: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C5XCD6J>

WHO Award Recipients

The "WHO" Award is a means of saying thank you to those chapter leaders throughout the state that have contributed so much at the local level.

GGEA would like to recognize two of our members: Claire Erickson and Arquilla Howard.

Claire Erickson, a Special Education teacher in our district, has been a GGEA union member for 20 years. She has served as a Site Rep, Chair for the New Educator Committee, a member of the Special Education Committee and SpEd Task Force. She has also represented GGEA as a CTA State Council Delegate. Congratulations Claire.

Arquilla Howard, a Special Education teacher and a strong advocate for both our teachers and students. She is a site rep, a member of our Negotiations Team, our Special Education Committee, and our SpEd Task Force. She also had the most petition signatures in our local for the Schools and Communities First Campaign. Congratulations Arquilla.

Tentative Teaching Assignment

Due to several postings of positions available, we've received numerous calls as to when principals should be providing teachers with their tentative teaching assignment.

Per Article 10.20 in our CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) ***"In order to allow teachers to make informed decisions regarding the use of this Article, principals shall provide each teacher with his or her tentative teaching assignment prior to the first Monday in June, other than in exceptional circumstances."***

Since our start and end dates have moved up, we felt it necessary to move the notification of teaching assignment to an earlier date, due to postings coming out before a teacher knew their assignment. In our 2021-22 CBA, effective 2022, a teacher will now be notified of their teaching assignment the second Monday in May, other than in exceptional circumstances.

Retiring This Year?

A memo was sent out to the list of members that are retiring this year asking them to RSVP as to whether or not they would be participating in the GGEA Retirement Tribute, June 2. If you are one of those members have you RSVPd? Susan has extended the deadline as many didn't respond. The Retirement Committee has been working hard to make this a special occasion for your well deserved retirement. Please check your emails and RSVP with a yes or no so the committee can get an accurate attendee count.

When Will I See the 2% On Schedule & the 1.75% Off Schedule?

You will see the 2% on schedule increase in your May paycheck. The 2% Retro on schedule and the 1.75% off schedule will be seen in your June check

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month

May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. AAPIs are the fastest-growing racial and ethnic group in the country, consisting of 20 million people with roots in more than 20 countries, and 30 ethnic groups who speak more than 300 languages and dialects. Find AAPI lesson plans and classroom resources here:

<https://www.cta.org/awareness-events/aapi-heritage-month>

Source: CTA.org

The NEA Foundation is offering NEW Envision Equity Grants for Educators!!

Easy application process! Deadline June 1!!!

The widespread and disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the need to reimagine education in ways that will transform inequities, meet the needs of the whole child, and prepare all students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

This new grant program will enable educators across the country to build on their knowledge of what works to bring out every student's best.

Envision Equity Grants will enable educators to test creative new ideas and innovations, demonstrating exemplary teaching and learning. They will support students' project-based

learning, advancing cultural understanding and appreciation, anti-racism commitments, and students' understanding of civic engagement and democracy

Envision Equity Grants will primarily support projects that serve the students most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic: students of color, students from low-income families, English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness.

<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/envision-equity-grants/>

Note: Sharing from NEA Foundation

Helpful Tax Information

Remember, ask your tax advisor if your professional association dues are tax deductible. Click on the link for your GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2020 tax year.

- <https://files.constantcontact.com/ea1a5c0d001/2b4023dd-1dc5-4029-85e2-59974d18d34c.png>

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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