
State Council Report

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First General Session-10/25/2020

1. Report of the CTA Treasurer, Leslie Littman
 - a. CTA active members 278,377, a bit lower than last year at this time. CTA's budget is strong and balanced. (A number of college instructors left to form their own union.)
2. Report of the CTA Vice President, David Goldberg
 - a. Even though the charter schools and their corporate backers continue their assault on public education, educators in CA have made progress locally through their collective actions, including the strikes in LA, Oakland, and other locals. Through these actions, members have been able to change the narrative on public education and secure victories that support students and funding for public education.
 - b. Governor's budget reflects some of our priorities and funds early childhood education and higher ed in new ways. It includes increases to ADA for all students, and increased funding for special education as well.
 - c. Schools and Communities First initiative is our current priority to continue the fight to take back our profession and demand funding to restore funding levels that allowed our state in the past to be one of the best public school systems in the nation. It also will provide funding to our communities to support social services, parks and recreation, and other services and programs our communities so desperately need. This initiative will repair the tax injustice perpetrated by the 1978 Jarvis initiative, Prop 13, by closing the loopholes that currently allow multi-million dollar corporations to avoid paying their fair share of property taxes. If members want to see these changes become reality, each and every one of us needs to gather signatures to qualify this initiative for the Nov. ballot.
3. CTA 2019 Annual Report
 - a. Link to report- <https://ctayearinreview2018-2019.org>.

Second General Assembly-1/26/2020

1. CTA Executive Director, Joe Boyd
 - a. **Schools and Communities First**- details of the initiative are crucial in combating the negative attacks our members and communities are hearing. The best ways for members to combat misinformation when gathering signatures is to educate ourselves on the details of the initiative using the resources at CTA.org/taxfairness
2. CTA Friends of Education Awards went to Assembly Members Patrick O'Donnell & Christy Smith for their work on passing AB 1506 & 1507 which require accountability from charter schools and allow local school boards more authority in granting or denying charters.

CTA Committee Report Highlights

Curriculum and Instruction

- NGSS Credentialing information: <http://bit.ly/NGSSCredentials>
- 4th-year math requirement vote pushed to 2022
- Ethnic Studies Teacher Focus groups: **Please let us know if you have been asked to participate in this focus group**

Credentials & Profesional Growth

- Teacher Quality/Credentials Subcommittee: Reviewed legislative proposal to create a Computer Science Credential and to address current teacher shortage
 - Examined the need, potential impact (positive and negative) on teacher recruitment
 - Proposed the uncoupling of Computer Science from STEM
 - Computer Science impacts all subjects - specialists need to be versed in supporting technology in all areas
- Policy Subcommittee: Review CTA policy for language concerning “virtual” supervision/observation of credential candidates by supervising faculty.
 - CTA does not have policy
 - More exploration to be done
- Explored the [Interactive Map on California Teacher Shortages from the Learning Policy Institute](#)
 - Data on district make up (teachers over 60, over 50, new hires, teachers with sub-standard credentials, etc.)
- SBAC update - CDE has created a new formula for test score reports to include a penalty if schools do not meet the 95% participation rate. This will affect scores of dashboard. This includes students who opt-out. This is because of the federal mandate of 95% participation.

School Safety

- SPED BILL- Looked at creating policy that identifies emergency procedures for students with Special Needs/IEPs. Possible parent feedback and or sign-off in IEP regarding which protocols would take place. Need more research on what is currently being done.
- Reform on Medi-Cal for students with IEPs and students who qualify- “Healthy California for All”
- Bill for excused absences for ABA services.
- March- bill coming up for parent notification of guns, mental health issues.
- Article in *Newsweek* on school shootings study conducted by the Secret Service shows the highest percentage of active shooters were students who had just come back from suspension. It also explores how we can do a better job of monitoring these students when they return from suspensions.

Political Involvement

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- Committee voted to recommend that CTA State Council approve an additional \$3 million from the CTA initiative fund to support our position on the 2020 ballot
 - PIC passed a support position on NBI 1/20-6; that CTA pursue amending CA ED Code 1006 (a) so educators can be eligible to run for County Office of Education in the counties where they reside.