

State Council Report

October 2021

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Kari Tubbs - PIC Political Involvement Committee

Kristine Farris- absent

Kristy Chao - Negotiations

Auren Belcher- Credentials and Professional Development

General Session

- Alex Padilla endorsed for US Senate and Tony Thurmond endorsed for re-election
- CTA President Toby Boyd spoke to the importance of unity and member engagement as state voucher initiatives seek to divert funds from public schools
- LGBTQ + Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship link [here](#); grant application training and workshop available to support educators interested in applying
- [CTA Human Rights Award nominations](#) deadline is Jan. 11, 2021. Awards will be presented at CTA's Equity and Human Rights Conference on Feb. 27, 2021.
- SBAC blueprint has fewer questions so testing time will be reduced
- CTA voted to authorize spending up to 5 million dollars from the initiative funds to support CTA positions on the 2022 General Election.
- California universal TK begins next year in 2022-2023 with a classroom ratio of 12:1; as of now, teachers must be a credentialed multiple subject educator.

Committee Notes-

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Credentials and Professional Development

- Teacher Credentialing Gov. Newsom also signed CTA-supported [SB 488](#) which makes substantive changes to the outdated and controversial Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) statute. CPD has worked for several years with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and education stakeholders to eliminate the RICA because of its negative impact on the teaching profession and there's no evidence it has improved reading literacy for students. This was a huge accomplishment for this committee.
- Upcoming - By 2025-2026 TK extends to 4 year olds, essentially creating universal Pre-K. There will be a statewide movement to create a separate PK-3 credential. We do not have ECE input at this time. They don't want to restrict current credentials, but want to recognize the specific knowledge.

Negotiations

- Gov. Newsom signed the CTA co-sponsored [AB 438](#) which revises provisions to the layoff of classified employees and provides opportunities for a hearing when a classified employee's services will not be required for the ensuing year due to lack of work or funds.
- Gov. Newsom signed CTA-supported [AB 237](#) which stops employers from disrupting the health benefits of striking workers
- Gov. Newsom signed CTA-supported [SB 270](#) which imposes liability on a public employer for not sharing new hire information with their union in accordance with timelines

CTA is organizing around two major challenges in 2022: voucher and anti-union ballot initiatives.

- Current voucher initiatives, if successful, will result in a seven billion dollar loss from public school funds annually
- Billionaire Tim Draper has filed an initiative that would ban collective bargaining for all public employees in California; this initiative is expected to make it to the 2022 ballot.

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- There are 2 Voucher Ballot Measures
- One gives state funding to religious and private schools allowing parents to take \$14,000 a year to put towards private education.
- The other is led by Fix California, a former Trump advisor. This initiative is similar to the first, giving parents control of state education money.
- In the event that both measures pass, the one with the most voted will be operative

Resources for Members

*We all share adding links to resources for members