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Message from the President

Thank you to all of our members who voted in the recent SDTA elections and to the 350+ members who responded to the Confidential Administrative Survey. The results of the survey have been shared with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and site reps are proceeding to share the results with site administrators. Our hope is, as it is every year we've done this survey, that we can work with management to identify areas for growth and identify possible solutions to improve conditions for teaching and learning in our District.

-Edith Salvatore

SDTA WELCOMES NEW REPS

The results are in from SDTA's annual elections. The Executive Officers – **President Edith Salvatore** (Sequoia), **Vice President Tania Kranzler** (Menlo-Atherton), **Secretary Cary Milia** (Carlmont), and **Treasurer Javier Galaviz** (Redwood) - were returned to office by the members for two year terms.

The sites voted for a mix of new and returning representatives.

Sequoia re-elected **Guadalupe Navarrete** and **Debolina Dutta** and welcome new representative **Nick Muys**. **Menlo-Atherton** grew to the point that they are entitled to an additional representative and they filled the three on-going positions and one new position by re-electing **Patrick Maier** and **Liane Strub** and electing first-time reps **Ana Ventura** and **Daryl Solomon**. **Redwood** elected **Christopher Beetley-Hagler** to his first term as a representative and **East Palo Alto Academy** elected veteran EPAA teacher **Caren McDonald**. At **Carlmont**, incumbents **Connie Dominguez** and **Katya Burton** were re-elected. There is one open position for which two members were "written in". **Woodside** re-elected SDTA's most veteran legislative council representative, **Rick De Francesco** and four members were "written in" for the two remaining open positions.

SDTA reps will be consulting with those members who were shown support by their colleagues to see if they are interested in pursuing a position, with the possibility of one-year appointments or elections early in the fall to fill those positions. There is also a vacant at-large position representing members at the

District Office and other programs (TRACE, Middle College, etc.). If you are interested in joining the legislative council to represent those members, please contact the office at sdta@sbcglobal.net.

CTA SCORES VICTORY IN VERGARA

The California Court of Appeal in Los Angeles on April 14 reversed the lower court's decision in Vergara v. State of California, and reaffirmed that California's system for attracting and retaining quality teachers is consistent with the state constitution. The unanimous appellate opinion is a stinging rebuke to Judge Rolf M. Treu's poorly-reasoned ruling, and to the allegations made and millions of dollars spent by wealthy anti-union "education reformers" to bypass voters, parents, and the legislature with harmful education policy changes. The reversal affirms the arguments of educators, civil rights groups, legal scholars and education policy experts that the state statutes affirming educator rights do not harm students.

"This is a great day for educators and, more importantly, for students," said CTA President Eric C. Heins. "Today's ruling reversing Treu's decision overwhelmingly underscores that the laws under attack have been good for public education and for kids, and that the plaintiffs failed to establish any violation of a student's constitutional rights. Stripping teachers of their ability to stand up for their students and robbing school districts of the tools they need to make sound employment decisions was a wrong-headed scheme developed by people with no education expertise and the appellate court justices saw that."

SUHS BOARD TO STUDY STUDENT STRESS APRIL 27TH

The Board of Trustees is holding a Study Session on Wednesday, April 27th at 5:30pm on the issue of student stress. Principals have been asked to recommend a parent, student, and teacher from each site to participate in the conversation. If you are interested in contributing to the discussion or hearing what people have to say, please consider attending the meeting.



You're Invited!

TGIF with SDTA



Come out and celebrate the work we've all
done this year



We'll bring some snacks
You bring some colleagues



Friday, May 6th 4pm-6pm

RWC Underground

2650 Broadway

Redwood City

(at El Camino, across from Sequoia)



<http://www.facebook.com/groups/MySDTA>

Your SDTA Site Reps:

Carlmont

Katya Burton
Connie Dominguez
Joseph Hill
Cary Milia*
Hai Nguyen
Genevieve Tep
Carolyn Wade*
Kelly Redmon

(communications)

Menlo-Atherton

Tim Bowler*
Manuel Delgado
Karina Escobar-Weaver
Tania Kranzler*
Patrick Maier
Mike Molieri
Liane Strub

Sequoia

Belén Álvarez-Iglesias
Debolina Dutta
Guadalupe Navarrete
Octavio Rodriguez
Edith Salvatore*
Jasmine Schimek
Dylan Shelley*
Kate Sheehan

Woodside

Adele Alvarez
Rick DeFrancesco
Greg Gruszynski*
Diana House
Alexandrina Pretto
Marian Welch
Felicia Yang
*bargaining team rep

Redwood

Javier Galaviz*
Mike Martin
Maureen Svenson
District Office
(available opening)
EPAA
Tamesha Wise