

# sdta **HOTLINE**

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## **Message from the President**

The 2015-16 school year has been a challenging one – nationally, public sector unions faced the possibility of crushing changes had the Supreme Court found against CTA in the Friedrichs case, to the state where CTA successfully defended teacher tenure and due process in the Vergara case, to our own district where construction, growing pains of new administration, and disputes over personal necessity leave, part-time leaves, and site concerns. While we have had successes, there are battles yet to be waged and it will take our collective strength to overcome our obstacles. The fall will find us back at the bargaining table and mobilizing to support continuing the Proposition 30 tax increases to support education and to elect legislators and a president who support students, education, and educators. So embrace your summer vacation and do whatever restorative activities will replenish your energy and your spirit so that we can come back together in the fall united, stronger, and ready for action.

*-Edith Salvatore*

## **UPDATE FROM NEGOTIATIONS**

SDTA and the District have met five times this Spring to exchange proposals and discuss priorities. While some areas of agreement have been found, there are still many big issues left to solidify, including personal necessity leaves, maternity and paternity leaves, hours, Special Ed caseloads, salary and other compensations. The two sides have set dates for the fall to continue the conversation and move toward an agreement. In the interim, we will begin the 2016-17 school year under the terms of our current contract with the same conditions and salary as this year.

## **TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?**

### **CHECK OUT THESE CTA MEMBER BENEFITS!**

As a CTA Member, you are eligible for a number of discounted services. You can find information about these at <http://cta.org> → MEMBER SERVICES → Member Benefits → Discounts and Travel. They include:

- Automobile Rental Discounts through Hertz, Alamo, and Enterprise
- Discounted entries to Theme Parks (including Disneyland, Legoland, Universal Studios, and Gilroy Gardens, among others)
- Discounted entries to Aquariums and Zoos (including Sea World San Diego and the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park)
- Discounted movie tickets at AMC and Regal Group theaters
- See's Candy One pound gift certificates for just \$17
- Travel Discounts at Choice Hotels and Red Roof Inn
- Magazine Subscription Discounts
- Discounted AT&T Wireless Service

Put your membership to work for you this summer by taking advantage of these offers!

## **SDTA T-SHIRTS**

Thank you to everyone who requested a new SDTA tshirt. If we had your size in stock, you should have received it earlier this month. Others will be coming and we will distribute them in the fall. If you didn't get a chance to order, don't worry – we will have extras in the fall! If you're a planner, mark your calendars to **plan to wear your SDTA green on Thursdays this Fall!**

## CTA ENDORSEMENTS

CTA has made the following endorsements for the June 7 election:

### State Assembly:

- District 14 – Mae Torlakson
- District 15 – Tony Thurmond
- District 16 – Cheryl Cook-Kallio
- District 17 – David Chiu
- District 18 – Rob Bonta
- District 19 – Philip Ting
- District 20 – Bill Quirk
- District 22 – Kevin Mullin
- District 24 – Vicki Veenker
- District 25 – Kansen Chu
- District 27 – Ash Kalra
- District 28 – Evan Low
- District 29 – Mark Stone

### State Senate:

- District 9 – Sandre Swanson
- District 11 – Jane Kim
- District 15 – Jim Beall
- District 17 – William Monning

### US Congress

- District 12 – Nancy Pelosi
- District 13 – Barbara Lee
- District 14 – Jackie Speier
- District 15 – Eric Swalwell
- District 17 – Michael Honda
- District 18 – Anna Eshoo

### US Senate

- Kamala Harris

## SDTA SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, SDTA offered four scholarships of \$500 each to students who qualified either as the child of one of our members or as a student in one of the Sequoia District schools. We received numerous applications from many wonderful applicants and ultimately the scholarship committee decided to award the scholarships to **Jordan Matthew Box** (son of SDTA member **Eric Wilmurt**), **Sonia Martin** (daughter of SDTA member **Catherine Wachtler**), **Olivia Lara** (Woodside High School student), and **Jennifer Cuevas** (Woodside High School student). All four are outstanding students with high academic achievements and leadership skills who have been involved in a variety of school and community activities. SDTA is pleased to be able to play a part in these students' continued educational journeys and wishes them, and all our Class of 2016 graduates, the best of luck in their futures.

### SDTA OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The SDTA Office will be closed from June 6 through August 2<sup>nd</sup> this summer, re-opening on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. That does not mean, however, that we are not available to you if concerns arise over the summer. You may email me at [sdta@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdta@sbcglobal.net) or our Executive Director, Halimah Mekki, at [hmekki@cta.org](mailto:hmekki@cta.org). If you prefer to call to speak with someone, our sister office in San Mateo will be open and available to connect you with answers at (650) 558-9690.

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