

## Generation Debt: Learn About Student Loan Forgiveness

The CTA Southeastern Service Center Council invites you to learn about student loan forgiveness and how to get your financial life in order. You are invited to a workshop **Thursday, February 4** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Downey High School Auditorium: 11040 Brookshire Ave.

If you have Stafford or Perkins loans and teach in a “high needs school” you may be eligible for student loan forgiveness. Consolidated debt may not be eligible for forgiveness. All of the TK-12 schools in the Montebello Unified School District meet the criteria for a “high needs school.” There is no cost to attend this workshop.

**RSVP to Marla Robinson at**

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This workshop is sponsored by CTA and NEA Members Benefits.

**Mark your calendar**

### Workshop Opportunities

Retiree Health Benefits.....	March 8
<i>3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA CC</i>	
Grievance Workshop.....	March 15
<i>5-7 p.m. at the MTA CC</i>	
<i>2 hours District Salary Credit - Dinner Provided</i>	
Teacher and the Law.....	April 26
<i>3:30-5:30p.m. at the MTA CC</i>	
<i>2 hours District Salary Credit</i>	
Building Rep Basics.....	May 17
<i>5-7 p.m. at the MTA CC</i>	
<i>2 hours District Salary Credit - Dinner Provided</i>	
School Site Safety.....	May 24
<i>3:30-5:30p.m. at the MTA CC</i>	
<i>2 hours District Salary Credit</i>	

## District Sponsors Demystifying CalSTRS Workshop for New Educators

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and the State Teachers’ Retirement System (STRS) will conduct a workshop **Wednesday, January 27** from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Board Room at District Office. This one-hour workshop introduces members to CalSTRS membership with a focus on the multiple benefits available. The primary audience for this workshop is those new to the profession. All are welcome, and no RSVP is necessary.

### Governor’s Budget Supports Public Schools in 2016-17

Governor Brown’s proposed budget increases funding for school districts by \$2.8 billion or 5.4% over this year. His budget proposes \$5.4 billion more in funding for 2016-17 than in 2015-2016.

Additionally the Governor proposes a \$1.2 billion one-time discretionary increase in funding to use at local discretion. This would be a \$200 per ADA.

The Governor’s January budget proposal is just the beginning of the budget process. The legislature will work toward coming to consensus in the coming months.

### Curriculum Leaders Connect with Parents on Common Core

The District and the Association are funding and training Common Core Café for Parents workshops throughout the year. MHS Mathematics Teacher Janice Shah is seen here speaking to a group of parents at Bell Gardens Elementary School last December. The trainings are partially funded by a grant from the California Teachers Association (CTA).

