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NEA Foundation Rewards Teaching Excellence

The NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence recognize, reward, and promote excellence in teaching and advocacy for the profession.

All members are eligible. Five awardees are selected for the *Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence* and receive **\$10,000** each. *The NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence,* selected from the five, receives **\$25,000** in cash and a personalized commemorative gift.



For more information contact Annette Barroso, abarroso@cta.org or visit <u>cta.org/nea-foundation-awards</u>. The deadline for applications is **Monday, February 8, 2021**.

The Law Gives Teachers the Final Word on Students' Grades

The California Education Code protects teachers' rights to grade students. When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of



the course and the determination of the pupil's grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final. § 49066: if a parent, student, or administrator challenges a grade the teacher has the right to defend the grade. An Association representative should always be present at such a challenge.

Annual Reorganization of the Board of Education

Liliana Magaña and Elizabeth Cabrera began their terms on the Board of Education Friday. The Board voted to continue with the same officers as this past year.

Marisol Madrigal Uribe pro	esident
Jennifer Gutierrez vice pro	esident
Alejandro Ramirez	clerk