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**Lobby for educational priorities at NEA.org "Legislative Action Center!"**

## Let's Eliminate the Social Security Offset

Many members have discovered that their retirement benefits will be less than planned on because of two provisions in federal law that reduce pension Social Security benefits if they are also receiving a public pension, such as STRS. These two laws are the Governmental Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Both CTA and NEA are working to eliminate these two provisions.

The House version of the Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82), which would repeal the GPO and the WEP has 140 bipartisan co-sponsors so far.

### Tell Congress to repeal these unfair laws!

Help NEA and CTA lobby the elimination of Write, call, or email your congress member! More information and links are available at NEA.org.

### Tell Congress to Listen to Educators

#### Regarding NCLB

The Elementary and Secondary Education ACT/No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is up for reauthorization this year. As Congress prepares to reexamine NCLB, educators must be at the forefront, sharing their real-life experiences with policymakers. Contact your Representatives and Senators as soon as possible with personal stories.

### Attend the CTA Special Ed Issues Workshop February 22

The CTA Southeastern Service Center Council is offering a Special Ed Workshop Thursday, February 22 from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Santa Fe Springs office. The topics will include:

- NCLB and the Impact on Special Ed
- IDEA Reauthorization
- Discipline & Teachers Rights



**Get Jazzed About Books!**  
Read Across America is Friday, March 2!

Read Across America is scheduled for Friday, March 2. Materials to aid in reading celebrations are available at CTA.org.

This year's honorary co-chairpersons are Raven-Symone and Rafael Lopez!

### Voluntary Transfer Date Is April 16

If you are considering a voluntary transfer from one site to another, you must complete the forms from Human Resources. Applications for the 2006-2007 school year are due **Monday, April 16**. (Article XIII, D.1.a.) A tentative vacancy list should be available through Human Resources no later than April 7.

### Involuntary Reassignment Due Date Is May 15

*Whenever possible*, principals must announce involuntary reassignments no later than **Tuesday, May 15**. If you have not heard you have been reassigned by May 16 you can assume that you will remain in your current assignment. Changes that cannot be controlled by the principal such as fluctuations in enrollment and alterations in the educational program could cause reassignments later in the year. (Article XIII, C2.a.)