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STRS Workshop Is March 5

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) will again conduct a workshop in the District describing services available to STRS members. The workshop will be held **Wednesday, March 5** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It will be held in the Board Room at District office.

Retiree Benefits Workshop March 11

The MTA Trust Fund and all retiree health benefits will be explained at the Retirement Benefits Workshop **Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room** at the District Office. The workshop will be presented by MUSD Risk Management and Sandy Eatchel from Allied Administrators. All those considering retiring in the next several years should attend this very informative workshop.

Early Retirement Deadline Is April 15

If you are planning on early retirement at the conclusion of the current school year, you must complete and return the option form to the certificated personnel office no later than **Tuesday, April 15**. You must be between 55 and 60 years of age and have 15 years of experience with the District to qualify for the option. You must resign from the district no later than May with an effective date no later than June 30. Call Human Resources at extension 2329 for more information.

Our Retirement Banquet Is June 13

The MTA Retirement Banquet is scheduled for **Friday, June 13**. Please contact the MTA office if you are planning to retire or know someone who is. We plan to make this an evening to remember!

Building Reps Gloria Cunningham (WIE) and Cathie Reed (JGE) discuss the Bargaining and Organizing reports at Council Tuesday, February 26. Representatives of the District Office made a report to Council regarding the Applied Technology Center planned for the Mines, Maple property in Montebello.



You Are Eligible for Automatic Insurance Protection

As a CTA/NEA member you are **automatically** eligible for **two** valuable insurance programs at **no additional cost**, the *CTA Death & Dismemberment Plan* and the *NEA DUES-TAB*. These plans are a **no-cost** insurance protection exclusively for CTA/NEA members. The CTA Death & Dismemberment Plan and the NEA DUES-TAB automatically cover you on September 1, following the date you become an eligible member, but even if you have just one year of credited membership, you will be eligible to receive a benefit.

You may name anyone as your designated beneficiary. Simply complete one beneficiary registration form for CTA and one for NEA. By doing so, you will not only ensure that your designated beneficiary is registered, you will have personal security that comes with your CTA membership.

The CTA Death & Dismemberment Plan is designed to provide a life insurance benefit that **increases** with each year of continuous CTA membership, until the maximum benefit is reached after ten (10) years. The NEA DUES-TAB maximum benefit is reached after five (5) years.

	CTA	NEA
<u>Death Benefit</u>	up to \$2,000	up to \$1000
<u>Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit</u>	\$10,000	\$5000
<u>Occupation/Leader Accidental Death Dismemberment</u>	\$50,000	\$50,000
<u>Unlawful Homicide - on the Job</u>	NA	\$150,000

For a complete description of the CTA Death and Dismemberment Plan, please refer to the booklet entitled "CTA Death & Dismemberment Plan and Summary Plan Description," a copy of which is provided to all CTA members. To register a beneficiary, please call the CTA Risk Management and Member Benefits Department at (650) 552-5200 or e-mail: member_benefits@cta.org. For a complete description of the NEA DUES-TAB or to register a beneficiary, please call the NEA Member Benefits Department at (800) 637-4636.