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## *MTA President Dianne GarciaStevens Is Honored with MCPTA Very Special Person Award*

The Montebello Council PTA honored President Dianne GarciaStevens at a banquet Friday, April 8 at the Quiet Cannon. She received a plaque which states that she is a "Very Special Person". The MCPTA thanked Dianne for her support of the organization and her, "belief that Montebello teachers and parents are partners in the success of the future of our children."



## **CTA Declares a State of Emergency Activities Scheduled for Week of May 9-13**

**Our objective is to force the Legislature to pass tax extensions to prevent deeper cuts to schools, colleges and other essential public services.** This objective is part of CTA's goal to promote and achieve tax fairness in California and protect funding for public education and essential social services.

A rally is scheduled for **Friday, May 13 at 3 p.m. in Pershing Square.** More information regarding travel options to and from the rally will be available on [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org). Chartered buses and public transportation information will be available.

California has the eighth-largest economy in the world, but continues to shortchange our students of the education they need and deserve. Even worse, some lawmakers hijacked state budget negotiations in order to block a June ballot public vote to extend tax revenues, which were part of Governor Brown's balanced budget plan.



**Camino Federal Credit Union employees Wear Red for Ed every Tuesday through May to show support for public education. Thank you!**

## **District MetLife Dental Plan Is Now-Self Insured**

The Insurance Committee along with the District has worked to transition the MetLife Dental Insurance into a self-insured plan. This means that the insurance pool funds never pay more than the actual dental costs of employees and eligible dependents.

One way to save out-of-pocket costs as well as costs to the plan is to go to preferred provider "in network" dentists. You can find preferred providers via [MetLife.com](http://MetLife.com) or [Montebelloteachers.org](http://Montebelloteachers.org). Simply go to the Insurance button and continue to the MetLife page.

You receive benefits whether or not you and/or each eligible dependent visit a participating dentist. But, when you visit a participating dentist, you have the opportunity to maximize your benefit plan with access to lower, out-of-pocket expenses. You do not have to pre-select a primary dentist nor do you need an ID card for referrals for specialty care.

The dental cap continues to be \$1750 per calendar year.

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# STATE OF EMERGENCY

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## California is in “A State of Emergency”

over the drastic cuts that are hurting our public schools, colleges and communities. The Legislature’s failure to pass a state budget that protects basic, essential services is destroying our future. That’s why CTA is asking educators, students and parents to participate in a series of bold actions during the week of May 9-13, including a sit-in at the State Capitol building in Sacramento and several regional rallies in order to pressure lawmakers to pass a budget that includes tax extensions to protect schools, colleges and essential public services from further cuts.

Why? California schools have been cut by \$18 BILLION in the last three years and we now face another \$4 billion. We may lose 20,000 teachers this year, on top of the 30,000 we’ve lost in the past two years. Our class sizes are outrageous. Our instruction days are being eliminated. Our counselors are disappearing. Our arts, our music, our PE, our athletic programs are gone or going. Our library books are deteriorating. We’ve given everything, and can’t give any more! It’s not fair to our students or to our communities. It’s time to take a stand. Use the **L.E.A.R.N.** acronym to plan your activities for the week.

## COME STAND WITH US!

## BE A PART OF THE MOVEMENT!

## L.E.A.R.N. and SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

- Monday, May 9 – Focus on **LEGISLATIVE** activities
- Tuesday, May 10 – Reach out to **EVERY** parent
- Wednesday, May 11 – Use Day of the Teacher to **APPRECIATE educators and ALLIES**
- Thursday, May 12 – Promote the need for **REVENUE** for schools and educate our members and the community about tax fairness
- Friday, May 13 – It’s **NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL**. Attend a rally in Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles, Fresno, Inland Empire, San Diego and Palm Springs to voice and support tax extensions to prevent deeper cuts.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO!

- Share this flier with your colleagues!
- Use posters, fliers, buttons and other resources to get everyone informed and on board!
- Use e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, etc. to reach as many people as possible!
- Find more information and resources at [www.castateofemergency.com](http://www.castateofemergency.com)