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## Let's Eliminate the Federal Social Security Offset in California



The Government Pension Offset (GPO) reduces public employees' Social Security spousal or survivor benefits by two-thirds of their public pension. The Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) reduces the earned Social Security benefit of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by Social Security. These federal laws financially damage thousands of retired California teachers each year.

A bi-partisan group of Senators have introduced the Social Security Fairness Act of 2013 (S. 896). This follows the Introduction of HR 1795 in the House of Representatives. These bills will be alive in Congress for the next year and a half, so there is time to mount a major push to educate legislators about how these offsets punish retirees.

## Revenue & Expense Hearing Is June 11

The Revenue and Expense Open Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at the MTA Conference Center during the Council meeting which begins at 3:30 p.m. Lorraine Richards (MHS) will discuss the District's finances.

## Budget Set For Adoption at Council

Treasurer Guillermo Sandoval (MHS) will present the second reading of the proposed 2013-2014 MTA budget at Council. The proposed budget is available on [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org). No increase in MTA dues is proposed.



Election Results	
<b>President</b>	
Julian De La Torre.....	304
*Lorraine Richards.....	340
<b>Vice President</b>	
Gilbert Gomez.....	217
*Margie Granado.....	410
<b>Treasurer</b>	
*Guillermo Sandoval.....	548
<b>Elementary Director</b>	
*Kathy Arriola.....	521
<b>Intermediate Director</b>	
Lorie Autenrieth.....	248
*Andy Shinn.....	308
<b>Support Staff Director</b>	
*Sandra De La Cruz.....	508
<b>CTA State Council Representative</b>	
**Julian De La Torre.....	273
**Maria Balderas.....	183
Ed Guzman.....	158
<b>Bylaws</b>	
Yes.....	509
No.....	47
*Indicates Elected	
** Indicates Run-Off	

## Rotary Club Honors Teacher of the Year Lydia Sedano

Each year the Rotary Club of Montebello honors a teacher from the District. This year Washington Elementary School teacher Lydia Sedano was honored at a luncheon May 22 held at the Quiet Cannon. Lydia was honored with a plaque, flowers, recognitions from legislators, and a \$300 check.

Lydia is pictured here with Rotary President Bill Nighswonger and daughters Alexis and Alissa.

**Congratulations Lydia!**



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**TOM TORLAKSON**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

May 15, 2013

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**DRAFT ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS FRAMEWORK FOR SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium has released its draft Accessibility and Accommodations Framework for public review and comment. The framework explains the conceptual underpinnings of the approach that is expected to be used by Smarter Balanced to address accessibility tools and accommodation options for students taking the Smarter Balanced assessments.

In developing this draft framework, Smarter Balanced consulted with nationally recognized experts on English learners and students with disabilities as well as staff from Smarter Balanced member states who specialize in the instruction and assessment of students who are English learners and students with disabilities. The framework is grounded in research and represents a significant effort to ensure accurate and valid measures of achievement and growth for all students, regardless of visual, auditory, linguistic, or physical needs.

Please encourage any colleagues who have experience instructing students who are English learners and/or students with disabilities to review and provide feedback on this important document. Consolidated feedback on behalf of organizations is especially encouraged. **Smarter Balanced will collect feedback on the framework through June 14, 2013**, and governing states are scheduled to vote on the framework this summer. Links to the framework and instructions for providing feedback are available on the California Department of Education (CDE) Smarter Balanced Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/access.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact the CDE Statewide Assessment Transition Office by phone at 916-445-8517 or by e-mail at [sbac@cde.ca.gov](mailto:sbac@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Deborah V.H. Sigman, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction  
District, School, and Innovation Branch

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cc: District Assessment Coordinators  
Regional Assessment Network Liaisons  
Smarter Balanced EDCO Liaisons  
Bilingual Coordinators Network  
Title III Directors  
SELPA Directors  
Special Education Administrators of County Offices