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CTA Continues to Protect Teachers Due Process Rights

President Lorraine Richards joined CTA President Dean Vogel at a Press Conference highlighting the Vergara Teacher Rights Court Case Thursday, February 20. President Vogel along with other speakers reported corporate special interests are trying to scapegoat the legislative process and strip teachers of the professional and due process rights they've had for more than 80 years.

Vergara v. State of California, aims to overturn due process protections for teachers. It began on January 27 and is ongoing - possibly for several more weeks. If upheld, it will make it harder to attract and retain quality teachers in our schools. The lawsuit alleges that California laws governing teacher dismissals, attainment of permanent status and layoffs are unconstitutional and should be eliminated. The allegations—which are baseless and meritless—circumvent input by local parents and educators through the legislative process. CTA and the California Federation of Teachers (CFT) got involved in this lawsuit to ensure all stakeholders have input in education policy decisions and to protect the rights of educators for the sake of the students they teach.

Late afternoon Thursday, February 20, the state filed a motion for judgment stating plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden. Court is in recess until March 4 when oral arguments on the motion will occur. If the judge denies the motion the case will likely begin March 5.



MTA Elections Are in May: Nominations Open March 18

The nominations for the Executive Committee and State Council will close at the Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 22**. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC. Eligible members may be nominated in one of three ways: (1) complete the petition posted on montebelloteachers.org, (2) nomination on the floor of Council, or (3) via the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee can be contacted through the MTA office.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Rey Vogel (MHS), Donna Drayman (EAI), and Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE).

More information regarding the offices can be found in the Bylaws. The MTA bylaws are available on our website at montebelloteachers.org.

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Nominations are open for:
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Elementary Director
 High School Director
 Adult Education Director
 CTA State Council & Alternate



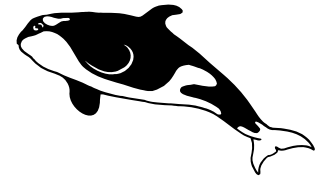
2014 SeaWorld Teacher Appreciation

In appreciation for all you do, SeaWorld San Diego is offering **Southern California credentialed K-12 school teachers** a FREE 2014 Fun Card. With a Fun Card you'll enjoy general admission through Dec. 31, 2014. Prepare to be immersed in a world beneath the waves at Explorer's Reef™ the newest attraction set to debut on March 21, 2014 as part of SeaWorld's 50th Celebration™. From exciting seasonal events, incredible rides, entertaining shows and amazing, one-of-a-kind animal interactions, a sea of surprises await you!

You must be a current and valid credentialed Southern California teacher living in zip codes 90000-93599. Your credential will be verified through the California's Commission on Teacher Credentialing website.

Obtaining your FREE 2014 Fun Card is easy— just fill out the registration form online. **Registration must occur online only by April 30, 2014. You must allow 7-10 business days for processing.** Once they have fully verified your credential we will email your 2014 Fun Card voucher to the email you provided during registration. Detailed instructions for redeeming your free 2014 Fun Card at SeaWorld San Diego will be included with your Fun Card voucher. **Your 2014 Fun Card redemption must occur by May 23, 2014.**

[Find the link on montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org)



montebelloteachers.org/SeaWorldFunCard.html

For the registration you will need to have your credential number. If you don't know your number you can look it up here:

Montebelloteachers.org/CTC_lookup.html

