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Members Donate 427 Books & Promote Reading

The Association sponsored a book drive this May. During this busy testing season, members purchased and donated 427 new books. The books were passed along to the Commerce Library for distribution to students living in the southern areas of the District. Primarily students from City of Commerce and Bell Gardens will receive the books.

You Must Complete Forms for CTA Voluntary Life and Disability Insurance if You Currently Have Payroll Deduction

The launch of the new partnership with The Standard, CTA's new carrier for its endorsed voluntary and district paid Life and Disability Plans, is getting closer with the September 1 effective date. If you have **voluntary payroll deduction for CTA Disability or Life Insurance**, the District requires a **complete new Payroll Deduction Authorization form**.

Bargaining Unit members who currently have payroll deduction for CTA Disability or Life Insurance (formerly from Unum) have been mailed the authorization form. The form is also available from a Building Rep, montebelloteachers.org, or the MTA office. You may also call The Standard directly at **(800) 522-0406**.

Please mail your form directly to The Standard. The address is on the form. The form was due May 1. At that time 206 of the 488 enrollees had returned the form. If the form is not returned immediately, coverage may be discontinued in August.

Important Information Regarding Elections

Election Chairperson Jan Hurtado (CalSafe) made the following Elections Report.

Thank you to all who helped count ballots at the May 15 Council meeting:

Susan Levine	BGI
Monica Miranda	BAE
Cesar Perez	BGI
Cecilia Ramirez	BGI
Rosie Rueda	MGE
Andy Shinn	BGI
Lizette Sukkar	BGI

Just a reminder, to make sure that everyone signs the sign up sheet for the ballots. If there are **more** ballots than signatures, all the ballots from that site are considered invalid and are **not** counted. Six sites had invalid ballots! Also ballot boxes need to be turned in by the designated time or they will not be counted.

Call For Presenters

CTA is seeking potential presenters for the **Good Teaching Conference** January 11-12 (Burlingame) and March 7-9 (Anaheim). The Presenter Application is available online at <http://www.regonline.com/132785>. CTA is also seeking presenters for the **Equity and Human Rights Conference** March 28-30 (Irvine). Mail proposals to CTA Conference Presentations PO Box 921 Burlingame, CA 94011-0921.

Attention Teachers: Your Grade Is Your Own

The Education Code guarantees a teacher's right to grade. Education Code Section 49066 states..."the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination... in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence shall be final." School administrators may not alter grade before, during, or after the final grading periods.

