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Many Spend Spring Break Gathering Signatures for Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012

California schools, colleges, public safety and other vital services can't afford any more state budget cuts. The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012 is a tax on millionaires that asks the richest Californians to pay their fair share to help fund public education and other essential services. It is the only funding initiative that takes care of the whole state by closing the budget deficit and paying down the state's wall of debt. It does not raise income taxes on the poor or middle class. If the initiative fails, public education is facing an additional \$5 billion in budget cuts next year.

The initiative proposes to temporarily increase income taxes on high-wage earners and the state sales tax. Income taxes would increase 3% on households earning more than \$1 million, increase 2% on households earning \$600,000-\$1,000,000, and increase 1% on households earning \$500,000-\$600,000. The state sales tax would increase a quarter of a cent. The sales tax hike expires in four years. The income tax increases expire in seven years. The measure is expected to generate about \$9 billion a year. The revenues from the new taxes will be placed into an education protection account to benefit pre-K-12 education and community colleges. In working through the general fund, money is also dedicated to the realignment that was signed into law this past legislative session and would be written into the constitution to benefit public safety and health services. The effect of paying for the realignment would be to free up additional money to be spent on higher education—CSU and UC—and other essential services. Without funding for the realignment, the state's budget deficit grows bigger and more budget cuts will have to be made.

The goal is to gather enough signatures to add this initiative to the November ballot. A broad coalitions of Californians are working to collect one million signatures.



Lorraine Richards (MHS) and Elizabeth Gasca (RPS) work diligently to make recommendations for revisions to the MTA Bylaws in order to comply with CTA policy.

Follow us on Facebook: Corporate Power Grab

You can catch up on all the breaking news on the *Corporate Power Grab* Initiative. Go to the California Teachers Association Facebook page and hit "like". You will receive the most relevant information on this initiative and how to **defeat** it! (This initiative was formally referred to as Paycheck Deception.)

IFT Grant Applications Due April 30

The CTA Institute for Teaching has established a competitive grant program for CTA members to support strength-based, teacher-driven reform for students and public schools. The grant application is open to individual CTA members and small teams of educators.

Detailed information can be found on the IFT website www.Teacherdrivenchange.org. Click on the "grant" link .

Competitive educator grants will be awarded in amounts up to **\$5000**. All applications must reflect innovative efforts to achieve school and district reform and be strength-based and teacher-driven.

Over, please...

The Montebello Teachers Association
Presents

Come Sail Away...

MTA Retirement Banquet 2012

Friday, June 1, 2012

Social 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

*The Reef Restaurant
Long Beach, CA*

\$55 per person before April 27

\$60 per person after April 27

Visit montbelloteachers.org to register and pay by credit card or PayPal!

Please return this portion to the MTA Office 918 W. Whittier Blvd., Montebello CA 90640 - or fax to (323) 722-0543. Please reserve _____ seats at \$55 per person if received before April 27 or \$60 per person if received after May 27 (check enclosed). Thank you.

Please indicate which retiree you would like to sit close to: _____

NOTE: There are 10 per table. While supplies last. Preference will be given to retirees and their guests. Please list names of guests:

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