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Orozco-Gonzalez Works With Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

In the summer of 2012, Gabriela P. Orozco Gonzalez (MGE) was selected to be part of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. Several thousand teachers in the nation applied, and she was one of the few (under 100) selected to participate. She was also one of only 4 teachers that worked on the third grade assessments nationally.

Because of Gabriela's participation, the District received a certificate of participation for having a teacher from the district selected as a writer.

After her work in the summer, Smarter Balanced recognized Gabriela as a strong writer and asked her to continue through the fall.

Gabriela has been recognized for her profound understanding of Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and has developed expert knowledge of CCSS in the last two years.



President Julian De La Torre and Gabriela P. Orozco-Gonzalez

Social Networking May Share Too Much Information

Bargaining Unit members are urged to consider anything posted on Facebook, Myspace, Twitter or other social media as "public." Even though you may think what you post on social media sites is "private", it may not be. If investigators (for any type of legal issue including workers compensation or other litigation) can't access the site because of privacy settings, companies may still have to provide confidential information in response to a subpoena. *Something to consider as you post.*

The Comprehensive Safe School Plan Is Due to District Office March 1

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan is a state initiated requirement that assures that all students have the right to attend campuses that are safe and secure. Action plans include focus on :

- 1) People & Programs
- 2) Physical Environment.

State legislation requires schools to adopt school safety plans by March 1, and further requires that these plans be reviewed by the school site council or school safety committee every year thereafter. The District Comprehensive School Safety Plan Template includes the MTA Site Safety Committee Survey.

Your Signature Verifies Attendance & Enrollment

Teachers are required to sign student attendance sheets. The attendance sheet and your verification is used to audit average daily attendance (ADA). The District is paid by the State based on the ADA in each classroom. Therefore, it is important that you verify accurate information.



If you have any questions regarding the students on your attendance sheet please contact your site principal prior to signing the document. If you require any further assistance, please contact a Building Rep at your site.

Revenue & Expense Open Hearing

Revenue and Expense Committee Chairperson Lorraine Richards (MHS) will conduct the Revenue and Expense Open Hearing **Tuesday, February 26** at 3:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Council meeting at the MTA Conference Center: 920 W. Whittier Blvd.

California Teachers Association and Southeastern Service Center Council Present...

Presented by

Norma Sanchez, Regional UniServ
Staff – Instruction & Professional
Development (IPD)



Common Core State Standards “Action” Group

Date: February 26, 2013

Time: 4:00–5:30pm

Place: CTA

11745 E. Telegraph Rd.,

Santa Fe Springs, CA

90670



Learn and Prepare for the New Assessments

Our first meeting was a success! Many came to learn and talk about the new California Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Our next session will focus on hands on experience with the new Smarter Balanced Assessments.

* Bring your laptop or ipad as we will be discussing and reviewing test items online. Also, bring any resources or handouts you would like to share. We can make copies for our next session.

As always, this group is open to all so bring a fellow educator!

- **RSVP by February 22nd to Tina Martinez at (562) 478-1346**
- **Refreshments will be served.**
- **Please be reminded that space is limited.**