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What Interests You?

MTA Conducts Leadership Survey

The Executive Committee is planning the 2015-2016 training calendar. The Association plans to be more inclusive of all members' interests. Therefore, we need your input.

The survey was sent to the email you submitted to MTA and is due no later than Tuesday, **February 17**. The questions are divided into four categories of trainings/activities: advocacy, professional development, community involvement, and social.



Social Networking May Share Too Much

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.*

CTA's Institute for Teaching Offers Grants for Educators

The CTA Institute for Teaching has established a competitive grant program for CTA members and chapters to support strength-based, teacher-driven reform for students and public schools. Applications for the initial round of mini-grants are due **Thursday, April 30** and will be open to individual CTA members and small teams of educators.

Applicants can download grant applications by going to the IFT website at teacherdrivenchange.org and clicking on the mini-grant link.

Competitive educator grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000.

All applications must reflect innovative efforts to achieve school and district reform and be strength-based and teacher-driven.

Applications must specify how the proposal would improve teaching and learning conditions, how student outcomes will be improved and what the overall benefit of the proposal is for educators.

Revenue & Expense Open Hearing

Revenue and Expense Committee Chairperson Fili Arizmendi (MOA) will conduct the Revenue and Expense Open Hearing **Tuesday, February 24** at 3:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Council meeting at the MTA Conference Center: 920 W. Whittier Blvd.

Getting ready for Read Across America!



It's one month away – the day when the entire nation is encouraged to celebrate books and the love of reading.

Last year CTA expanded Read Across America efforts to be more than one day and one book. Through the umbrella project, entitled California Reads, CTA is promoting teacher and librarian recommended books for all grade levels. Sponsored by NEA and CTA, RAA has proven to be a huge success over the years, with schools and families reading together and pledging to participate in activities that inspire kids of all ages to love books.

Save the date and join in the fun! As you finalize your plans for RAA, visit www.cta.org/raa to download bookmarks, posters, certificates (English and Spanish), and reading tips for parents (in eight languages). You can also download the entire year of book recommendations with the accelerated reading levels.

