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NEA RA Will Be in Washington DC this Summer

The National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (RA) will be in Washington DC **July 2 through July 7**. This is the annual meeting of all the state affiliates including the California Teachers Association (CTA).

The State Declaration of Candidacy Form is in the December-January issue of the California Educator (**Due to CTA Friday, January 29.**)

The local Declaration of Candidacy Form is on the reverse side of this *Contact*. (**Due to the MTA office Friday, January 29 no later than 3 p.m.**)

All members of the Association are eligible to submit Declarations. Both the Local and State Declaration forms are available at montbelloteachers.org.



No Child Left Behind Is Behind Us Every Student Succeeds Is the New Act

President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on December 10, 2015 one day after it was passed by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote in the U.S. Senate, which followed broad passage in the House. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is now a footnote in history.

According to our affiliate the National Education Association (NEA), ESSA is designed to strike the right balance between the respective roles of the federal, state and local governments in formulating education policy. The consensus over the past few years was that NCLB was heavily tilted toward the federal side but for the wrong reason. The original ESEA's emphasis on ensuring equity and opportunity was brushed aside while new rigid, punitive mandates dictated to states how students and schools should be evaluated. The Every Student Succeeds Act goes a long way in defanging NCLB's grinding test and punish regime, lays a path for new flexible pillars of school accountability and reaffirms the original law's vision that ZIP code shouldn't determine the quality of a child's education.

2016 Board of Ed. Reorganizes

Joanna Flores took the oath of office and became a member of the Board of Education Thursday, December 10. She was sworn in by Assembly member Cristina Garcia.

Ben Cardenas was voted president, Lani Cupchoy took the office of vice president, and Hector Chacon became clerk. Edgar Cisneros stepped down as president.

The next meeting of the BOE is Thursday, January 21. The meeting will be the next time that the board members will consider the Association's negotiations expectations.

2015 Tax Information



The amounts shown below are the annual amount for the calendar year 2015, which covers parts of two different membership years. Please note that your Trust Fund contribution is included since it is collected as "dues" under Category 1. Trust Fund contributions are also included with dues if you are a Category 2 employee and have elected to participate in the MTA Trust Fund.

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015 MEMBERS

Cat.	1	Full Time	\$ 2,520.00 (Fair Share \$1,020.00)
	2	30-60%	\$ 2,031.50 (w/o TF \$531.50)
	3	30% or less	\$ 287.52

NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2015

Cat.	1	Full Time	\$ 1,011.60 (Rep Fee \$411.60)
	2	30-60%	\$ 814.40 (w/o TF \$214.40)
	3	30% or less	\$ 115.92

Retired 6/2015 \$1,508.40 (Rep Fee \$608.40)

Political contributions are as follows: MTA-ABC \$25/year. FACT \$10/year, NEA-PAC \$10/year (or what you have designated).
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