**April Updates**

April #1, April 1, 2018

**Dear Members-**

I hope you had an amazing, relaxing, enjoyable Spring Break! Welcome Back!

*Attached please see the Press Release regarding our Compensation TA!*

**Today there is a Special Board Meeting at the Community Center @ 4pm where the Board will approve (or not) the contract with Leadership Associates to conduct the search for our new Superintendent**. Are you in favor of the search starting immediately or do you prefer an interim Supt. to step in until AFTER the Nov. 2018 School Board Election? The VP at Baldwin Park Ed. Association, Andrea Grimm (also a parent of kids that go to VV) recommended to me someone from her district that she believes would be a great choice as an interim. I believe she is going to come today to make that recommendation to the Board (if she can make it).

On April 2nd I had lunch with Board Member Reyna Diaz. We discussed all sorts of things for over 2 hrs. I sent Reyna an email this morning making sure I communicate exactly what she wants me to convey to you all. When she responds I will expand upon our meeting (in April Update #2).

I had my 2nd State Council this past weekend! I was tasked to work in the Assessment and Testing Committee drafting language for CTA's opposition of a bill which would give districts the ability to replace the 11th grade Smarter Balanced Test with the SAT or ACT or any other test of a district's choice. CTA's position is that the SBAC is the only standardized test that should be given in 11th grade- it's aligned to Common Core, allows for modifications and accommodations to ELLs and our SpEd students, adjusts for student level as the students are working and respects the privacy of our students only releasing scores to state-approved agencies and parents/guardians. They *do not* provide or sell the data to vendors, private schools, for-profit charters and college recruiters as the SAT, ACT and other tests do. There are many other issues that come with this bill which I will report back on at **Rep Council on Tues., April 17th** along with everything I learned at SC this weekend. Susan Reese (my Azusa State Council colleague) and I are also working on creating an easy to read State Council doc for all the members we represent in District L.

At the end of council we videotaped and sent a [message of solidarity](https://www.instagram.com/p/BhVfUaTnhw5/) to the KY & OK educators; encouraging them all to#standstrong. Please share your message of solidarity on any social media outlets you use.

I was *not*elected to be a District L delegate at the NEA RA this summer*BUT* thank you for voting for me if you did! If DUEA elects to send someone, we will hold an official election, if there is still time to do so.

**Events/Conferences:**

  -Rep. Council, Tuesday, April 17th  CTA Monrovia 3:30 pm ALL

 WELCOME

  -Thursday, April 19th Board Meeting: our compensation TA goes

 to the Board for approval

  -**Friday, April 20th is**[**National Day of Action Against Gun Violence**](https://networkforpubliceducation.org/national-day-action/)**supported by NEA, CTA and NPE. Please wear Orange. More info to come.**

  -Monrovia is doing a workshop on SpEd & Discipline at their Rep Council, **Thursday April 26th. 3:30pm, CTA-** food provided. **DUEA is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

**-**[**Political Academy**](https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2096805)**- April 26-29, Sacramento ANYONE INTERESTED? this GREAT training is for those of you that want to be involved in School Board Elections!**

**-The Summer Institute - July 29- August 2, 2018, UCLA-** This is an intense week of training for those of you interested in further training in union leadership - organizing, negotiating, grievance- excellent training for site reps, directors and those of you that want to be one.

**Enjoy your day members!   April update #2 to follow soon....**

**April Update Part 2**

**Dear Members-**

**The Board approved the contract with Leadership Associates at a Special Meeting to conduct the search for our new Superintendent, 3-2 (Reyes/Murray)**

Please come out May 2, from 3:30-5 pm at Westminster Gardens for an Open Forum.

Please consider attending the **Sp. Ed and Discipline** workshop this Thursday- CTA Monrovia- hosted by Monrovia Teacher's Association- food provided! 3:30 pm. rsvp on the google form i sent out.

**Friday is ECE Negotiations- everyone in shirts** to show solidarity! The District accepted CTE into our union so next year we start their contract negotiations.

 **Elections-** Cecelia sent out through district mail timelines and **officer election** info-- **Secretary, VP, HS Director, N. Director** all up this year! **Plus I need someone to run our elections**! I have to **re-run for State Council**so everyone will get those ballots soon- in district mail as we speak.

**At the last Board Meeting-  Our Compensation TA and Retirement Incentive Passed!**both5-0 vote. **now the District can officially start adding our raise to our pay as well as get out retro checks.**I will check with payroll to see how long that will take...

**School Board Election-** CSEA is working with us on the School Board Endorsement process. We are in the middle of getting our list of questions down to 10. Any takers to serve on the interview panel? We'll do the interviews in May for early endorsement. Miriam Perez, former Andres Duarte teacher, DUEA Organizing Team member, parent of a son at RO, Sp. Ed teacher in El Monte, introduced herself at our last Rep Council, she would like our endorsement. Jody Schultz, Beardslee parent, will be coming to May 17 Rep council to introduce herself. Current Board Member, Dr. Irene Murray has stated she would like the teacher's endorsement as well. I am hoping to get her to May Rep Council as well. The process is - once questions are finalized, we will send a letter to all candidates interested in our endorsement along with the questions so they can send them back to us ahead of time. An interview panel representing both CSEA and DUEA interviews them, ranks the candidates in order of recommendation to Rep Council. Rep Council will discuss at Sites, vote on who to endorse, if any, and then we will bring the information to membership to start getting membership assistance in the campaign.  The idea this year is for CSEA and DUEA to agree on the candidates and work together throughout the election season.

**Negotiations-** currently working on **itinerant language and stipends** and well as some bargaining advisories from CTA including MTSS.

**May 10th is our Teacher Social!** Morralito's Mexican Grill 1501 East Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010, 4-6 PM Evite went out yesterday, please rsvp!

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