



The Latest News



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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Latest News. This online newsletter is brought to you by the Second District VP of Communications and is meant to give you the latest and greatest news and information from around the Second District of the California State PTA, to access links go online to our website <http://sfpta.org/Newsletter.html> to download a pdf version.

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GET INVOLVED IN THE THANK A TEACHER TODAY CAMPAIGN!

Teachers make a lifetime of difference. This May, join a citywide movement to personally say "Thanks!" to our public school teachers.

The San Francisco Education Fund, along with Mayor Gavin Newsom and Superintendent Carlos Garcia, is leading a coalition of community-based organizations, civic groups, businesses, and media partners to promote the Thank A Teacher Today Campaign.

Visit www.ThankATeacherToday.org to send a free e-card to a San Francisco Unified School District teacher. While you're there, check out all the other ways you can thank teachers for all that they do on behalf of our city's young people. No matter what you decide to do, your gesture of thanks will mean so much to a teacher! Please join us!

WELCOME TO CALIFORNIA STATE PTA'S E-BYLAWS



A new, quicker way for you to revise and update your unit PTA/PTSA bylaws! We are beginning Phase Two of the e-Bylaws pilot testing. Our PTA is one of the districts and (if) you want to access the system, you must request a username and password by clicking on the ["Request a password"](#) button. Once you have your password, you can proceed directly to the ["Build e-Bylaws"](#) button.

INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW OFFICERS AND TRAINING

Saturday June 5, 2010, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

8:30 am Check in, continental breakfast provided

Ceremony begins 9:00am

PTA Management 10:00am — 11:00am

PTA TOOLKIT 11:30am — 12:30pm

Action items:

Tips and Advice about:

- *Meetings*
- *Transition and New Leaders*
- *Team Building and Volunteers*
- *Finance*
- *Running Your Unit*

Times and Events subject to change

REMEMBER, THE 2010–2011 PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM THEME IS



"Together We Can."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND DATA



<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/AudienceTracking/Registration.asp?>

TAKE ACTION NOW!



9 Million Reasons To Speak Up

Californians know: Cuts to education are not the answer!

Are you taking action to speak up for California's more than 9 million children? A California [Field Poll](#), released on March 24, shows that an overwhelming 79 percent of Californians oppose budget cuts to public schools. Similarly, those surveyed also strongly opposed cuts to health care programs, higher education, mental health programs, child care and public assistance for low income families.

We must let our legislators know that ongoing cuts to education and critical children and family services are not the solution to the budget crisis that we, as their constituents, want to see. For more information on how the Governor's proposed budget cuts would affect your school district or county, go to the California Budget Project (CBP) analyses at www.cbp.org.

Send a letter to the Governor and your legislators today to let them know that public education and critical children's services must be protected from further budget cuts. Use one of the sample letters below or write your own letter drawing on your personal views and experiences.

- Letter to Governor (state & local impact) from parents ([English](#)) ([en español](#))
- Letter to Governor (state impact only) from parents ([English](#)) ([en español](#))
- Letter to legislator (state & local impact) from parents ([English](#))
- Letter to legislator (state impact only) from parents ([English](#))

Another way to take action is to volunteer to help your PTA unit, council or district to organize a letter writing campaign. Here are some ideas to help you get started. [Letter campaign ideas](#)

MAY CALENDAR DATES

May/June

- ✓ **Start Summer Planning for Fall Membership Drive**
- ✓ **JUNE 5, 2010, SECOND DISTRICT SUMMER PTA TRAINING**
- ✓ **OCTOBER 16** Emerging Minority Leadership Conference, Ontario, CA Save the Date

PLEASE JOIN OUR 2NDDISTPTA GROUP TO LEARN

Please join our Group to learn, ask questions and advocate for our children. With more than one million members, California State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state dedicated to improving the well being of all children and youth. <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/2nddistpta>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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PTA LINKS

CONVENTION

Long Beach TBA 2011

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Camera-ready resources to use in your PTA publications and website.

PTA IN CALIFORNIA

Read the latest PTA news

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Covering legislative issues that affect California's children and youth

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE

Beaming news from California State PTA Commissions

SMARTS

Covering California State PTA's program to promote arts education