

HIGH DESERT SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL FACTS

What is the High Desert Service Center Council?

The High Desert Service Center Council is composed of 43 local chapters affiliated with the California Teachers Association and the National Education Association, representing more than 8,000 educators in Kern, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono and San Bernardino counties.

What is the Purpose of the High Desert Service Center Council?

1. Coordinate member participation in California Teachers Association activities.
2. Receive tasks from the CTA State Council of Education and offer information following study and discussion of professional issues.
3. Establish statewide channels of communication between CTA State Council committees or commissions and the membership; to act as an agency for CTA State Council committees or commissions to conduct hearings on current professional issues.
4. Develop Service Center objectives regarding programs and services.
5. Advise the Service Center/CTA staff on regional programs and service needs and to evaluate programs and services.
6. Provide a foundation for regional political activities and legislative contact programs.

Which chapters are served by the High Desert Service Center Council?

Hesperia RRC

Adelanto District TA	Mammoth EA
Apple Valley Unified TA	Mammoth ESP
Baker Valley TA	Mono COE EA
Barstow EA	Needles TA
Big Pine EA	Owens Valley TA
Bishop TA	Round Valley TA
Desert Area TA	Silver Valley EA
Eastern Sierra TA	Snowline TA
Helendale Professional TA	Southern Inyo TA
Hesperia TA	Trona Classified EA
Inyo County Assn. of Certificated Personnel	Trona TA
Inyo County TA	Victor Elementary TA
Lucerne Valley TA	Victor Valley TA

Lancaster RRC

Acton-Agua Dulce TA	Muroc EA
Antelope Valley TA	Palmdale Elementary TA
Eastside TA	TA of Lancaster
Gorman EA	Tehachapi Association of Teachers
Keppel Union TA	Rosamond TA
Lakes TA	Westside Union TA
Mojave FA	Wilsona TA

Community Colleges In Our Area

Antelope Valley College Barstow Community College Victor Valley College

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When does High Desert Service Center Council meet?

The 2019 scheduled meetings, listed below, are held on Saturday at 9:00 am:

January 11, 2020	Lancaster RRC
March 14, 2020	Hesperia RRC
May 16, 2020	Lancaster RRC

All CTA members are invited to attend Service Center Council meetings. The business portion of the meetings is targeted for CTA State Council representatives, association presidents and High Desert Service Center Council Steering Committee members.

Who are the Members of the High Desert Service Center Council Steering Committee?

Chair	Gina Whipple
Vice Chair	David Cuestas
Secretary	Beth Fehrs
Treasurer	Robert Walls
Area A Director	<i>Vacant</i>
Area B Director	David Cuestas
Area C Director	<i>Vacant</i>
Area D Director	Beth Fehrs
Minority-At-Large Director	Andrew Ramirez
Political Action Chair	Gordon Williamson
GLBT Chair	Robert Walls
Human Rights Chair	Tom Kerman
Elections Committee Chair	Dr. Maria Rangel
Women’s Issues Chair	Antonieta Somoza
CTA Board Director, District H	Jesse Aguilar
CTA Board Director, District O	Greg Abt
CTA Board Member-At-Large	Bill Freeman
NEA Director, District 8	Karen Schuett
ABC Committee Member, District H	Nora Allstedt
ABC Committee Member, District O	James Benanti
CTA Retired	Ken Kerr
Social Committee	Adeline Mendoza Blasingame

Need more information about the High Desert Service Center Council?

Contact any of the above committee members or call the Hesperia Regional Resource Center at 760-244-2239.





CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

CTA Go! MOBILE APP

The app is available from iTunes and the Google Play store or text CTAGO to 99000 to get the app. Use the app to access all the conference information, agenda, workshops, materials, maps and evaluations. Create your own personal conference calendar with CTA Go! by creating favorites on workshop sessions, preview session handouts and post directly to Facebook through the app.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

A meal ticket along with your badge *is required* for all meals. Meals will be served in the Cohiba 5. Please look at the daily agenda to see what times the meals will be served as they fluctuate based on the program schedule.

Registered non-participants will be provided a **guest meal ticket** that will allow them to dine with the group. Meal tickets may be purchased at the CTA Registration Desk.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND UNIVERSITY CREDIT

Each conference participant will receive 12 hours of professional growth. Professional growth hours will be awarded based on the number of workshops attended. Verification of professional growth hours will be sent to the participant within three weeks after the conference.

University Credit will be available through California State University, Chico. Conference participants are entitled to receive one unit of credit. To be eligible for university credit, you must attend all of the trainings, general sessions and the workshops.

You may register for units online at <http://rce.csuchico.edu/teachers/cta>. The cost for each unit is \$60.00. Checks or credit cards are accepted for payment. Verification of university credit will be available online three weeks after the conference.

DOOR PRIZES

Remember to turn in your name badge at the beginning of the Closing Session on Sunday to be eligible for the door prize drawing. You must be present to win.

EVALUATIONS

You will be able to provide direct feedback from every session you attend through the “Take the Survey” link found in each session description on CTA Go! mobile app. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Also, after the conference you will be sent an email with a link to complete the online evaluation related to the overall conference. Responses are anonymous and completely confidential. Expect the email shortly after the conference concludes.

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, November 22

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| 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm | CTA REGISTRATION DESK / EXHIBITS
LOCATION: | Cohiba 5 |
| 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm | DINNER BUFFET/RECEPTION AND DANCE
LOCATION: | Entrance through Cohiba 5 |

Saturday, November 23

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| 7:30 am - 5:00 pm | CTA REGISTRATION DESK / EXHIBITS
LOCATION: | Cohiba 5 |
| 7:30 am - 8:30 am | BREAKFAST BUFFET
LOCATION: | Entrance through Cohiba 5 |
| 8:30 am -10:00 am | WORKSHOP SESSIONS I
LOCATION: | See pages 6-11 |
| 10:00 am -10:15 am | COFFEE AND TEA BREAK
LOCATION: | Cohiba 5 |
| 10:15 am -11:45 am | WORKSHOP SESSIONS II
LOCATION: | See pages 6-11 |
| 12:00 pm -1:00 pm | LUNCH BUFFET AND GENERAL SESSION
LOCATION: | Entrance through Cohiba 5 |
| | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:
<i>Gina Whipple, High Desert Service Center Council Chairperson</i> | |
| | SPEAKER:
<i>Patricia Rucker, Lobbyist, California Teachers Association</i> | |
| 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm | WORKSHOP SESSIONS III
LOCATION: | See pages 6-11 |
| 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | WORKSHOP SESSIONS IV
LOCATION: | See pages 6-11 |

Dinner on Your Own

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, November 24

7:30 am -11:30 am	CTA REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK LOCATION:	Cohiba 5
7:30 am -8:30 am	COFFEE STATIONS LOCATION:	Cohiba 5
8:30 am -10:00 am	WORKSHOP SESSION V LOCATION:	See pages 6-11
10:15 am -11:45 am	BRUNCH BUFFET AND CLOSING GENERAL SESSION LOCATION:	Entrance through Cohiba 5
	PRESIDING: Gina Whipple, <i>High Desert Service Center Council Chairperson</i>	
	SPEAKER: E. Toby Boyd, <i>CTA President</i>	
	DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS: <i>Steering Committee Members</i>	
11:45 am-12:15 pm	CHAPTER TIME LOCATION:	Check with Local Leaders

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NAME BADGE TO THE
CLOSING GENERAL SESSION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS**

**You must be present to win door prizes
(drawn from name badges submitted before the closing General Session begins)**

WORKSHOPS-AT-A-GLANCE

	WORKSHOP #1 Saturday 8:30-10:00 am	WORKSHOP #2 Saturday 10:15-11:45 am	WORKSHOP #3 Saturday 1:15-2:45 pm	WORKSHOP #4 Saturday 3:00-4:30 pm	WORKSHOP #5 Sunday 8:30-10:00 am
Cohiba 3	Hashtags, Photos and Stories! Using Instagram and Twitter to Build Member Engagement & Advocate for Education	2019-2020 State Budget & LCFF	Social Emotional Learning: What is it and How to Embed it in Your Curriculum	School Site Councils	CTA Member Benefits: Get on the Right Track with CTA/NEA Member Benefits
Cohiba 4	Site Rep Training - Non-Contractual Violations & Complaints (Double Session)		School Safety for Teachers	CTA Legal & Legislative Update	Site Rep Training - Administrative Meetings
Montecristo 1	Cal-STRS: Financial Awareness Series- Save for Your Future Workshop	Cal-STRS: Financial Awareness Series- Plan for Your Future Workshop	Cal-STRS: Retirement Decisions	CTA Member Benefits: Journey to Financial Independence	Cal-STRS: Pension2 403(b)
Montecristo 2	We Have the Power!	Membership Committees: Engaging, Activating & Building and Organizing Culture in Your Local Chapter	Member Engagement	Organizing to Win at the Bargaining Table	Sex, Drugs & Rock-n-Roll
Montecristo 3	Contract Campaigns – Build Power & Win!	Build Relationships through Focused Listening	Budget Documents & Bargaining	Site Rep Training	Connection Circles: How to Establish A Restorative Circle Practice
Montecristo 4	Understanding the Interplay Between the Dashboard, Differentiated Assistance and State System of Support	Educators and the Law	Special Ed Issues: IEPs, Ed Code and Resources, Oh My!	Meditation for Educators	Meditation for Educators
Partagas 3	Treasurer Training	Alternatives to Student Discipline through Restorative Justice	Site Rep Training - Grievances	Organizing with Social Media	

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

2018-19 State Budget and LCFF

This presentation will include the details of the 2019-2020 state education budget including information to support bargaining.

Trainer: Angela Su
Room: Cohiba 3
Saturday: 10:15 – 11:45 am

Alternatives to Student Discipline through Restorative Justice

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports along with Restorative Practices, aim to keep students engaged in the classroom while addressing the root cause of misbehavior. Participants will discuss these alternatives to suspension and expulsion and examine the effectiveness of integrating PBIS and Restorative Practices together. PBIS shifts from punishing and excluding negative behavior, to teaching and rewarding positive behavior, while Restorative Practices encourage accountability, personal reflection and healing for students. As a whole-school model approach to discipline, these two programs can be used hand and hand to emphasize prevention and positive outcomes for student behaviors. Materials will be provided for all participants.

Trainers: Sonya Lowe and Phyllis Peters
Room: Partagas 1
Saturday: 10:15 – 11:45 am

Budget Documents and Bargaining

This session will review which essential budget documents are needed for bargaining prep, how to read these documents and how to use them to help educate our membership.

Trainers: Brian Breslin and Kathy Vanderzee
Room: Montecristo 3
Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Build Relationships through Focused Listening

Perhaps you thought listening was fairly straight forward. In this session, you will learn specific listening strategies to connect with colleagues, parents and students. Listening for intent helps to understand what people are saying and will help you build relationships. This interactive session will provide opportunities to reflect on and practice key aspects of listening. So come, talk and listen.

Trainers: Claudine Phillips
Room: Montecristo 3
Sunday: 10:15 – 11:45 am

CalSTRS: Financial Awareness Series – Plan for Your Future Workshop

Make sure your retirement income lasts for your lifetime. Many retirees underestimate their retirement income and expenses. Being realistic, planning ahead and learning ways to mitigate common obstacles, including inflation, rising health care costs and scams, can help you make sure your money lasts throughout your retirement.

Trainer: Ryan Johnson
Room: Monticristo 1
Saturday: 10:15 – 11:45 am

CalSTRS: Financial Awareness Series – Save for Your Future Workshop

Learn household budgeting tips and how to establish short-term and long-term savings goals. Create a spending plan that gives you control of your money, keeps you focused on your financial goals and helps you organize your expenses, debt and savings. Spend ninety minutes learning the strategies financial planners use to get their clients on the right financial path.

Trainer: Ryan Johnson
Room: Monticristo 1
Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

CalSTRS Pension2 403(b)

Looking for a smart way to save more money for your future? Your CalSTRS retirement benefits is a smart start but most likely you'll need additional savings to meet your retirement income goal. Pension2, CalSTRS' supplemental savings program, offers low-cost 403(b), 457(b), Roth 457(b) plans to help you close any gap between your benefit and your goal.

Trainer: Wade Mnich
Room: Monticristo 1
Sunday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

CalSTRS: Retirement Decisions

Are you counting down to retirement? Have a retirement date in mind? Then this interactive workshop is for you. You'll learn how to calculate your monthly retirement benefit. The options you can choose if you want to provide a lifetime monthly benefit to your survivors and how much each option would affect the amount of your monthly benefit. Our choices for receiving the funds in your Defined Benefit Supplement account, if you have one. How to complete your Service Retirement Application. What you need to know if you return to work in the California public school system in retirement.

Trainer: Wade Mnich
 Room: Montecristo 1
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

CTA Legal and Legislative Update

This session will focus on recent cases, both state and federal, current trends and legislative changes that affect an educator's workplace.

Trainer: York Chang
 Room: Cohiba 4
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

CTA Member Benefits: Get on the Right Track with CTA/NEA Member Benefits

All Aboard! Looking for new ways to connect with and engage your members? We'll share great strategies to add variety to your Association's member engagement and retention platforms. Member Benefits staff will provide you with the Leader Pocket Guide and tips on how to use Member Benefits in your member organizing strategies, from one-on-ones to chapter events. Also, to assist with building member appreciation and loyalty, an overview of all Member Benefits will be provided including information on the CTA Retirement Savings Plan. Join us and learn how to use one of the many tools available to you when demonstrating the value of membership.

Trainer: Henry Ahn
 Room: Cohiba 3
 Sunday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

CTA Member Benefits: Journey to Financial Independence

CTA wants you to have a long and happy retirement. CalSTRS and CalPERS will only cover about half of the income you will need in retirement so it is essential that you start a retirement savings plan to make up the difference. There are a lot of plans offered to educators but many have high fees or surrender charges. In this session, we will help you get started toward a financially secure retirement and avoid the suboptimal plans. We will review the basics of saving for retirement using easy-to-understand terms. We will share the new CTA Retirement Savings Plan which was designed for educators and the only plan endorsed by CTA. This plan has a simple "quick enrollment" process that makes saving for retirement easy.

Trainer: Henry Ahn
 Room: Montecristo 1
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Connection Circles: How to Establish a Restorative Circle Practice

Connection Circles are a relationship building process used to promote understanding, share experiences and build relationships. In this training the participants will learn how to use these circles to transform the culture and community of the school and classroom. Participants will learn types of Connection Circles, circle preparation, the essential elements of the circle and the use of combining the circle with other alternative discipline formats. Collectively, we will discover how to establish a circle and participate in small group discussions about the positive and negative uses of Restorative Circles. Materials will be provided for all participants.

Trainer: Phyllis Peters
 Room: Montecristo 3
 Sunday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Contract Campaigns – Build Power & Win!

Want to learn the concrete steps needed to build power around your members’ bargaining priorities? Want your members, students and communities to win with every bargain? Our session explores how a local union can transform traditional bargaining practices into a power-generating contract campaign that unites and organizes rank-and-file members, students and community members around bargaining priorities. Learn the different phases of a contract campaign and the actions you can take to succeed. You will leave our session with a bargaining roadmap to WIN!

Trainers: Chris Brunette and Christian Lozano
 Room: Montecristo 3
 Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Educators and the Law

This workshop will focus on the educator’s individual rights in the workplace including workplace safety, protected activities and Education Code rights.

Trainer: York Chang
 Room: Montecristo 4
 Saturday: 10:15 – 11:45 am

Hashtags, Photos and Stories! Using Instagram and Twitter To Build Member Engagement & Advocate for Education

Before you can use social media to address your goals, it helps to understand the tools. This fast-paced session dives into Twitter and Instagram, giving you the lingo and best practices, you need to know. Leave this session with a Rockstar Twitter and Instagram bio, learn how to create an Instagram story and use hashtags. It is recommended participants come to this session with the two apps already downloaded to a phone or tablet and accounts created in order to participate effectively.

Trainers: Samantha DeMuro and Terry Ng
 Room: Cohiba 3
 Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Meditation for Educators

Meditation helps us to create space between stimulus and how we respond. Research shows real benefits such as reduced stress and burnout for educators and improved memory, organizational skills, reading and math comprehension, social-emotional skills and overall well-being for our students. Come learn some of these techniques and start practicing today!

Trainer: Jonathan Mello
 Room: Montecristo 4
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm
 Sunday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Member Engagement

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled in the Janus Case and we can no longer collect Fair Share fees, what does it mean for your Association? It means that your Association must engage members and non-members in meaningful ways that will either keep them as members or have them become members. This workshop will give you concrete ways to engage your members throughout the year. While many see Janus as a catastrophe, those with a strong membership engagement plan will see it as an opportunity to not only maintain membership but build real power for your Association.

Trainers: Kelly Iwamoto and Arleigh Kidd
 Room: Monecristo 2
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Organizing to Win at the Bargaining Table

Does your local constantly find itself fighting the District for a decent raise? Are members sometimes apathetic and are the same people doing all the work for the Association? Has your local ever lamented that new leaders are needed but that no one is stepping up to the plate? Does the district treat your local like an equal partner or as the enemy? If your local is experiencing any of these issues, then this is the training for you. Find out how dynamic organizing can put your local on the path to not only winning at the bargaining table but can also build a strong and vibrant Association.

Trainer: Kelly Iwamoto and Arleigh Kidd
 Room: Monecristo 2
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Organizing with Social Media

Highlighting the best organizing actions and membership engagement using social media to drive member participation. This training takes real life examples of how local association chapters are using social media and mobile devices to reach both members and the public for the rapid and more efficient communications around a variety of issues, including advocacy, organizing and campaign. Learn how to use Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to engage, interact and connect with members. This is an interactive session where trainers and participants will share strategies, gadgets, apps, tools and resources.

Trainer: Christian Lozano
 Room: Partagas 1
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

School Safety for Teachers: Making Change Possible

Violence against teachers is a “national crisis” and yet, the issue is generally ignored or at least underreported. This has created widespread implications for school safety, the teaching profession and student learning. Focusing solely on student victimization to the exclusion of teacher victimization results in an inadequate representation of safety issues, which makes it more difficult to formulate effective solutions. You will leave this workshop with forward thinking ideas that your teachers association can implement to begin to address these issues.

Trainer: Dawn Murray and Susana Salas
 Room: Cohiba 4
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

School Site Councils

AB 716 (O’Donnell) was signed into law in August 2018. This law revises and recasts provisions related to School Site Councils, the Single Plan for Student Achievement and the Consolidated Application to account for implementation of the LCFF, LCAP and ESSA. This law also strengthens School Site Councils to play an integral role in empowering and engaging our schools and communities in the LCAP and ESSA process. Come find out how.

Trainer: Pat Rucker
 Room: Cohiba 3
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Sex, Drugs & Rock-n-Roll

What exactly are the causes for teacher dismissal? How does the discipline and dismissal process work? This session will offer guidance on the roles and rules when members face possible disciplinary action.

Trainer: Pat Rucker
 Room: Montecristo 2
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Site Rep Training

The training addresses the basic duties of the Site Rep and the roles and responsibilities every good rep must know and understand. A comprehensive look at the many hats the site rep wears including complaint procedures, grievances, contract enforcement, administrative conferences, fiduciary and legal responsibilities.

Trainer: Chris Brunette and Kathy Vanderzee
 Room: Montecristo 3
 Saturday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Site Rep Training – Administrative Meetings

Representing a member in an administrative meeting is one of the most fundamental functions of a union representative. This training will lay out an approach for assessing your member’s needs, deciding which issues you should handle as the site rep, president and/or grievance chair and which should go on to your CTA staff person or an attorney. You’ll also learn how to prepare for and participate in the administrative meeting as well as what points to cover in your follow up with your member. Expect some hands-on practice along with discussion. Yours is an important union responsibility.

Trainer: Susana Salas
 Room: Cohiba 4
 Sunday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Site Rep Training - Grievances

This session will provide a comprehensive understanding of the grievance process as it relates to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. In addition to defining, processing and filing a grievance, participants will also learn the specific roles of chapter reps, elected leaders and teachers, the arbitration process and the course of action determined through the Chapter’s Bylaws and Local Standing Rules.

Trainer: Sonya Lowe
 Room: Partagas 1
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Rep Training – Non-Contractual Violations & Complaints (Double Session)

Some of the most difficult challenges that impact our members are not violations of the contract—but they can make the workplace miserable. Learn what constitutes a complaint and how to successfully pursue an appropriate resolution.

Trainers: Dawn Murray
 Room: Cohiba 4
 Saturday: 8:30 – 11:45 am

Social Emotional Learning: What is it and how to embed it in your Curriculum?

Want to learn more about Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and how to embed it in your curriculum? This session will provide participants with practical strategies they can easily embed in the curriculum at any grade level. It also provides a safe place to explore real life scenarios teachers encounter every day in their professional life. So come and obtain strategies for creating an SEL classroom.

Trainer: Kim Goodman and Antonella Hartel
 Room: Cohiba 3
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Special Education Issues: IEPs, Ed Code and Resources, Oh My!

What are your legal responsibilities and rights as a member of the IEP team? What are some additional resources that can help with behavior? How can you advocate for the best placement possible for your students and get the training you need? This workshop will look at legal requirements, IEPs, resources and ways that general and special education teachers can work together to make the best of this changing landscape.

Trainer: Karen Taylor
 Room: Montecristo 4
 Saturday: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Treasurers Training for Smaller Locals

This session is designed to provide the duties and the responsibilities of the Treasurer in an interactive general session. Training topics include general responsibilities, business practices, budgeting post Janus, financial reporting, PERB requirements and filings with the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board. This training is geared towards smaller chapters.

Trainers: Scott Postel
 Room: Partagas 1
 Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

Understanding the Interplay between the Dashboard, Differentiated Assistance and State System of Support

Is your school and/or district in need of assistance because of your Dashboard data? This session will provide information about the new System of Support and Continuous Improvement Model our state has adopted. Come and learn about the state and local indicators making up the Dashboard and the new requirements for various levels of support. The Dashboard is designed to present data used to view school and district progress and areas of need. Come and review all of this information to help you in bargaining and understanding your school's progress.

Trainer: Norma Sanchez
 Room: Montecristo 4
 Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

We Have the Power!

Don't let a bad administrator bring down your site morale. Learn how to use membership data to increase site capacity to solve issues that are important to your members. Empower your members to advocate from themselves, their colleagues and their students.

Trainers: Liz Pinkava and Sarah Vigrass
 Room: Montecristo 2
 Saturday: 8:30 – 10:00 am

TRAINERS AND CONFERENCE STAFF		
Trainer / Conference Staff	Title	Office
Angela Su	Regional UniServ Staff – C40B	Norco Headquarters
Antonella Hartel	Teacher	Glendale Teachers Association
Arleigh Kidd	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Oxnard RRC
Brian Breslin	Regional UniServ Staff – C40B	Santa Fe Springs RRC
Brian Todd	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Hesperia RRC
Chris Brunette	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Lancaster RRC
Christian Lozano	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Monrovia RRC
Claudine Phillips	Teacher	United Teachers of Los Angeles
Dawn Murray	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Hesperia RRC
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Kathy Vanderzee	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Lancaster RRC
Kelly Iwamoto	Regional UniServ Staff – Option I	Puente Hills UniServ
Kim Goodman	Teacher	Glendale Teachers Association
Liz Pinkava	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Ontario RRC
Nessa Connor	Conference Program Specialist II – CCC	Burlingame Headquarters
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Pat Rucker	Legislative Advocate	Sacramento
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Scott Postel	Assistant Manager	Burlingame Headquarters
Sonya Lowe	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Santa Fe Springs RRC
Susana Salas	Regional UniServ Staff – RRC	Ontario RRC
Terry Ng	Multimedia Specialist	Burlingame Headquarters
Wade Mnich	Hybrid Specialist	CalSTRS
York Chang	Attorney	Santa Fe Springs Headquarters

Thank you for your time, coordination and preparation you have provided for this conference.



E. TOBY BOYD
CTA PRESIDENT

CTA President E. Toby Boyd is in his first term of office beginning June 26, 2019 through June 25, 2021. His background includes a host of leadership and advocacy roles during a 25-year teaching career in the Elk Grove Unified School District. He has been elected CTA president after two terms as CTA District E Governing Board member.

In that capacity, Boyd represented most of the CTA members in the counties of Sacramento and San Joaquin. He was involved with an educational program in Elk Grove Unified that assists under-represented children in a program called MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement). He held the positions of MESA advisor and elementary coordinator for Elk Grove and served as the liaison between the school district and the universities involved with the program.

As a strong site representative for the Elk Grove Educators Association, he gained the respect of his peers and was appointed as a bargaining team member. He served as a delegate to the CTA State Council of Education, the union's top governing body. At State Council, Boyd served on the Early Child Education Committee, where he was appointed the chair of the kindergarten subcommittee. He also held the position of member/minority-at-large on the CTA Association for a Better Citizenship Committee. Boyd is a 12-time delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly.

He was also involved with Preschool California, an organization seeking the implementation of universal access to preschool for all California's children. Boyd served as a spokesperson for the group at several functions and represented the organization's position on at least two state legislative panels. He was also appointed by former Assembly Speaker Karen Bass to the state's California Early Learning Quality Improvement System Advisory Committee, where he was the vice-chair of the Data Systems for Program Improvement and Research/Evaluation subcommittee. Boyd also served on the California Transitional Kindergarten Professional Learning Steering Committee.

Boyd is a graduate of California State University-Sacramento, where he earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in bilingual/cross-cultural studies and then earned his teaching credential from the Multi-Cultural/Multi-Lingual Center at the university.



**PATRICIA A. RUCKER, LOBBYIST
CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Patricia Rucker is a CTA Legislative Advocate in the areas of assessment and testing, teacher evaluation and academic freedom, career and technical education, higher education (community college) as well as federal issues such as Perkins V, ESSA, etc. She has also worked for CTA as an Instruction and Professional Development Consultant: serving as a resource to CTA staff in the development of chapter training programs; providing advice to leaders and members on problems involving CTA policy, member rights and organization and communications. Before her work with the California Teachers Association, Patricia Rucker taught elementary school and high school English in Sacramento, CA

- Teacher, Del Paso Heights School District, Sacramento, California
- Instructor, CSU Sacramento Academic Talent Search, Sacramento, California
- Lecturer, CSU Sacramento — School of Education, Sacramento, California
- Instructor, UC Davis School of Medicine SASP Project, Davis California Research consultant, Far West Labs, San Francisco, CA

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- California State Board of Education Member
- State Superintendent's P-16 Council - Member
- Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) Program Advisory Committee at the California

Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC). - Member

- Co-Convener — Coalition for Multiple Pathways Policy Workgroup Co-Convener
- Stakeholder CALTIDES Task Force — Member
- Connect Ed/Irvine Foundation Multiple Pathways Grant Development Panel - Member
- Center for Polytechnical Education (Chicago, IL) — Member of the Board
- CSU Academic Talent Search — Member of the Advisory Board

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HOSPITAL	Hotel Emergency Number
<p>Desert Springs Hospital 2075 E Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, 702-733-8800 24 Hour Emergency Services, 10 min away from hotel Driving Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right onto E Tropicana Ave, left onto Swenson St 2. Right onto E Flamingo Rd 	<p>For emergencies involving police, the fire department, or medical personnel while at The Tropicana, use the house phones if available to call “0” for the operator or 702-739-2396 for Security. If no house phone is immediately accessible, call 911 and have someone contact the front desk.</p> <p>The Tropicana Hotel 3801 Las Vegas Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89109 Telephone: 702-739-2396</p>
PHARMACIES	
<p>Walgreens, NE Corner Las Vegas @ MGM 3765 LV Blvd South, Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-739-9645 Store and pharmacy open 24 hours everyday 5 min away from hotel Driving Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take E Tropicana Ave 2. Right onto S Las Vegas Blvd 	<p>CVS Pharmacy 3758 South Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-262-9284 5 min away from hotel Store Hours: 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week Pharmacy Hours Mon-Fri: 8:30am – 8:30pm Sat: 9:00am - 6:00pm Sun: 10:00am - 6:00pm Driving Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take E Tropicana Ave 2. Right onto S Las Vegas Blvd
URGENT CARE	
<p>Concentra Las Vegas Polaris 5850 Polaris Ave, Suite100 Las Vegas, NV 89118 702- 739-9957 No appointment necessary, 8 min away from hotel 24 Hours, 7 Days a Week Driving Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Left onto E Tropicana Ave, left onto I 5 S Ramp 2. Exit Russell Road, left onto Century Park Dr 3. Arrive at Destination <p>Accepted Insurance: Aetna, AmeriPlan, Anthem, ChoiceCare, Cigna, First Health, Healthlink, Medicare, National PPO, PacifiCare, United Healthcare</p>	<p>MinuteClinic Inside CVS/pharmacy 3758 South Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-262-9284 No appointment necessary, 5 min away from hotel Clinic Hours Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 7:30pm Sat: 9:00am – 5:30pm Sun: 9:00am – 4:30pm Driving Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take E Tropicana Ave 2. Right onto S Las Vegas Blvd <p>Accepted Insurance: Aetna, AmeriPlan, Anthem, ChoiceCare, Cigna, First Health, Healthlink, Medicare, National PPO, PacifiCare, United Healthcare</p>
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