

Union Notes – February 3, 2021

Happy National School Counselors Week!

Protect Your Paycheck with Disability Insurance

Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) is the only CTA-endorsed provider of Disability and Life insurance.

If an eligible **injury, illness, pregnancy or childbirth** stops you from being able to do your job, Disability insurance can help. Here's how it works:

- Replaces up to 75% of your daily income
- Benefits start after you miss 7 consecutive workdays – including \$25 per workday on top of your fully-paid sick leave
- Covers any preexisting conditions once you are enrolled and work for 10 consecutive workdays

Learn more and apply online: standard.com/cta/sdea.

Join The Standard for a virtual open house this **Wednesday, February 3, between 4 - 5 p.m.** This will be an informal session where you can speak to a Benefits Consultant and learn more about the benefits available to you. [Register Here](#)

Upcoming CTA Conferences

2021 New Educator Weekend

CTA's New Educator Weekend will take place virtually from **Feb.18 - 21, 2021**. CTA is offering new and updated sessions, so if you attended in December, you can attend again for even more great content with a focus on energizing educators and preparing them to finish the year strong and motivated. **Registration is open now.** Check out the Agenda and register [here](#).

The New Educator Weekend has everything educators need to be successful in their first years of teaching with sessions and electives concentrating on:

- Online Classroom Management – Creating a Productive and Inspiring Learning Environment
- Best Practices for Distance Learning
- Technology Tips and Tricks
- Navigating IEP's and Special Education Areas in the Virtual World
- What I Wish I Knew My First Years of Teaching
- Working with Colleagues, Administration and Parents

- Common Core, State Standards, Assessments and Pedagogy
- Teaching is a Career
- Student Loan Forgiveness Programs for Educators

2021 Equity & Human Rights Conference

This virtual conference, being held **Feb. 24-27, 2021**, aims to provide all CTA members with a greater understanding of the issues of diversity, equity and social justice. #CTAEHR

The conference will capture the essence in CTA's Mission Statement: to ensure that the dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected and to secure a more equitable and democratic society. **Registration is open now**. Check out the Agenda and register [here](#).

The theme for 2021 will be Truth, Healing, Action. Our workshop sessions will cover those topics through the lens of the following categories:

- A. Socio-Economic Justice
- B. Equity in Special Education
- C. Equity Lens in Schools
- D. Racial Justice
- E. LGBTQ+ Movement

2021 Special Education Conference

The California Teachers Association's first ever Special Education Conference will be taking place virtually from **April 30 - May 2, 2021**. Registration will open approximately one month prior to the event. Check out the Agenda-At-A Glance [here](#).

Special guest speakers will include the President of CTA, Toby Boyd and Heather Calomese, Special Education Director for the CA Department of Education. For further questions please contact the conference staff at SpEdConf@cta.org.

University Credit and Professional Growth Hours

Registration for 2020-2021 CTA statewide conferences is free for all CTA members.

University Credit is available to members attending most CTA Statewide Conferences this year with the [University Credit Season Pass](#). As a benefit to members, CTA will cover the cost of enrollment with CSU Chico, normally \$75/unit. Professional Growth credit is also available at no cost to members.