

## **Union Notes - February 27, 2013**

### **SDEA Rep. Council Calls on CFO Stan Dobbs to Apologize**

SDEA's ARs and CRs voted unanimously at last week's Rep. Council to support a petition calling on CFO Stan Dobbs to publicly apologize for his misstatements about SDEA members in an interview with the Voice of San Diego. Dobbs falsely stated that the average SDUSD teacher salary is \$92,000 before benefits. He also stated that class size has no impact on student learning, and called fully paid family healthcare "ridiculous."

The petition supported by the Rep. Council not only demands Dobbs' apology, but calls on Dobbs and Superintendent Bill Kowba to ask the Voice of San Diego to accurately report teacher pay, and to explain the type of uniquely qualified employees who make up the education work force.

Members can sign the petition here: <http://www.dobbspetition.com>. Sign and share!

### **SDEA Rep. Council Opposes High Stakes Testing**

SDEA's ARs and CRs also voted unanimously to support a resolution opposing high stakes testing, joining thousands of teachers across the state and nation in speaking out about the negative impact that these tests have on our students and our educational programs. Members can download the resolution by clicking [HERE](#).

The vote to support this resolution comes on the heels of the Rep. Council's January vote to stand in solidarity with the teachers of Garfield High School in Seattle, WA, who have launched a national debate about the necessity of high stakes testing by collectively refusing to administer the MAP test to their students last month. The Rep. Council asked SDEA's Leadership to write a letter to the teachers at Garfield High School showing our support for their struggle. To read that letter, click [HERE](#). Learn more about this growing grassroots nationwide movement by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Have You Taken CTA's Strategic Planning Survey Yet?**

CTA has embarked on a strategic planning process, and wants to hear members' voices in creating that plan. The goal is to make sure CTA is positioned in the best possible way to help all students and educators succeed. If you haven't yet completed the 15-minute survey, you can do so here: <http://www.cta.org/ourfuture>.

## **Important March Contractual Deadlines Are Coming Up**

There are several important contractual deadlines coming up next month, including the March 1 deadlines to apply for the \$25,000 retirement incentive and to apply for a long-term leave of absence for the 2013-2014 school year. Click [HERE](#) to review all of the upcoming deadlines.

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