

## **Union Notes – November 5, 2013**

### **Efforts to Protect Class Size Continue through Contract Enforcement**

SDEA members spent the first two months of school **fighting to protect** K-3 class size, along with millions of dollars in District funding that could be lost due to class size increase penalties. While the School Board stuck to their plan of increasing K-3 class size and risking massive state penalties this year, our outreach to parents and the public pressure we created pushed the Board to **publicly commit** to supporting lower class sizes in the future.

With an eye toward carrying that momentum forward into winning stronger class size language at the bargaining table this spring, SDEA members must now begin enforcing the class size language that we currently have in place. Materials to enforce the current elementary class size contract language at the school site level will be distributed to ARs at the Nov. 13 SDEA Rep. Council meeting. Learn more **HERE** at the SDEA website to find out if you may be impacted, and see your AR to get involved!

### **CTA Scholarships Available to SDEA Members and Dependents**

CTA has a variety of scholarships available to members and their dependents. Applications are available online at [www.cta.org/scholarships](http://www.cta.org/scholarships). Applications must be submitted by Feb. 7, 2014. If necessary, hard copies are available from CTA Human Rights Department, c/o Janeya Dawson, (560) 552-5446.

### **CTA Statewide Survey on Special Education**

The State Council Special Education Committee created an online survey to collect information about special education and its impact on general educators and special educators. CTA will use this short online survey to collect information from all educators about how students with disabilities are being provided special education instruction. Click **HERE** to take the survey.