

THE ADVOCATE

SAN DIEGO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

This January 2024 SDEA Advocate issue includes the articles below.



Injustice Anywhere Is a Threat to Justice Everywhere

"This message was a guiding principle for the SDEA Board of Directors and SDEA Representative Council as we reflected on our role as educators and a union in relation to the crisis in Israel and Palestine. After thoughtful and respectful discussions that left us feeling heard and united in our common purpose of building a strong SDEA, we voted to join other unions in signing on to the US Labor Movement's Call for Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine."

[Find more on Letters in Solidarity here.](#)



Gov. Newsom Proposes Negligible Growth in K-12 Funding for 2024-2025, State Rainy Day Funds Utilized

"In the upcoming fiscal year, California faces a daunting \$40 billion deficit for 2024-2025, as revealed in Governor Newsom's recent budget proposal. Despite the overall budgetary challenges, Newsom suggests a minimal 0.76% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase in the state's K-12 funding, primarily funded by tapping into the state's rainy day funds."

[Find more on the K-12 Budget here.](#)



Politics in Action!

"To help ensure we maintain a pro-educator and pro-public education majority on the school board, SDEA is launching a Political Action Committee (PAC) Drive to help fund electoral campaigns for our endorsed candidates. All members are highly encouraged to donate to the SDEA PAC to prevent the rise of fringe groups from taking hold in our school district."

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