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Governor signs landmark charter school reform bills

SACRAMENTO—Governor Gavin Newsom signed two landmark charter school bills, CSEA-sponsored bill AB 1505 (O'Donnell) and AB 1507 (Smith), taking a major step forward in reforming California's decades-old charter school laws.



Over the past several years, public schools and students have suffered from loose guidelines that have allowed many of the state's 1,300-plus charter schools to seek approval from state-level bureaucrats rather than local school boards. Publicly-funded, privately-managed charter schools have also employed uncredentialed teachers and run afoul of the law, creating online schools with false information. AB 1505 addresses these issues and more in the first major update of the state's charter school law in decades.

"As classified employees, we often see the effects that charter schools have on our local districts and in our communities," said Association President Ben Valdepeña. "This legislation puts the needs of all California students first by holding charter schools more accountable."

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"I'm in for protection. We would be in bad shape if we had no one to protect us. I'm very proud to be a CSEA member."

Ken Anderson, Head Custodian

Vallejo Chapter 199

IMPORTANT DATES

CSEA Chapter Meeting

3rd Thursday of the Month

DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

@ 5:15 pm

October 17, 2019

November 21, 2019

December 19, 2019

CVUSD Board Meeting

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

D.O. Board Room @ 6:00 pm

November 5, 2019

November 19, 2019

December 3, 2019

Personnel Commission Meeting

District Office @ 5:00pm

2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each Month

Please refer to CVUSD website for

future dates.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE---

Hello! Hope everyone got through the 1st fire of the season. If you know someone who is a Chapter member and was effected by the fire, please contact us. They might be eligible for help from the CSEA Dorothy Bjork Disaster Relief Fund.

(A fund which is made up of donations by Union members, to be used for losses that our members may incur due to disasters.)



Negotiations for 2019-2020 Re-openers will begin at the end of this month. Our Initial Proposal has gone through the 610 Approval Process, and is ready for a hand vote at this month's meeting scheduled for **Thursday, October 17th at 5:15 pm at the District Office Boardroom.**

The **Initial Proposal Articles** are:

Article IX - Pay and Allowances

Article X - Health and Welfare Benefits

Article XXI - Professional Growth

We will also be accepting nominations for "3" positions on the Executive Board as the 2 year term is up. These positions include: 1st VP, Secretary, and Communications Officer. If you know someone that might be interested, please contact someone on the present E-Board.

We encourage ALL members to attend our monthly Chapter meetings to find out what is happening in our district, and to share what is happening with you i.e. whether it's concerns, issues, or ideas. There are plenty of ways to get involved in your Union, but you need to put yourself out there and commit!

The **September/October** months, we are collecting blankets and towels which will be donated to our Local Pet Shelters. Please bring these items to the chapter meeting. I am asking our Site Representatives, to please pass this information out to your sites. If you have any NEW Classified employees at your sites, please encourage them to join the Union. In this newsletter, there is a "click" to a fillable membership application. Have them fill it out, and forward to Debbie Hanna, our 2nd VP, at 750 Mitchell via interoffice mail. Together WE can achieve more.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces at the Chapter meeting.

Happy Halloween and enjoy your Fall Break in November.

Jo-Ann

Jo-Ann Flowers
CSEA Chapter 620
President





California Paraeducator Conference

Invest in yourself in 2020 with this professional development opportunity that is open to ALL

CSEA members. It's not just for Paraeducators! Classified School Employees serve students and this conference helps you do that even better.

March 17-19, 2020 - Ontario Convention Center,
Ontario - Only \$109!

Last year's conference sold out, so don't delay!
Register today!

Over 1,300 paraeducators and other classified school employees from all job classifications across the state attended the Paraeducator Conference last year, which is specifically designed to help you be effective with students. Attend workshops and listen to experts to gain knowledge about the latest in industry standards. Learn about the rights you have under the law, and network with other CSEA members.

As a classified school employee, you are students' confidant, health coach, safe person and more. The true effects of your influence are immeasurable. That's why this conference provides the knowledge and training you need. The success of the conference can be found in the respect, value and pride you feel in your profession and the confidence you gain when you take new knowledge and skills back to your district and the students you serve.

Did you Know?

Districts also see the value in the professional training that CSEA members receive at the conference; and many choose to provide funding and paid work days for their staff to attend. Check with your local CSEA chapter leadership and your employer's human resources department to find out what help might be available to you.

Register Now

Registration is \$109 per CSEA member. There are several funding sources school districts may use to

cover the costs. The pre-registration deadline is February 1. If you miss this deadline, the fee will be \$149 per person and you must register on-site (space will be subject to availability). Find out more and download the registration form at www.csea.com/paraconference.

Need help paying for the Paraeducator Conference? CSEA can help!

Member Reimbursement Subsidy grants up to \$250 are available to help pay for the registration fee and travel expenses. Applications accepted for this event from December 19, 2019 through February 2, 2020 only. Learn more and download the application at www.csea.com/education.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions? Email para@csea.com.



Going to school? CSEA can help!

\$1,000 Member Career Grants are awarded to members going to school on a part- or full-time basis. Don't delay, apply today! Find out more at www.csea.com/education. Login to the website to complete the online application. The application and required supporting documentation are due **October 31, 2019**.

Up to \$250 Member Reimbursement Subsidy Grants are awarded to members pursuing an opportunity that connects them to the union, the community, and/or to students, including attending the annual *CSEA Paraeducator Conference*. **Applications are accepted year-round.**

\$500 to \$4,000 Union Plus Scholarships are awarded to CSEA members, and their dependents each year. **Applications are due January 31st each year.** For eligibility requirements, applications, and information about all CSEA's scholarships and grant programs, go to www.csea.com/education

Charter Schools

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Governor Newsom said California now has the framework for charter schools and traditional schools to work together collaboratively.

"AB 1505 is the result of leaders from all sides of this issue coming together to enact a law that is meaningful, purposeful and, most importantly, prioritizes students and families from both traditional and charter schools across California," he said.

Under the new law, many of the problems that have plagued the authorizing process will be improved. The State Board of Education will no longer serve as a chartering authority. Local school boards will be given more discretion to deny charters based on the fiscal impact they pose to local districts and academic programs or services they offer that would substantially undermine those already offered by the district. Charter school petitions will also now have to identify how they will maintain a balance of special education and English language learning students that reflects the community.

Charter school teachers will now have to abide by the same safety, fingerprinting and credentialing requirements as traditional public school teachers. Also, a two-year moratorium will be imposed on new virtual and home school charters.

AB 1507

Governor Newsom also signed AB 1507 which removes a loophole in the law that has allowed charter schools to operate outside their authorizers' boundaries.

School districts have often been forced to accommodate charter schools they did not authorize themselves, but were approved by an outside district, often limiting resources and splitting student populations. AB 1507 will prevent an authorizer from approving a charter school not within their jurisdiction, but will keep a provision allowing charter schools not approved by a school district to appeal to county boards of education.

Learn more at www.csea.com/charters

CHAPTER MEETINGS HAVE MOVED TO DISTRICT BOARD ROOM

Since the recent updating done to 750 Mitchell, our chapter meetings have been moved to the District Office Board Room on Janss Road.



CVUSD EMPLOYEES

You are not automatically associated with CSEA Chapter 620. You must fill out an application to become a member of the union and by doing so, automatically become a Chapter member.

Values of Membership

- Enforce Fair contracts/Fair Wages
- Increases - without CSEA, the district can control wages
- Handles grievances
- Legal representation
- Training opportunities
- Assistance when in need
- Voting Rights - Every member has a voice

Please use link below for the application.

[New Member Application Form](#)

You can send your application via interoffice mail to: CSEA Mailbox, 750 Mitchell Road



Membership Benefits

See Benefits with links below:

Membership Benefits

CSEA *Member Benefits* DISCOUNTS

September 2019 - Prices Subject To Change
 *Where print at home links are not noted below, please call 1-866-487-2732 to place an order over the phone with a live representative.
 Log in to your CSEA account for print at home tickets. Don't have an account? Create one in 3 easy steps at www.csea.com/createaccount

Attraction	City	CSEA Price	Regular Price	Comments
THEME PARKS				
California's Great America	Santa Clara			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets. Tickets for Halloween Horror are now available through October.
Disneyland	Disneyland			Members can purchase discounted Tickets for the day 1 Trick 'n' Treat or Plan Hopper tickets. Go to www.csea.com/fun or call (855) 2ET-3343.
Gilroy Gardens	Gilroy			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Knott's Berry Farm	Stearns Park			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Knott's Scary Farm	Stearns Park			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Legoland - 2 Day	Carlsbad			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Legoland Hopper - 2 Day	Carlsbad			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Magic Mountain	Valencia			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom	Vallejo			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.
SeaWorld	San Diego	\$87.00 A	\$93.00 A/C	Single City tickets. Expir 12/31/19
		\$83.00 C		Child Ages 3 - 9
Universal Studios Hollywood	Prices Vary (depending on Date of Booking)			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets. Tickets for Halloween Horror Nights are now available through October.
AQUARIUMS & ZOOS				
Aquarium of the Bay	San Francisco			Visit www.csea.com/fun to purchase discounted tickets.

Please note that the CSEA Online Store is not currently compatible with Internet Explorer. Please use a compatible browser to purchase tickets, such as Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari.



Halloween events at Scary Savings!

Purchase your tickets TODAY!

Go to www.csea.com/halloween and log in to your CSEA account to see all the haunting attractions and to purchase your discounted tickets. (*Don't have an account? See details at the bottom of this email for information on how to create your login.*)

Knott's Scary Farm

Knott's Scary Farm is the largest and most haunting Halloween experience in Southern California. The park features nine haunted mazes, four scare zones, three live shows, and more than 1,000 horrifying creatures lurking in the fog and hiding in every corner of the park. NOT recommended for children under 13. **Save up to \$41 select nights starting September 19th through November 2nd.**

Knott's Spooky Farm*

Brick or Treat Party Nights at LEGOLAND California Resort are back! Don't miss live entertainment and new shows, character meet and greets and even treat stations. Be sure to come dressed up and enter the costume contest for a chance to win a special prize. **The entire park is open after dark every Saturday in October. Purchase tickets with CSEA and save!**

Include Brick-or-Treat on your ticket purchase for only \$20 at check out.

SeaWorld's Halloween Spooktacular Weekends*

Halloween Spooktacular is one of San Diego's biggest fall festivals. Get in the spooky spirit, join delightful Halloween dance parties and let the little ones trick or treat throughout the park in a safe, family-friendly environment. ***ADMISSION INCLUDED WITH GENERAL TICKET. Spooktacular takes place every Saturday and Sunday starting September 21st through October 27th. Purchase now and save \$24.99!**

Six Flags Magic Mountain

Fright Fest offers terrifying haunted mazes, roaming zombies, creepy shows, and the scariest clowns on the planet. There is a Trick or Treat Trail and Halloween Crafts for little monsters. ***ADMISSION INCLUDED WITH GENERAL TICKET. Beat front gate prices and save up to \$37 on admission, or save \$33 and Dine with the Dead!** *Maze passes are required for entrance into mazes and may be purchased separately through Six Flags Magic Mountain. **Select days now through November 3rd.**

Universal Studios Hollywood's Halloween Horror Nights

Save up to \$40 on select nights, tickets as low as \$62/night, select nights. Purchase tickets early to receive the best pricing. Special this year, save \$20 when you buy a September Pass and get entry for all 11 nights! Prices and products are subject to change.

Find these and more frightening ticket options at www.csea.com/halloween.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ACCESSING YOUR CSEA MEMBER BENEFITS ONLINE:

For information about all your consumer benefits as a CSEA member, visit www.csea.com/benefits. A user account is required to access CSEA Member Benefits. Create a user account in three easy steps at www.csea.com/createaccount. You will need your member ID number to create an account or to reset your Username and/or Password. Your ID number is: 8789. Please do not use Internet Explorer as a browser. Our website is not compatible with Internet Explorer. Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox work best with our website. For additional questions or assistance, call CSEA Member Benefits at (866) 487-2732.

DEDUCTIONS	CURRENT
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Dues	
CSEA Ch 620 Dues	3.00
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→ equal to 1.5% of salary

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