

## July 27, 2023 – Thursday Thoughts



### California Public Records Act (CPRA) Request

We just wanted to make sure that as many eyes saw this as possible:

The district shared that it has received its annual California Public Records Act (CPRA) request from an organization called [Transparent California](#). (Please see [the memo from the district](#) for details.)

That said, most importantly related to the memo and highlighted below is the part of the memo that states:

**If you have a security-related concern and the release of your name may place you in danger, your information may be removed from the data submission.** Please note that you will be required to have a current court document on file with the district in order to make a redaction request. If you have safety-related concerns over the release of your information, please respond by **Monday July 31st**.

### Year-Round ILT News

Last year, when ILT PD occurred in August, (during the year-round calendar), we negotiated provisions for year-round folks that:

1. Required the district to record the presentations
2. Did not require year-round teachers to attend in-person presentations and made it so they could view the recorded presentations at their discretion within the district's timeline.
3. Year-round teachers would fill out a form indicating that they had viewed the trainings and would be paid the \$300/day negotiated rate accordingly.
4. The teachers can meet as a team at their discretion after the trainings have been completed by all individuals.

Unfortunately, this year the agreement is on temporary hold because the district has attached the agreement to the stipulation that year-round teachers can only view the recorded presentations if they cannot secure a substitute. This restriction was not part of the original language and we are working to strike this stipulation. We will let you know where it goes.

### Enrollment

We have another Enrollment Team meeting this Friday. As it stands right now, because of successful advocacy, Park and Eldridge are reconciled (meaning that there are no anticipated changes to staffing.) East Ave is still being monitored. We will let you know what occurs.

### Send Your Letter on ED Medicaid Consent Before August 1<sup>st</sup>!

We received the below urgent request from ALCOSTA:

"We need your help right away.

The Department of Education recently published a [proposed rule](#) to help improve the school Medicaid program and reduce red tape and administrative barriers for schools and families. The proposed rule amends the IDEA Part B regulations to remove the requirement for public agencies to obtain parental consent prior to accessing, for the first time, a child's public benefits or insurance (e.g., Medicaid, CHIP) to provide or pay for required IDEA Part B services. As there are no comparable consent requirements prior to accessing public benefits for children without disabilities, the removal of this consent requirement would align public benefits consent requirements for children with disabilities to those for children without disabilities and ensure equal treatment of both groups of children.

We know that Medicaid-coverable services provided to students in school settings significantly improves key health and educational outcomes among these students. That is why it is important for us to work to eliminate barriers that enable schools to bill Medicaid for school-based services. **This should be a no brainer but unfortunately, we just learned and right-wing groups have**

started opposition campaigns to attack the revisions and pressure the Department to withdraw their changes.

For these reasons, we need to share our support of the proposed regulation to ensure this rule can be finalized and go into effect.

We have provided [a template letter \(please download the document, then make edits\)](#) to be submitted [directly to the Department of Education through regulations.gov](#).

**Comments must be submitted by August 1, 2023. Please use the template letter and the link above and submit yours to the Department today and share it with every educator you know!**

If you have questions, please contact [dbilal@nea.org](mailto:dbilal@nea.org) Daaiyah Bilal-Threats, Sr Director, Education Policy and Implementation Center (EPIC).”

### **New Teacher Orientation**

There is a New Teacher Orientation on August 3rd. It is a time for the HEA Board members and the Membership Committee members to shine, brag about the union's offerings and accomplishments and welcome/recruit new teachers into the union! Thus far, the New Teacher Orientation and the recruitment efforts have resulted in maintaining a strong union membership both in number and voice!



### **Provident Credit Union \$2500 Teacher Appreciation Giveaway**

Since 1950, Provident Credit Union has served the needs of CTA, and in honor of all California teachers, Provident will be hosting a \$2,500 giveaway for all CTA members residing in California. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **CTA Bulletin**

Please see attached [CTA Bulletin](#) with information about gains for public education in State budget, National Board Certification information, upcoming conferences, and more!

### **California Casualty Update**

Please see the attached [update for California Casualty policyholders](#).

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Stand Up! Stand Strong! Stand Together!**



- **HUSD School Board Meeting – Wednesday, 8/23/23 @ 6:30pm**