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READY TO VOTE? DON'T MISS ELECTION DAY ON JUNE 5TH!

On June 5th, voters may elect a new state superintendent of public instruction (SPI) to oversee California's public schools, which educate our 6.2 million K-12 students. Both AEA and CTA are recommending TONY THURMOND for SPI. Tom Torlakson is terming out.

The challenges facing our schools are many: California has nearly 60 percent of its students living in poverty, has 1.3 million English learners, and is 46th in the nation in per-pupil spending. President Trump's plan to defund public schools by putting federal dollars into vouchers and for-profit charter schools sets the stakes even higher in this election (CTA, 2018).



Assemblymember Tony Thurmond is a former Richmond City Council member and former West Contra Costa Unified school board member. He is a democrat and currently one of our assembly members and based out of Oakland representing District 15.

Tony's opponents include Marshall Tuck (pro charter schools plus he's a fan of Villaraigosa's views) Steven Ireland, Lily Ploski and others. We support TONY because he supports public schools, addressing absenteeism, supporting parents and community, including bilingual education. Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, 6/5.

BENEFITS: OPEN ENROLLMENT

We hope that you will consider our various HMO, PPO and Kaiser plans during Open Enrollment. During this time, May 23 through June 8th, you will be able to:

- Change your medical, dental, and vision plans
- Add or delete eligible dependents
- Find out more information regarding flexible spending and health savings accounts from American Fidelity. Representatives will be at the D.O. June 4 and June 7 (8am - 4pm) to provide information regarding the various options.

>Remember: if you do nothing your coverage will remain the same.

Contact Julie Bautista for more information jbautista@auhdschools.org or Cindy Dorman cdorman@auhdschools.org or call X6610



SUMMER PD

According to Aida there are several summer professional development opportunities.

Summer Curricular Camps: During June and August summer curricular camps are available to particular curricular groups who have a new or significantly revised courses of study. Participants will be paid at the Summer Institute Rate (\$225). Teachers may select to "count" two days of summer curricular camps as their "Optional PD Days Per Diem Rate". Following are 2018 Curricular Camps:

- Human and Social Development
- Science: The Living Earth, Chemistry in the Earth System
- Social Studies: World History and US History
- Math - TBD, should there be a new textbook adoption, curricular camp will be available

Teachers teaching the above mentioned courses may sign up for the summer camp by completing Aida's form: [AUHSD Summer Curricular Camps Sign Up Form](#). Sign Ups are due Friday, June 1.

Summer Institute Is being offered: August 13, 14, 15 and is available to all certificated staff members. Participants will be paid at the Summer Institute Rate (\$225) per day.

To sign up, please make sure to review the attached program and complete this form: [Summer Institute 2018 Sign Up Form](#). Sign ups are due Friday, June 1.

AUHSD Optional PD days (Per Diem): Is being offered: June 13 through June 29, August 6 through August 10 and is available to certificated staff for up to 2 days of Optional PD during the Summer of 2018 and be compensated at the per diem rate.

To participate staff will need to submit a proposal for the work to be done during these two days. We ask

that work is collaborative, however if that is not possible, staff will still be able to participate.

To sign up, please complete this form: [AUHSD Professional Development Proposal Form - Summer 2018](#). Sign ups are due Wed., June 6.

If you have any questions about these additional summer PD days please see your site administrator or email aglimme@auhsdschools.org.

RECORDING IN CLASS

We wanted to remind everyone that no teacher can legally be recorded in their classrooms/teaching unless s/he gives her permission. Recording includes audio and video recordings. If you catch a student recording without permission, you should write them up on a referral (it's illegal). Also - please be sure to review 504 plans and IEP's thoroughly to make sure this is not an accommodation. We recently found this in a 504 plan and had the site remove that as an accommodation and re-write the 504 plan. Here's the ed code that states this:

51512.

The Legislature finds that the use by any person, including a pupil, of any electronic listening or **recording** device in any classroom of the elementary and secondary schools without the prior consent of the teacher and the principal of the school given to promote an educational purpose disrupts and impairs the teaching process and discipline in the elementary and secondary schools, and such use is prohibited. Any person, other than a pupil, who willfully violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any pupil violating this section shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Also going into next year, think about what your classroom cell phone policy should be. Some teachers allow students to have and use cell phones in class; others do not. Whatever your preference, make your expectations crystal clear in the policies so that students are not taking advantage of you and their media skills.