

aea Newsletter

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VOTING SEASON IS HERE!

We find ourselves less than 1 month away from an important election day, Tuesday, November 6th. We had a great teacher turnout for the primary races and your campaign energy was appreciated. Let's keep up that enthusiasm and get Tony Thurmond elected to be the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Gavin Newsom into the Governor's seat, local favorite Bob Hockett to the AUHSD School Board and Cheryl Hanson to Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools.

AEA Recommends:



Thurmond for Superintendent for

Public Instruction! Assemblyman (D - Richmond) and former social worker, Tony Thurmond's lifetime of commitment to at-risk youth and public education makes him the best choice to lead the state's school system. He supports adequate funding, community schools, and attracting and retaining quality educators (CTA, 2018).



Newsom for Governor!

Former S.F. Mayor and current Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom is a proven advocate for our students, public schools and colleges. He knows that educational

excellence does not come from Sacramento, but from the daily devotion of those on education's front lines (CTA, 2018).



Robert Hockett
Photo: Cathy Tyson

Hockett for AUSHD School Board!

Bob Hockett is the current President of the AUSHD Board of Directors. He has spent the last 4 years on our board and has worked tirelessly to support teachers, programs and students. He appreciates AEA's official endorsement and would like us to know that "spread[ing] the word verbally and through emails is my primary campaign strategy" and he looks forward to serving 4 more years on our board. Lori would like to remind us that even though Bob is the incumbent he is not a shoe-in for this seat. There are 4 people running for 3 seats.



Hanson for County Superintendent of

Schools! Cheryl Hanson is a current Mt. Diablo School Board Trustee and former middle and high school teacher, vice principal, principal and administrator at the COE. Her dynamic leadership makes her an excellent choice for CCC Superintendent.

For more candidate information go to to the CTA Website campaign2018cta.org/meet-your-candidates

WHY AEA SUPPORTS TONY

Tony Thurmond

Thurmond has always kept California's kids as his top priority when serving as a state Assembly member, school board trustee and city councilman. While on the West Contra Costa Unified School District board, he oversaw truancy prevention programs, supported school-based mental health programs, and launched a program to teach entrepreneurial skills to disadvantaged students. Thurmond was inspired to become a social worker to help at-risk kids and is now running for state superintendent to fight for all students and educators. Thurmond brings millions to students. He passed legislation to provide millions of dollars to school districts to keep kids in school and out of the criminal justice system, fought for money to make sure all California youth in foster have the opportunity to go to college, and increased funding for early education programs. Thurmond fights for teachers' rights and is committed to ending the teacher shortage. He believes in supporting educators instead of blaming them – giving them the compensation, resources and tools necessary for them to succeed. "If we make these investments, young people will dream about becoming teachers in communities that are historically underserved and perhaps even return to their own communities one day to teach and become role models." Thurmond supports transparency and accountability for all public schools, including privately run charter schools. With more than 1,200 charter schools operating in California, he does not believe we should increase the number of charters in the state. He believes charters should only be authorized by locally elected school boards.

<https://campaign2018cta.org/spi/>

Marshall Tuck

Tuck has a record of letting down the students that need support, not punishment. As former chief of the failed Partnership for Los Angeles Schools (PLAS), Tuck received a vote of no confidence from the teachers in several PLAS schools. He also eliminated Ethnic Studies and Dual Immersion programs from the communities who needed them most. Tuck is bankrolled by billionaires. Wall Street billionaires are committed to spending \$15 million to elect Tuck because he supports a corporate takeover of public schools that would allow out-of-state for-profit companies to run California public schools with taxpayer money. He has received money from the same people who support Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. Tuck shares Betsy DeVos' destructive agenda. He supports evaluating teachers based on test scores, wants to eliminate educator due process rights and supports extending the probationary period to five years or more. Electing Tuck is the top priority of groups whose mission is to scapegoat teachers, weaken their rights, undermine their secure retirement, and even eliminate teachers' unions. Tuck supports the expansion of unregulated charter schools at the expense of our neighborhood public schools. He's beholden to the corporate billionaires funding his campaign whose agenda is to divert taxpayer dollars from California's neighborhood public schools to fund privately-managed charter schools, without accountability or transparency to parents and