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School Board Candidates

There are thirteen (13) candidates running for four (4) positions on the SBCUSD school board. The election will take place on November 8, 2011. SBTAs Rep Council voted to endorse the following school board candidates:

Margaret Hill

Lynda Savage - incumbent

Juan Lopez

Sharon "Bobbie" Perong

School board elections are very important to SBTAs, as the elected school board members make decisions that directly impact our salary, benefits and the work that we do with students. The SBTAs PAGE Committee will be working very hard and diligently to ensure that our endorsed candidates will be elected. However, they will be asking for your help. They plan on conducting phone banking, mail writing sessions and precinct walking. Your site reps will be asking you to volunteer for the work in this campaign.

Pending Ballot Initiatives

There are three (3) ballot initiatives that have been submitted for the June 2012 primary election. These initiatives would limit public employees' rights and pensions. The first one would eliminate collective bargaining rights for public employees. The second one would increase income taxes on pension income for public employees. The third would increase the minimum retirement age to 65. At this time, these initiatives are in the process of gathering signatures to qualify for the ballot - they need 807,615 signatures by February 3, 2012. At this time, we are asking you to discourage all family members and friends from signing onto these initiatives.

Many of the attacks on public employees across the nation have come from strong financing from the Koch Brothers. They have been successful in Wisconsin and other states. The Koch Brothers produce Georgia-Pacific products. SBTAs Rep Council encourages all members to boycott these products. By boycotting these products, we could hurt the financing that has been associated with these harmful initiatives.

Delta Dental Insurance

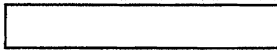
If you have Delta Dental PPO for your dental insurance, you should be aware that there was a change in coverage. This change allowed the district to offer the dental benefit with no raise in cost. Your coverage is the same IF you use a Delta Dental Network dentist. Even if your dentist accepts Delta Dental, they may not be on the Network. If your dentist is not on the Network, then a deductible and/or co-pays may be billed to you. This information was sent to all employees within the open enrollment package. At the benefits committee meetings, where this had been discussed, the SBTAs committee members stressed the importance of educating the employees of this change. Unfortunately, this had not been done.

To find a Network dentist, you can go to this website: www.deltadentalins.com, click 'Find a Dentist', click 'Delta Dental PPO' and enter California. Then you can either enter your city/zip to get a list of dentists or type in your dentist's last name to see if they are on the Network.

VOTING FOR CALSTRS Board

On about October 1st, you will receive a letter (see sample below) with the word VOTE! across the top. This letter is coming from VR Elections Services hired by CTA to conduct this election. You can vote by mail, telephone, or online. If you experience difficulty casting your vote or need a replacement mailer, then you can e-mail the help desk at custserv@vres.us or call toll-free 1-800-218-4026, Monday - Friday, 6:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Pacific Time. Please submit your ballot prior to the deadline - October 31, 2011.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!



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SBTA is strongly encouraging each of you to take the 5 minutes needed to cast your vote. CTA has endorsed the following incumbent candidates who have served the members of CTA diligently for the past several years in protecting your retirement:

Dana Dillon
Harry Keiley