



# Community College Association News From the Front

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INFORMATION

## Survey Finds Voters Want More Local Support for Schools

A new poll by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California finds that a 59% of Californians like their local schools, 59% say schools in poorer economic areas are not as good as schools in the more affluent neighborhoods, and 53% believe local governments are not providing enough support for local public schools.



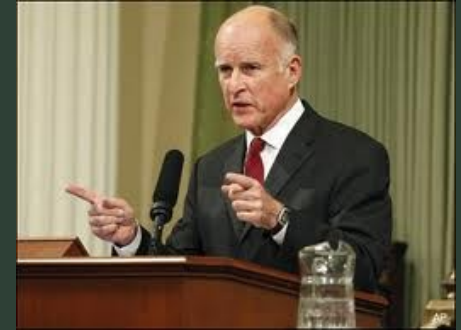
CCA Executive Board  
2010-2011

## PAY ATTENTION TO RIF NOTICES!

The state budget disaster is also causing local college districts to issue Reduction in Force notices before the March 15, 2011 deadline. Many districts are submitting two budget plans: one that assumes the state revenues are extended and another that details potential cuts should the revenue extensions fail.

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER  
BEFORE THE DISTRICT  
ISSUES YOU A RIF NOTICE  
IN ORDER FOR CCA/CTA  
TO DEFEND YOU!**

The CTA Legal department will again assist chapters and all full-time faculty members who receive a RIF notice.



## Governor's Balanced Budget Plan Prevents Deeper Cuts to: Public Education, Public Safety, and Other Essential Services

Upon approval of the CCA Board, CCA is partnering with CTA to work with lawmakers to approve Governor Brown's proposed state budget plan that mixes \$12.5 billion in budget cuts with a five year extension of four temporary taxes to stop even deeper cuts to public education and other services. Governor Brown has called for a special election in June.

According to the state's Legislative Analyst, if the temporary taxes are not extended, K-12 schools and community colleges would face another \$5.2 billion in cuts. The Legislative Analyst also clarified such reduction would include doubling of community college fees, elimination of all sports in community colleges, and reducing the number of CalGrants available to low-income students.



IS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE MONTH



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## MERGER UPDATE



After three years of merger discussions, it looks like it is about to progress to having input from the CCA Board and local chapter members.

The NEA (National Education Association), AFT (American Federation of Teachers), CTA, CFT, CCA, and CCC have agreed to allow both sides to inform and ask input regarding the potential merger between CCA and CCC.

There will be no additional fees necessary from CCA members to the CCA dues, CTA dues, and the NEA dues structure. In fact, year three of the merger would provide for a reduction in the dues paid by CCA members.

CCA members will be required to join the AFL-CIO labor groups. Please ask for a date and time for the merger discussion presentation to be provided to your local chapter for your members.



## CCA State Budget Priorities Program 2011-1012

### Community Colleges Owing Dues 60 Days Or Older

Two Community College Association Chapters are behind in the dues owed to CTA.

Here Are the colleges and the amount owing as of October 4, 2010.

**Mendocino CC PT**  
**\$15,834**  
**Since Mar 2010**

**Coast CC Assn**  
**\$15,960**  
**Since May 2009**



CCA clarified the following items as part of their positions regarding the 2011-2012 State Budget.

- 1.) CCA/CTA opposes any 2010-2011 midyear cuts to the current budget.
- 2.) CCA/CTA believes that the provisions of the 2011-2012 State Budget must not be waived by the Legislature as it pertains to Proposition 98 (the minimum guarantee funding) regarding the apportionment of the 89/11 split.
- 3.) CCA/CTA believes that the provisions of the 2011-2012 State Budget must protect funds for matriculation, the Academic Senate, and Cal Grants.
- 4.) CCA/CTA believes that the provisions of the 2011-2012 State Budget must protect funds for historically underrepresented groups, such as but not limited to, Extended Opportunity Program Services, Puente, and Disabled Student Program services.
- 5.) CCA/CTA believes the community college student fees restrict access and are contrary to the Mission of California's Community Colleges which stipulates that students must be protected from any increase in student fees. CTA is opposed to the proposed \$10 fee increase per unit to community college courses.
- 6.) CCA/CTA believes that the 2011-2012 State Budget must continue the State's historical contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) and to the Public Employees; Retirement System (CalPERS). Both CalSTRS and CalPERS must continue as a defend benefit plan rather than a defend contribution plan, and must not become a two-tiered system. The State's CalSTRS and CalPERS contributions must not encroach upon Proposition 98 funding.
- 7.) CCA/CTA believes that the provisions of the 2011-2012 State Budget must maintain funds for part-time faculty compensation, office hours, and health insurance.
- 8.) CCA/CTA believes that the provisions of the 2011-2012 State Budget must maintain funds established for parity for part-time faculty compensation to be spent specifically on part-time faculty.



## Upcoming Events!

- **CCA Board Meeting**  
Friday March 11th – Saturday, March 12th  
at CCA Headquarters  
4100 Truxel Rd. , Sacramento CA 95834
- **CCA Spring Conference**  
Friday, April ,15th thru Sunday, April 17th, 2011  
Hyatt Hotel, Newport Beach , CA



### CCA Supports Other States - Right To Have Collective Bargaining

CCA and CTA are putting together a plan to support state affiliates who are being attacked across the country on public education, public employees and union rights. Legislation is pending in four states: Wisconsin, Tennessee, Idaho, and Indiana that would end or curtail collective bargaining for public school educators.

CCA President Ron Norton Reel participated in the solidarity march at the State Capitol on February 22, 2011.



BSL Academy

### Professional Development

The purpose of Building Strong Locals Academy is to educate members to serve effectively at the local chapter level.

Congratulations to all the Members of the BSL Academy that graduated at the 2011 CCA Winter Conference!

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### Negotiations

Long Beach College Full-time Community College voted to ratify the contract. The new contract maintained salary protections, and designated the specific plan modifications.

### Training

Mt. San Jacinto College leadership and members had training regarding rights and responsibilities, identifying what is a grievance, and concluded with a round table discussion regarding issues of concern by the local chapter.

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