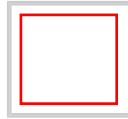


President's Monthly Message (archived)

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In the year ahead of us lie at least two possibilities. There is the possibility envisioned by our governor, a possible future where we will lose the fight of our lives and teaching across the state will be diminished. However, there is also the possibility for great things. We have it in our power to beat this governor. In order to win this fight, we need to have passion. Although we have challenges before us, we also have community college educators who have talents in every area imaginable, and we need to harness those talents and energy.

We saw what passion, energy and talent can do in the marches of May 25, 2005. Here, we came together unified in the goal of maintaining what we have and beating this governor. The huge protest rallies in Sacramento and Los Angeles were sponsored by the Alliance for a Better California (www.allianceforabettercal.org), which includes CTA and represents nearly 2 million teachers, firefighters, nurses, health care workers, community groups, senior citizen organizations and many others. Following are some of the main elements of those protests:

These groups have joined together to oppose Governor Schwarzenegger's wasteful \$80 million special election for his special interest friends.

Governor Schwarzenegger has broken his promises to the people of California and is pushing an agenda that is out of sync with the real cares and concerns of everyday Californians.

He borrowed \$2 billion from our public schools with the promise to pay it back and give schools their fair share of any additional state revenues. Revenues are up, and he's refusing to restore the money.

He promised to protect Proposition 98, but is now pushing a budget initiative that would gut the law approved by voters to guarantee minimum funding to our schools.

He said he wouldn't take special interest money, but he has raised more money than any governor in history, outpacing Gray Davis by a landslide!

These are some of the major elements of the fight. CCA has the passion for that fight. One of the most important things that I, as the president, can do for you is to communicate our needs and challenges. This will be done for individuals and our community of educators.

On the first day of every month, there will be a new President's Message. This message will communicate what we have accomplished, and what we need to do.

Also, every Friday, I will email a simple weekly update. This will be sent to the board and the chapter presidents who will be encouraged to increase the circulation by forwarding it to local members.

During my tenure, I will remain positive in my communications with you. The fight that we are in has the possibility of saving or ruining California's education. I promise to be there for that fight. Please join me.



Pictured with CCA President, Carolyn Inmon is NEA President Reg Weaver.
"Don't sit down" Reg Weaver!

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