



News

From the Front

CCA President, Ron Norton Reel

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CCA/CTA/NEA Budget Cuts Hurt Hotline To Continue Through the Summer!

Only **You** can make **Your** voice heard in Sacramento. A recent Field Research Corporation Poll found that the vast majority of Californians (71%) oppose cuts to higher education as a way of balancing the state budget.

Call **1-888-268-4334** which will connect you to the CCA/CTA/NEA Budget Cuts Hurt Hotline.

If you call from your home/landline, you will be automatically connected to your Assembly Person or State Senator. If the connection router cannot read your number, or if you call from a cell phone, it will ask you to enter your zip code and then it will connect you. Identify yourself as a constituent as well as a

WE MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OF LETTING OUR LEGISLATORS KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION!



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State Budget Progress

The State Budget is taking shape. Both the State Assembly and Senate have published their recommended Community College budget augmentation. Both sub-committees restored additional funds over the May Revise offered by the Governor.

Finalization of the Budget will be closely examined by CCA/CTA and we will provide input each step of the way. If you wish to compare the Governor's May Revise budget and the proposals from the State Assembly and Senate, go to www.cbpc.org.

CCA/CTA Legislation Responsible for Tax Backfill Guarantee for Community Colleges

"92 million dollar shortage discovered"

Because of CCA/CTA Legislation AB 2277 Eng, (a bill which sought to guarantee the approximate \$92 million dollar shortage discovered by over projecting the taxes regarding the real estate revenues that would be collected for 2008), the Governor, the Senate, and the Assembly agreed the shortfall will be restored to the all of the California Community Colleges.



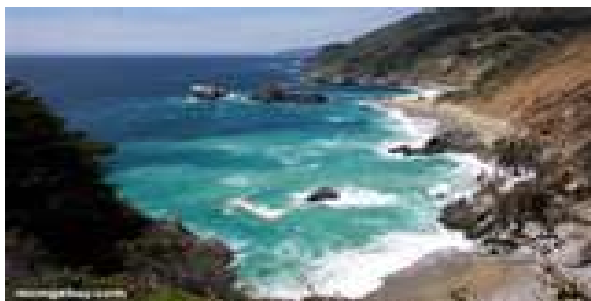
CCA Chapter Leaders Represented at the NEA/RA in Washington D.C.



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President Ron Norton Reel, representing CCA, is one of 20 community college delegates who will be participating at this years' annual governing assembly. The NEA/RA is held annually and approximately 12,000 delegates representing the 3 million plus NEA members will spend 6 days responding to educational issues confronting our pre-K through graduate school.

CCA/CTA Chapter President's Conference July 20-25, 2008



CCA will reimburse each local president and an additional local delegate to attend the President's Conference in Asilomar, July 20-25, 2008. All local chapter presidents are invited to a week of training designed just for them. This year, there are two CCA strands available. One strand will be for first time presidents and the other for returning presidents.

50% Law Survey Shows Districts Don't Spend Much More Than What The Law Requires On Faculty

A survey of the California Community Colleges for the 2006-2007 academic year **by the Districts**, suggests they are not spending much more on faculty than the law requires.

- Two districts reported they are not meeting the 50% law.
- Eighteen districts reported they are spending between 50.00% and 50.77%
- Nineteen districts reported they are spending between 51.03% and 51.94%.
- Six districts reported they are spending between 52.00% and 52.72%.
- Six districts reported they are spending between 53.27% and 53.85%.
- Five districts reported they are spending between 54.10% and 84%.
- Six districts reported they are spending between 55.20% and 95%.
- Two districts reported they are spending between 56.73% and 56.97%.
- Two districts reported they are spending between 57.19% and 57.48%.
- One district reported they are spending 58.10%.

Therefore, 39 of the 72 districts self report they are spending less than 52% of their budget on teaching faculty.

Eight years ago when 10 districts were audited, 6 of them (60%) had reported their numbers incorrectly and were not in compliance.



Cell Phone Law Change While Driving

As of July 1, 2008 you will no longer be able to hold your phone to your ear while driving. If you do so, you risk getting a ticket ranging from \$20 to \$80. Any police officer may pull you over without any other reason.

Get hands free cell phone equipment and protect yourself and others!

Talk to your staff person about this new plus for CCA Local Chapters.

Community College Chapters May Add Their CCA Dues

Community college chapters may add their CCA dues to their local dues to determine if they meet the amount needed to qualify for CCA's Arbitration Fund.

New Cases

Solano Community College District

PERB charge alleging district refusal to arbitrate performance evaluation grievance

Sierra Community College District

District investigation of alleged falsification of government documents

West Kern Community College District

Threatened permanent faculty dismissal

Citrus Community College District

Arbitration of suspension

Southwestern Community College District

Arbitration of denial of tenure

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