

# LVEA TODAY



## Tom Torlakson for CA State Superintendent

Tom Torlakson is in a very tight race against Marshall Tuck for State Superintendent. Tom has proven himself to be a true friend to public education over the years. His support for Prop 30 in 2012 helped our state avoid billions of dollars in further cuts to education. His stewardship has led to increased funding for schools which resulted in raises this school year and last for the first time since 2007 for all LVUSD employees. Tom's opponent, Marshall Tuck, is NOT a friend to public education. Mr. Tuck supports the weakening of educators' due process rights, using student test data in teachers' evaluations, eliminating seniority protections, and parent trigger initiatives. Tuck has raised \$8 million dollars since October 1<sup>st</sup>; we cannot compete with that, but we can vote! We encourage you to vote to reelect Tom Torlakson for State Superintendent in this November 4 election.

## Your Colleagues' Voting Recommendations

If you live in another school district's boundaries, the following recommendations are from their local associations in the upcoming November 4 election:

### CONEJO TEACHERS:

YES on Measure I

### CVUSD School Board:

Brian Sullivan, Pat Phelps and Mike Dunn

### SIMI VALLEY EDUCATORS for School Board:

Jeanne Davis and Scott Blough

### Moorpark Educators for School Board:

Nathan Sweet and Caleb Donn

### Oxnard Educators for School Board:

Debra Medina Cordes and Ruby Duria

### Oxnard Union High School District School Board:

Bea Herrera and Wayne Edmonds

### Ventura County Community College District

**Trustee:** Dianne McKay

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### LVEA September Site Visit Schedule (lunch provided!)

10/27 – Yerba Buena/Buttercup

10/29 – Agoura HS

10/30 – Lupin Hill

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## Roundtables at EVERY site

LVEA leadership encourages EVERY site to have regularly scheduled Roundtable discussions. Roundtables consist of administration and site leaders. They provide a safe, productive and proactive forum to resolve issues and plan for the future. These leadership groups already exist at many sites as well as the district office where LVEA and district leadership meet every Thursday. Site administrators have been invited to our December 15 LVEA Rep Council meeting to receive special training along with your site Reps on this productive process. In addition to your site Reps, other leaders from your site are encouraged to attend and participate in this process as well.

## IEP/504 Mandates

As a result of federal law, many of our students have an IEP or 504 plan. Some certificated employees have found that providing certain required accommodations within these plans creates unnecessary and philosophically inappropriate advantages to these students. The reality is that you **MUST** comply with these plans whether or not you agree with them. If you have a real concern, then bring it to the team that created the plan; however, LVEA strongly suggests that you comply with **ALL** aspects of the plan until you receive official notice that it has been changed.

## Early Retirement Pilot Program Reminder

As previously reported, LVEA members voted to approve an early retirement pilot program starting January 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017 for all certificated employees. This program provides assistance to help pay for medical benefits between retirement and the age of 65 when Medicare kicks in. This program allows for members to retire mid-year, but you must **notify the district by November 1** in order to retire mid-year and participate in this incentive program.

## Rep Council – Your Site Leaders - Updated List

The decision making body for LVEA is your Rep Council – made up of reps from all sites and some special groups in the district. Your site reps play a crucial role in our district. They are the conduit between your site membership and LVEA leadership. Here is the updated list of Site Reps for your reference. Note that there are still a few vacancies...if you are interested in filling one of them, please contact your other Site Rep or LVEA directly.

<b>AC Stelle:</b>	<b>Jennifer Mettler and Derek Mena</b>
<b>AE Wright:</b>	<b>Darci Miller and Kristy Kimball/Pam McDonnell sharing</b>
<b>Agoura:</b>	<b>Steve Bacharach, Nicholas Hardy and Todd Shipley – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>At-Large:</b>	<b>Barbara Andrews</b>
<b>Bay Laurel:</b>	<b>Nicky Hansen and Jody Larkin</b>
<b>Buttercup:</b>	<b>Pam Thomas</b>
<b>Calabasas:</b>	<b>Andi Camacho, Catherine Foley and Linda Hull</b>
<b>Chaparral:</b>	<b>Sue Levy – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>Lindero Canyon:</b>	<b>Chris Sale – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>Lupin Hill:</b>	<b>Sherri Reynolds – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>Mariposa:</b>	<b>Trisha Kane</b>
<b>Round Meadow:</b>	<b>Joan Woods</b>
<b>Special Services:</b>	<b>Maryann Bonthius, Barbara Starr and Christine Zahka</b>
<b>White Oak:</b>	<b>Joanne Kress – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>Willow:</b>	<b>Brittany Stone – plus one vacancy</b>
<b>Yerba Buena:</b>	<b>Gayle MacNish</b>

**Future Rep Council Dates: November 3, December 15, January 12, February 9, March 16, April 20, May 18 and early June (TBD).**