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STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

LACCD Strategic Planning Committee – The District Strategic Planning Committee is working on the implementation of the 2011 – 2012 strategic plan. There will be at least four different focus groups per campus and at the District Office. This is where you may give your ideas & voice your opinions regarding what happens at your worksites. If you are interested in participating, contact your chapter chair. The dates still available:

ELAC – October 12

LAHC – October 12

LAVC - October 13

AFT/CFT Constitutional Per Capita Increases – Did you notice a slight decrease in your monthly salary on September 15th check? The reason was the annual constitutional increase in your union per capitas. The per capita deducted from all 1521A members and fee payers are 1% of gross salary. This amount is taken out of your monthly salary 10 months per year. These deductions help cover the costs of representation from our affiliates.

2011- 2012 Negotiations – The Staff Guild is strong in its conviction to maintain contract provisions, make improvements and secure the previously negotiated article important to our members.

1521A has signed off on articles with no change and has discussed the implementation of the following articles:

Article 12 - Hours and Overtime

Article 16 - Procedure for Performance Evaluation

Article 19.D - Casual Absences

Article 21 - Health and Welfare

Note: HRAs of \$ 1,500 secured through 2014

2012 Union Sponsored Scholarships for Dependents and Members:

Raoul Teilhet Scholarship Program-The CFT offers \$ 3,000 and \$ 1,000 scholarships to high school seniors and continuing college students who are dependents of CFT members. Deadlines are January 10, 2011 & July 31, 2011. For more information, call (714)754-6638 or go to www.cft.org and click scholarships

Robert G. Porter Scholarship Program- The AFT awards four \$ 8,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are dependents of AFT members, as well as 20 continuing education grants of \$ 1,000 to AFT members. Call (800) 238-1133 extension 4457, or go to www.aft.org/aftplus/scholarships for more information.

UnionPlus Scholarship Program-The AFL-CIO offers scholarships that range from \$ 500 to \$ 4,000 to union members, their spouses and their dependents who are enrolled in college. Scholarships are also granted to graduate students. Go to www.unionplus.org/scholarships for more information.

National Labor College Scholarship Program –The AFL-CIO awards scholarships to eligible members or union staffers wanting to complete a degree in Labor Studies through the National Labor College. For more information, go to www.unionplus.org/scholarships.

Public Radio KPFK Interview Opposing SB161-the Diastat Bill

Staff Guild President Velma J. Butler was interviewed on public radio KPFK on Sunday, October 2nd about SB161-the Diastat Bill. Diastat is a form of Valium that is administered rectally to children who are having a seizure while at school. This would normally be given by a school nurse. The interview was conducted by radio host Henry Walton and included Jeanne McKuen, president of the California Nurses Association. Velma stated our case regarding the dangers and repercussions of unqualified personnel administering the controlled substance Diastat. She also asked the listeners to call Governor Brown or fax him opposing SB161. You can listen to the broadcast on the KPFK website-go to www.kpfk.org and click on Audio Archives. Scroll down to “Labor Review” on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

Unfortunately the Governor signed SB161 into law last week. If you have friends or relative that work in school districts K – 12 stress the concern regarding SB161 and ask them **NOT TO VOLUNTEER TO ADMINISTER DIASTAT TO THEIR STUDENTS!!**