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UPDATE

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UNITE FOR EDUCATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th – STAND UP FOR SCHOOLS

TALB Faculty Reps have been working this week with members to organize for Friday's Day of Action. We are asking all TALB members to:

- Wear pink in support of the estimated 12,000 colleagues statewide who will receive layoff notices (pink slips) on that day. If you don't have pink, each Faculty Representative has a spiffy "Pink Friday" sticker you can sport on that day.
- Call your legislator and tell them about how budget cuts will hurt your classroom; ask them to support schools and fight for improved school funding. Each Faculty Representative has information and talking points to assist you with these important calls.

- Join TALB at an event to announce the formation of

UNITE FOR EDUCATION – LONG BEACH.

A local coalition dedicated to protecting our local schools. We are asking for a contingent of teachers from each school to join us at this announcement so we can demonstrate energy and support for the fight to support our schools. Joining TALB will be CSEA leaders, union leaders from Long Beach City and Long Beach State, PTA President Diana Craighead, LBUSD Superintendent Chris Steinhauser, LBCC President Eloy Oakly, Long Beach State President F. King Alexander, and Long Beach area Assembly Member Warren Furutani.

TIME – Starts at 4:00PM and will end by about 4:45PM.

DATE is Friday, March 13th.

LOCATION is HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, located at 1100 Iroquois Avenue, just off Anaheim (between Long Beach State and Studebaker Road).

**THANK-YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND SHOWING YOUR UNITY AND ACTIVISM
IN SUPPORT OF OUR COLLEAGUES, OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOLS!**

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET HURTS YOUR RETIREMENT ACT NOW TO END THE PENSION PENALTY

“I believe we have a responsibility to take care of workers who have devoted their lives to public service and that we shouldn’t discourage young people from working in these essential jobs at a time when so many teachers are at or near retirement age, and we’re struggling to replace them.”

Barack Obama addressing NEA members last fall

Did you know that the Government Pension Offset/Windfall Elimination Provision hurts the retirement of thousands of teachers, librarians, and nurses in California (and across the nation) by offsetting (reducing) your Social Security against your STRS pension? If you earned both, shouldn’t you receive both?

The election of Barack Obama means the tide may be changing to repeal this unfair law that hurts retired teachers. But the battle is far from over. You can help keep the GPO/WEP repeal on the table by talking to your member of Congress. Go to NEA’s Legislative Action Center at www.nea.org/lac to find out how you can help.

TALB ELECTION UPDATE ALL BALLOTS DUE THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd AT 5PM

The TALB Elections Committee reminds all TALB members that BALLOTS will be distributed at the MARCH 24TH Representative Council Meeting. **All BALLOTS ARE DUE at the TALB OFFICE no later than THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd at 5PM.** Be sure you **get** your ballot, **complete** your ballot, and **return** your ballot by the deadline. THANK YOU for showing your activism and unity by participating in the TALB elections.

QUICK HITS:

The STANDARD Disability Open Enrollment: *Have you signed-up yet during open enrollment? We need at least 213 TALB members to sign-up during open enrollment (no health screening). Look for a mailing to your house or call TALB for more information. **There will be an open-house on Wednesday March 25th at the TALB office, between 3:30pm - 5:30 p.m. The Standard’s rep Lane McQuin will be there to answer questions.***

SCHOOL SITE ADMINISTRATOR AND CLIMATE SURVEYS: *The Site Administrator and School Climate Surveys are on the TALB website at www.talb.org. This data may be useful for voluntary and involuntary (displacement) decisions.*

PROPOSED TALB BYLAWS: *Faculty Reps received the proposed TALB bylaws. They are posted for your review and can be found on the TALB website, in advance of a membership vote on them later this spring.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK THE TALB WEBSITE AT WWW.TALB.ORG or CALL US AT 562-426-6433