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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Sarah Held, Electronic Communication AdNotes – Aug 9, 2024
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### **GGEA Mission Statement:**

**GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.**

### **GGEA 2023-2024 Goal:**

**Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.**



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. As your new president of GGEA, I look forward to a new and exciting year!

This summer, my husband Bob and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary. We spent a few days in London before embarking on a cruise through the British Isles. It was a wonderful trip and I look forward to going back next summer!

July 15 and July 16 your GGEA Board of Directors met to plan for the upcoming year. We aligned our by-laws with our standing rules. We also set goals for our board and Association. We look forward to seeing our continuing, and new site representatives, at our Representative Council meetings; the first meeting is August 30th at Peters 4-6.

July 18-21, I attended CTA President's conference. This provided me with the opportunity to network with Presidents across the state, learn about my new responsibilities, meet representatives from our CTA endorsed vendors, and attend workshops.

July 25-28 I attended the CTA Summer Institute with your Bargaining Chair, Tamra Wood. We learned all about school finance and how to analyze a budget. This training will help us with bargaining in the upcoming year.

It was terrific seeing so many colleagues at the keynote address. Listening to the accomplishments of the district reminded me of the hard work of GGEA members both in and out of the classroom. Many of our members wrote and/or spoke on the issues of class size, combination classes, dual immersion, and special education. And the work you do every day to

ensure the GGUSD students receive the best education is why GGUSD is above county, state, and national averages.

Finally, I enjoyed meeting our new educators at the New Educator Orientation. Let's work together to ensure they have a positive experience in GGUSD. Let's work together and keep moving forward. We are the Union and GGEA is stronger together.

Your GGEA President,  
Sarah Held

## **REGULAR OFFICE HOUR**

**Regular Office Hours are  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

## **RELEASE DAYS**

This week you received Google Form and SignUpGenius so you can start scheduling your release days. The 2023-2024 MOU which gave you \$300 a day for compensation in lieu of taking a release day has sunsetted. This means we revert back to contract language.

Article 4.5h reads: "Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, TK-8 teachers shall be compensated at the rate of \$150 per day in lieu of taking release days. (This provision does not apply to IEP Preparation Days)"

You can select a combination of pay for release days and scheduling them.

This is not available for HS SPED MS Teachers and Strive teachers.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need further clarification.

## **GGUSD NIGHT AT THE GEM THEATRE**

**Looking for something September 6th?**

**GGUSD Night at the Gem Theatre  
Friday, September 6, at 8 p.m.**

**Thank You Chrissie Leong (GGHS Teacher)**



# SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL!

*@Historic Gem  
Theatre*

\$10 Cash for GGUSD Student w/ ID  
\$25 Cash for GGUSD Employee w/ID  
\$30 Card for GGUSD Employee w/ ID  
one ticket per ID

**Sept 6, 8pm**

12852 Main Street, Garden Grove 92840  
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