

FRESNO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

September 2015 Campus Connect: *Special Election Issue*

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



As we begin the sixth week of school, I get excited seeing our educators working hard to support our students. I've enjoyed meeting so many dedicated educators in Fresno Unified who just want to create the best education possible for their students. And that only happens when schools are safe, class sizes are reasonable, students are appropriately placed, resources and supports are provided, and educators are given the time to teach without interruption, time to plan and grade, time to conference with students and parents, and time to reflect on their practice. When educators are supported and treated like professionals, they are effective in their jobs. However, when educators become stressed and overworked they become demoralized and discouraged. That's where we come in. The Fresno Teachers Association is working diligently to make sure you are supported. We have an incredible leadership team that is creating opportunities to support you whether that's visiting your school, listening to your concerns and then communicating those concerns to district personnel, or providing trainings to help support you and the important work you do. But we can't do it alone. The Fresno Teachers

Association is always looking for credible educators to step up and get involved. Currently we have two open leadership positions in the organization. Because Adam Ebrahim (VP) and Mark Vargas (Director-At-Large) were unable to complete their terms, we will be holding a special election beginning September 29th.

Please go to the FTA website, www.fresnoteachers.org to view a short video on how to vote. You can vote on your home computer, tablet, or smart phone. If FTA has your personal email, we will forward it to Simply Voting solely for the purpose of voting electronically. They will email you your username and password before September 29th. If you haven't received any information from Simply Voting by September 29th, contact them directly, vote@simplyvoting.com or call at 1-800-585-9694. For those for whom we only have a mailing address, Simply Voting will send you a letter with your username and password. You will still be able to vote electronically. If you have recently moved, please contact the FTA office at 224-8430 to update your information. If you lose your username or password, you must contact Simply Voting in a timely manner because FTA will not be given this information.

For members who are unsure about the process, you have the option to vote electronically or by paper ballot at the FTA office during the open voting period. Again, it is important you vote. Please find out more about the candidates on the FTA website.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

School Building Committee (SBC) Training

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015
5:00 – 6:30pm
Hope Lutheran Church
Please RSVP

FTA Site Rep Training

Monday, Oct. 5, 2015
5:30pm -7:00pm
CTA Office, 5330 N Fresno
Please RSVP

School Site Council (SSC) Training

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015
5:30pm -7:30pm
Site TBD

Stand with Students Task Force

Monday, Nov. 16, 2015
5:00 – 7:00pm
Hope Lutheran Church

For more information
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OFFICE: Vice President (1 Seat)
TERM OF OFFICE 2015 - 2016



LES ZIELINSKI #1

I have recently served as an FTA Director at Large and am familiar with this union's governing procedures and leadership direction. I truly feel that our organization is moving in the right direction and that we must continue to build momentum to organize. We are the voice of educators, the students, the community and we will be heard.

OFFICE: Director-at-Large
TERM OF OFFICE 2015 - 2017



ROBERT "BOB" HOE #3

I welcome this opportunity to serve teachers on the Executive Board. As an employee of the district for nearly 40 years I have seen many changes both good and bad. Now is a critical time for the future of our organization and I welcome the opportunity to work with the current members of the board to move FTA forward. My dad was a founding member and I feel honored to continue his legacy. Thank you for your support.



IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Electronic voting and On-Site (FTA) paper voting opens at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 and closes on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 5:00 pm.

Note: Each candidate's statement is limited to 250 words per office and candidate names will appear on the ballot in the order of the official 2015 -2016 CTA alphabet:

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