

BAM!

WDEA NEWS

WHAM!

September 2022

NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW LEADERSHIP

The new leadership team hit the ground running, with a few hiccups here and there. Most MOUs are now done, and rep elections have taken place, so we can take a breath and focus on some other things like **MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT!**

WE'LL BE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. Stay tuned!

ELECTION 2022

WDEA endorsements for WUSD School Board:

- Stephanie Ahmad
- Rich Carnation
- Paul Cogorno

**YES ON
28!**



SUBMIT ITEMS

Have an idea/news you'd like to see posted or want to submit for future newsletters?

Send them to Laura!

NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations will likely begin in November. Since last year covered salary and benefits, this year will be going over contract language.

We're still looking for some SPED folks to join us!

UPDATED WEBSITE

Thanks to Heather Cullen (WMS/CCLA), the website has been updated, but is still a work in progress. We have the contract there, WDEA bylaws, and lots more. Bookmark it today!

mywdea.com



SHOUTOUT!

Did you see that our very own WHS Vineyard Academy was featured in the latest edition of California Educator? Link at mywdea.com



**IT'S THE U AND I IN
UNION THAT MAKES
US STRONG**



HOW CAN I HELP?

- Get involved!
- Come to meetings (second Thursday of the month, sites to be published beforehand)
- Volunteer for a committee, PLEASE!

HAVE AN ISSUE AT YOUR SITE?

Contact one of your reps.

MWE:

Cynthia Haley
Corey Lewis
Barbara Shureen

BES:

Tina Brown
Stephanie Browning

CCLA:

Kim Allred
Paty Arreguin
Maggie Coshnear
Joel Cruz
Aida Herrera-Keehn
Amy Quinn

WMS:

Heather Cullen
Erica Metz
Janet Mulligan

WHS:

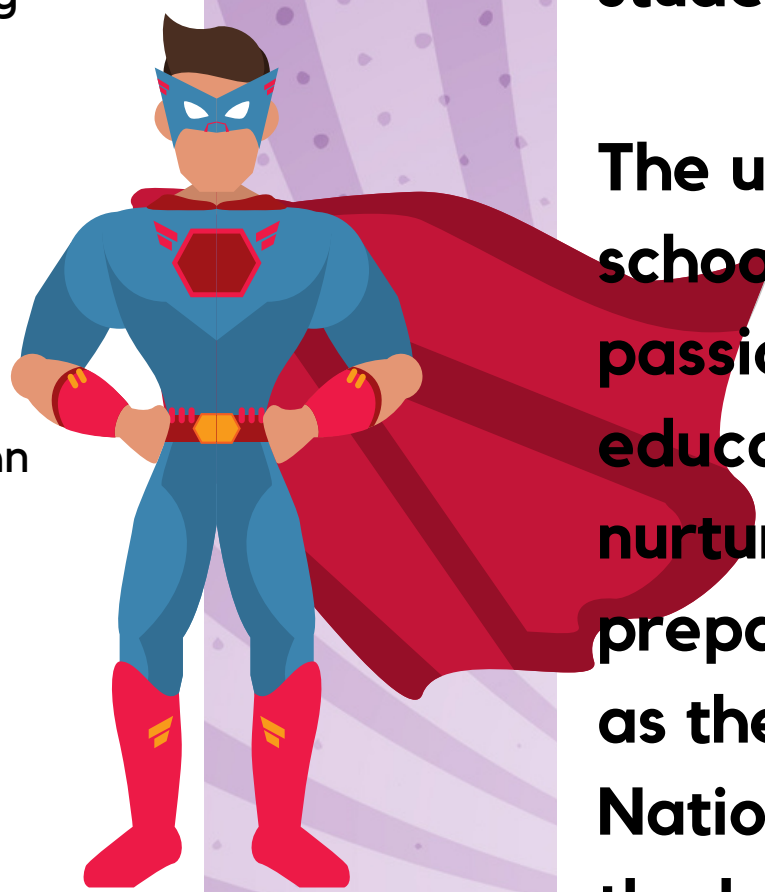
Sophia Barri
Beth Colagrossi
Dana Grant
Jeff Hardie
Lorie Lucas
Nadine McKoy
Jamie Roberts
Lauren Schmidt

NBMA/WOA:

Anne Ryan

NCC:

Allyssa Correia Penning



END THE TAX ON EDUCATOR RETIREMENT

Are you aware of this? Do you plan on retiring someday? Did you work outside of education for any period of time? Is your spouse not in education? EDUCATE YOURSELF. Repeal both the Government Pension offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), which reduce or eliminate Social Security benefits for more than 2.5 million educators!



nea.org/repealGPOWEP



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IT'S WHAT WE
DO.



WE ARE WDEA. WE ARE CTA. WE ARE NEA.
WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER.

YOUR WDEA EXEC BOARD:

President: Laura Gonzalez, WMS

Vice President: Susanna Pheffer, WHS

Secretary: Diane Green, WHS

Treasurer: Mike Sweeney, WHS

