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COVID Vaccine Update

COVID Vaccines are now being distributed throughout CA. Educators are prioritized to receive them under Tier 1B. Check with your local county public health website (depending on where you live) or medical provider for appointments and availability. Riverside County is already allowing vaccinations for residents who are educators. San Bernardino County should be opening appointments to educators soon. Currently, the choice to receive the COVID-19 vaccine is a personal medical decision and is not required for employees at this time. The District is working with County Public Health and other local partners to coordinate free vaccination events for District employees and their families. The district will be sending out a brief anonymous survey soon to assess the number of employees interested in getting vaccinated to prepare for vaccination clinics. As soon as we receive more updated information regarding vaccinations, we will share it with everyone.

2020 Income Tax Deduction

The amount of union dues deducted for Category 1 certificated employees for the 2020 calendar year is \$1,180. Category 1 is certificated employees whose assignment is more than 60% of a normal assignment. If you are a part-time employee working less than 60% of the school year, you will need to call the SBTA office for your dues deduction.

Retirement

If you are considering retiring at the end of this school year, you will need to submit your intent to retire 90 days prior to the end of your work year if you wish to receive five years of medical benefits from the district. Intentions to retire should be submitted to Human Resources in writing. You can e-mail cheryl.direen@sbcusd.k12.ca.us if you have further questions. If you miss the 90-day time frame, you can still retire, but will jeopardize your medical benefits and have a lapse in compensation. You can get more information and make an appointment with a STRS counselor online at www.calstrs.com.

SBTA General Election

The SBTA general election will be held February 19-March 11, 2020. All members will have a ballot mailed to their home via US Postal Mail. If you need to update your address you can call the SBTA office at (909) 881-6755 or email sharonsbta@gmail.com. The election includes candidates for SBTA Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, CTA State Council (3 seats) and NEA Representative Assembly Local Delegates. All candidacy forms for SBTA positions are due on January 29, 2020 via e-mail by 5pm!