

Welcome to the thirteenth volume of our Association's Political Action Newsletter. Each month a small portion of your SBTA dues and of your CTA state dues are allocated to political action. These funds are used for lobbying local and state representatives regarding issues concerning children, public education, and its employees. These many issues include wages, benefits, working conditions, how public education funds are directed, the rights and responsibilities of educators, retirement issues, and the needs of children. Funds are also used to support both local and state candidates, especially SBCUSD Board of Education candidates known to back efforts to protect and improve public education, as well as local and state ballot initiatives the would impact public education, its employees, and those they serve.

If you choose not to have this portion of your dues go to support these activities, all you need to do is contact the SBTA office at (909) 881-6755. They will provide you with the necessary forms. This request needs to be made by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please wear RED on Wednesdays to support SBTA and show the district we are united as a UNION!

To show additional support for SBTA we are asking you to come down to at least one District School Board meeting to show your solidarity.

Contact your site rep to find out what day your school is scheduled to attend a District School Board meeting. All members who attend a board meeting will be entered into a prize drawing. The important thing is that you attend a school board meeting if you are able, even if it is not your site's designated day.

The Presidential Primary election is just a few months away in March 2024! Be on the lookout for information from CTA on endorsed candidates and issues in the coming months.