



The Advocate

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A Message from Your President

It's official. Happy Fall! By now, most of us are settling into the rhythm of a new school year, and OMTA is excited to be right there with you. We've already begun our site visits—yes, with pizza in hand!—and we're so grateful to everyone who has taken the time to talk with us. These conversations are invaluable, and we look forward to visiting every site this year.

Hearing directly from members is one of the best parts of our work. It gives us the chance to celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our schools while also learning how OMTA can best support you.



This year, we are especially thrilled to begin recognizing two outstanding educators each month for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to supporting their students and colleagues. We know that OMSD is full of inspiring educators, and we can't wait to highlight and celebrate them throughout the year! If you would like to nominate a colleague, please check out our Unsung Heroes article below.

We also invite you to join us for our OMTA socials—a chance to connect with colleagues outside of school, share stories, and recharge together. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and details!

Looking ahead, you'll be hearing a lot about the Prop 55 Extension, which plays a critical role in maintaining school funding. For OMSD, that means \$27 million for our students and schools. This is not a new tax, but simply an extension of the earlier Prop 30—a proven investment in public education that keeps resources flowing where they're needed most.

We're excited for the year ahead, and we can't wait to see you during our visits. Together, let's keep building on the positive momentum and ensure that our voices—and our students' needs—remain at the center of every conversation.

Pop Quiz (Fun Edition!)

What is your classroom superpower?

Engaging Storyteller

Multitasking Master

Creative Lesson Wizard

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Problem-Solving Hero

Unwavering Composure

 Voting ends in 9 days

 Votes are anonymous but results are public

Meet Your Elections Chair and State Council Representatives



Elections Chair

Hi, I am Alecia Montgomery and your OMTA Elections Chair. I'm also Montera's school site Representative. I am a Kindergarten teacher and look forward to a productive year.



State Council Representative

My name is Bill McConnell. I am the new president of the Associated Chaffey Teachers. I am so excited to step into this role after 28 years as a classroom teacher. I have been your state council delegate for two years, and I am beginning the third year of my first term.



State Council Representative

Hello OMSD Staff, My name is Chekesha George and I am excited to reintroduce myself as your State Council delegate. I've been an educator for 22 years, with 16 of those spent in the English classroom before stepping into my current role as the Teacher

Because our two unions share state council seats, please feel free to contact me about how I can better represent you. I'm looking forward to seeing what this year brings.

Librarian at Ontario High School. I also proudly serve as the Vice President of Associated Chaffey Teachers. It's been an honor to represent you at CTA State Council over the past year. I am passionate about advocating for our profession, our students, and our collective voice. I look forward to continuing this important work and strengthening our partnership moving forward.



State Council Representative

Greetings, I'm Dr. Malinda L. Hurley, a transformational leader and an active union member for 36 years in 3 different unions. I have taught for 22 years in ALSD and OMSD combined. My doctorate is in Educational Leadership. Action, fiscal responsibility, inclusion and service are my foundational pillars. I'm an Advisor for STAR Scholar's Foster Youth Club and am a Foster Youth Advocate. I have served as your CTA Service Center 1 as your Women's Advocacy Coordinator & Equity Team member, SCONE Steering Committee member, am a publicly elected Alta Loma School Board Trustee for Area 5 as well as an elected California State Delegate for Congressional Assembly



State Council Representative

Hello, I am MaryKay Scheid. After holding a number of leadership roles at the local level, including Treasurer, Vice President, and President, I was elected to the CTA State Council on Education, CTA's highest official governing body. In that role, I serve on, and now am the Chair of, the CTA Retirement Committee. In that capacity, I serve as a CTA liaison to the CalSTRS Board, advocating on customer service issues and lobbying for or against legislation that would impact your retirement. I am honored to represent both OMTA and ACT in this position.



State Council Representative

Hello! I am Tisha Curry and am honored to serve on CTA State Council. I work on the Negotiations committee which looks at Senate and Assembly bills and how they may impact educators and our students.

Contract Highlights

DID YOU KNOW! CONTRACT Q&A Article X

Over-Enrollment

Beginning of School Year

After the 20 day grace period, teachers will be compensated \$10 for each additional student contact per day, retroactive to the first day of enrollment, and for as long as they remain overenrolled.

Mid- Year

After the grace period, general education teachers with student contacts over the daily limit for 10 consecutive days will receive \$10 per extra student, per day, retroactive to the first day of over-enrollment.

Not All Heroes Wear Capes!

Every day, educators go above and beyond—not only for their students, but also for their colleagues and the school community. We believe these quiet acts of dedication deserve recognition. We invite you to nominate a fellow educator who demonstrates exceptional commitment, inspires others, and makes a lasting impact through their service to both peers and students.

Who can be nominated:

Any educator who has shown outstanding work, collaboration, mentorship, and dedication to our shared mission.

How to nominate:

Simply click on the Heroes Wear Capes image and complete the form!

Your nomination can help shine a light on the individuals whose passion and hard work often go unnoticed—but make all the difference.



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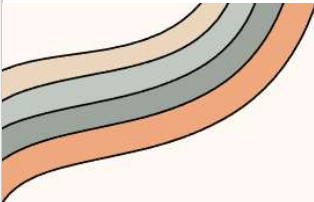
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October 13th

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