



The Advocate

March 2026

Prop 55: The CA Children's Education & Health Care Protection Act of 2026



OMTA is working hard alongside our partners to help get Prop 55 on the ballot this November. Making the original 2012 voter-approved funding measure permanent is critical for public schools. For our district alone, this funding provides over \$27

million that supports the programs and services our students rely on every day.

At the most recent school board meeting, our trustees demonstrated their support by passing a resolution in support of Prop 55. We appreciate their commitment to protecting funding for our schools.

To qualify for the November ballot, we still need signatures. If you have not yet signed a petition, please see your site Rep or contact the OMTA office. If you are willing to gather a few signatures from family members or loved ones who are eligible to sign, we can provide petitions for you. Every signature helps move us one step closer to protecting critical funding for our students and schools. ✍️

A Message from Your President

This year, OMTA updated the structure of our Executive Board. These changes were made after two external changes within CTA. First, CTA required our local to remove State Council Representatives from our Executive Board as we are now part of a 'multiple' with Associated Chaffey Teachers/ Then, CTA Service Center 1 revised its bylaws, reducing the number of representatives our local can send from 5 to 3. As a result, our Executive Board was reduced by 5 members.

This past fall, OMTA's Executive Board and Rep Council updated our local bylaws to reflect these changes. An implementation plan was shared to help guide the transition to the new structure.

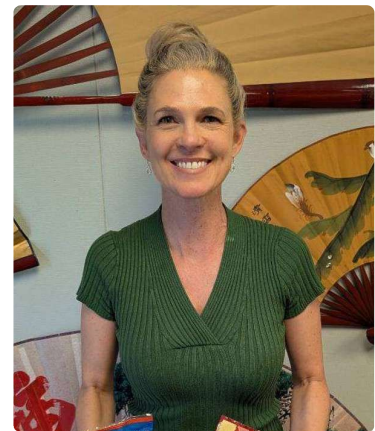
Rather than simply adjusting to these reductions, OMTA reviewed how other locals structure their Executive Board. The changes we adopted will allow our Executive Board's makeup to remain stable and independent of future structural changes made by CTA.

The updated structure will also strengthen representation by ensuring that members are represented by colleagues who perform similar work. This will help ensure that the perspectives and needs of different groups within our membership continue to be heard and represented.

Above & Beyond: Honoring Our Unsung Heroes

Shannon Allender

Shannon is always the first person to help come up with a plan for students who need extra support both academically and emotionally. She shares what works for her and is willing to go the extra mile to see that we are successful even in challenging situations. We very much appreciate all she does for everyone at our site. Thank you for all you do for us, Shannon!



Emmerick Doan

Emmerick goes above and beyond for our school and our students. He started a parade band at Wiltsey and enters competitions which showcase their hard work. He has a great rapport with his students and all who work with him. He is extremely professional and has a great reputation with his colleagues in the music department. He brings a fresh perspective in helping to elevate music education in OMSD. He provides so many opportunities for his students through music and has a great attitude. We want you to know, Emmerick, we see you. We appreciate you!

CTA Human Rights Award

Dr. Malinda Hurley

OMTA is proud to share that our very own, Dr. Malinda Hurley, has been recognized with the CTA Member Human Rights Award for her dedication to supporting foster youth and underserved students.

Dr. Hurley is a dedicated middle school teacher at Oaks Middle School. She represents OMTA and Chaffey Teachers on CTA State Council. She is also a trustee for the Alta Loma School District Board of Education. She has been a tireless advocate for students within our district, Alta Loma School District, and in the broader community. As a trustee, she founded the district's Foster Youth Advisory Committee, helping bring greater attention and support to the unique needs of foster youth.



At Oaks Middle School, Dr. Hurley advises the STAR Scholars Foster Youth Club and the Equity Squad. Through these programs, she works directly with students to build their confidence, leadership skills, and awareness around issues of diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Hurley's advocacy extends beyond the classroom. Through her work in education, community organizations, and policy spaces, she continues to champion the needs of foster youth and underserved students. Her leadership and lived experience inspire others to see education as a pathway to resilience, empowerment, and justice.

We congratulate Dr. Hurley on this well-deserved recognition and thank her for the impact she continues to make for students and our community.

OMTA Retiring Educators Scholarship

***Ontario-Montclair Teachers Association
Retiring Educators Scholarship***

OMTA is awarding a scholarship for those seeking a career in education!

Who can apply? Former OMSD students, OMSD employees, or an employee's dependents are eligible!

For more information, please visit our website at www.myomta.org today!

Contact the OMTA office at 909-986-2414 if you have questions!

CTA - Institute for Teaching

Every school year, \$5,000 and \$20,000 Educator Grants are awarded to PK – 12 teachers and certificated support staff, ESP members and college instructors. What kinds of projects are they

looking for? Projects that are innovative, creative, practical, action-oriented and student-centered. Projects that address all seven pillars of our Strengths-Based Strategy. Projects that address the needs of diverse learners and improve student learning. Deadline to submit an application is April 2, 2026.

We believe teachers are essential to building student agency, equity, and community solidarity.

[Click here to learn more about CTA's Institute for Teaching](#)

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.

Unsung Hero Nominations

Together We WIN!

Even with all of today's challenges, there is much to celebrate. Over the past four years, OMTA has successfully negotiated:

- Over 17% in on-schedule salary increases over last 4 years!
- Over 10% in off-schedule over last 4 years.
- More than 3% increase in benefits allotment
- Lower Special Education caps than surrounding districts
- Higher hourly rates for timecarded work
- Daily prep for middle school teachers at K–8 sites
- Two new minimum days for report card and conference preparation
- Weekly prep time for elementary teachers (2 hours)
- Release days for Special Education teachers (added one more too!)

- PLCs within the workday and not after school
- SLP compensation for overage finally in the contract
- Release days for Elementary Combination Teachers
- District will move your stuff if you are transferred! (Voluntary transfers too!)
- Release days for Admin or non-voluntary room changes increased to 4! Moving rate isn't sub rate either!

Quick Links

Workplace Violence Form

Ontario-Montclair School District shall log information about workplace violence threats, incidents and post-incident responses that meet the definition of workplace violence types in SB 553.

Frontline Absence Reasons (Cheat Sheet)

OMTA Contract

OMPTA Contract

Salary Schedules

CalSTRS 800-228-5453

Check out your retirement benefits today! Or call to attend a class to see your retirement information!

How to register for your myCalSTRS account!

CalSTRS has reimagined the myCalSTRS portion of its website. As of September 23, 2025, all CalSTRS members (active and retired) will need to register to access the resources available to manage their accounts online.

Our website

myomta.org

Calendar



Upcoming Dates

Teacher Appreciation

Join us on Tuesday, April 28th to celebrate you! Here at OMTA from 1:30p-5pm. RSVP to 909-986-2414 or officemanager@myomta.org.

Elementary Parent Conference Week!

March 23rd - March 27th

School Board Meetings

- ☒ March 12th
- ☐ April 9th
- ☐ May 7th
- ☐ May 21st
- ☐ June 4th

Retirement Dinner

May 1st!

Spring Break

March 30th - April 3rd





Join OMTA Today!

0 Tisha Curry
President

Contact