



ACTION NEWS

President's Perspective

by Brenda Walker



You Matter!

We have seen a school year that we won't soon forget, but throughout the unprecedented shift we've all been a part of because of the global pandemic, we as an association have stepped up, and shown our flexibility, professionalism, and perseverance.

The time in your classrooms, work places and gathering together at the ACT office may have ended sooner than we all planned, but through it all this year, we have accomplished a lot! We welcomed new educators with an

orientation, reception and partnered with the district to sponsor some to attend the CTA New Educator conference. We've gathered at member socials to build connections, and to support one another, held trainings, and been there for our community during times of need. Our involvement in the LCAP process confirms our commitment to being involved in the discussions and actions that affect our students and our jobs. And the work continues. The next school year will bring with it a new normal, but I know we are up for the challenge. We'll stay

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Together, we are ACT!

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connected, stay informed, and stay involved, so that our students receive the education they deserve and as association members, we protect the work we do.

COAT Award Recipient

by Em Feller



This year's COAT Award recipient is Lisa Greathouse. Lisa is a founding member of Concerned Parents and Citizens of CVUSD. CPC is a grassroots organization that has become representative of parent voices in our community. She speaks frequently at school board meetings as an advocate for public education. She is a huge support to all stakeholders. Lisa has often had "letters to the editor" published in the local paper. She speaks and writes with passion, conviction, and purpose. Lisa is a proud parent of two grown children and is active in this community.

Congratulations!
2019 - 2020
EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

SECONDARY TEACHER
ANNETTE DEMING
DON LUGO H.S.

JEANNETTA ALTENBURG
NURSE OF THE YEAR

Distance Learning: Tech Trainers are Here to Support Everyone

by Kim James



We've met. I am betting there has been a professional development or staff meeting during which we talked to you about ClassLink or Schoolwires or Office365. This was probably a PD or staff meeting scheduled for just after your students left your classroom, or immediately before they crowded into the doorway. And I'll bet you didn't consider our meeting a priority.

Then we met again, and this time it was urgent. You and the 1,500 other members of our district teaching staff heroically stepped into the ring, determined to fight for our kids' learning for the last nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year. When we met this time, you needed us.

It has warmed our hearts to be your trainers, your coaches, even your referees. (Yes, I am going to continue with the boxing metaphor!) We have been thrilled to meet teachers we have never met before, either because they were already confident heavyweights with technology skills, or because they were terrified of technology in the classroom. We have been honored to join class Meets and Zooms to be a part of the digital citizenship conversation. We have approved YouTube videos, researched pending updates, located Covid19 upgrades for engaging and useful products, and played liaison and interpreter between teachers and departments.

All of us have stories of incredible bravery on the part of new users, proud classroom teachers who logged into Google Classroom for the first time on March 16th and by March 30th were posting Announcements and Assignments. We have shared among the four of us conversations with teachers who called us after their first Google Meet and, while admitting it was not "perfect," it was, actually, such a "relief to see our kids' faces." And each of us has favorite memories talking to earnest students and parents who just want to make their inspiring teachers happy by turning in an assignment.

Beginning March 16 our days stretched the ropes to accommodate every possible call and email from our teachers and staff. To fully communicate answers to the most Frequently Asked Questions, our department created an [FAQ page for Teachers](#). Beginning March 30 the Instructional Technology Department, along with the Help Desk personnel, began hosting a Community Hotline (909) 628-1202 ext. 1080 (M-F, 8am-3pm) and email CommunitySupport@chino.k12.ca.us so the 28,000 students of Chino Valley and their guardians could get immediate support for their devices and ed tech access. We built an [FAQ page for Parents and Students](#), too. Both FAQ pages were, and continue to be, updated with the most recent, popular questions.

Now Teachers, you are getting a break from the nine rounds you just completed. You are all champions! But as you begin to shadow box this summer in preparation for whatever awaits us in the next school year, we hope you reach out to us. There will always be a Trainer to answer TechTrainers@chino.k12.ca.us, a Coach to spar with, and a Referee to help you go the distance.

Featured ACT Member: Em Feller

by Bonni Gallegos



Em Feller is an Elementary Director and a member of the Grievances and Scholarship committees. Her active involvement with ACT began when she had a friend that needed support and she didn't receive it. Seeing what her friend went through made her want to get involved and become a part of the remedy to what happened to her so that it doesn't happen to others.

Em teaches 1st grade at Cortez Elementary. She has been with CVUSD for 14 years.

Em is passionate about being involved in our union because she, "Loves being a small part of someone's

success." She believes that a union is empowering because we work together for all. She believes that people should be involved with ACT because not one person can do everything, but we can all do something. If everyone gets involved just a bit, it makes a big difference when everyone comes together.

Some interesting facts about Em is that she loves to cook and create beautiful plates of food. She also enjoys traveling, the movies, theater, and taking care of her four-legged fur babies. In her spare time, she volunteers at a local animal rescue and with the American Cancer Society.



Contract Corner



Article 14.8 Hours

Unit members shall be given three (3) contract days after the close of each grading period to complete grade reports. Grade reports shall be due at 4:00 p.m. on that third contract day. (including 8th graders and seniors). Exception: for the last grading period, grades for all 9th – 11th graders shall be inputted into the student information system by the end of the last scheduled secondary teacher contracted workday.

2020 CTA WHO Award Recipient

by Brenda Walker



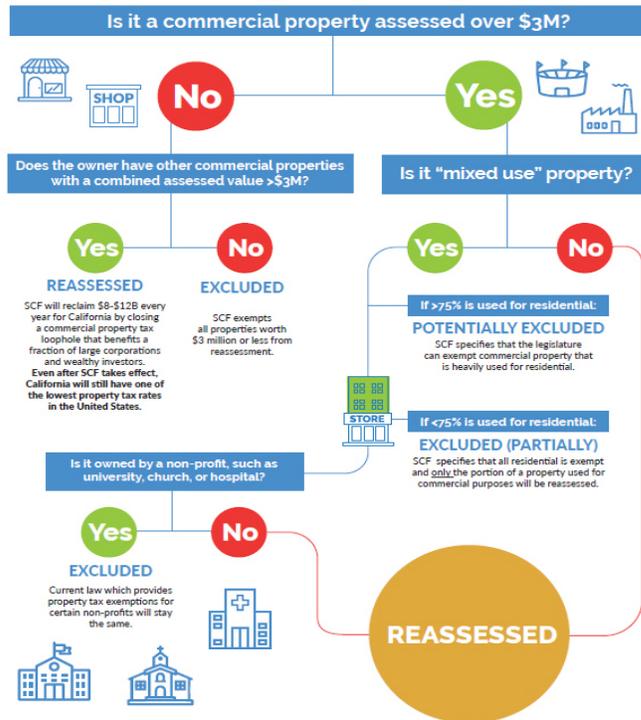
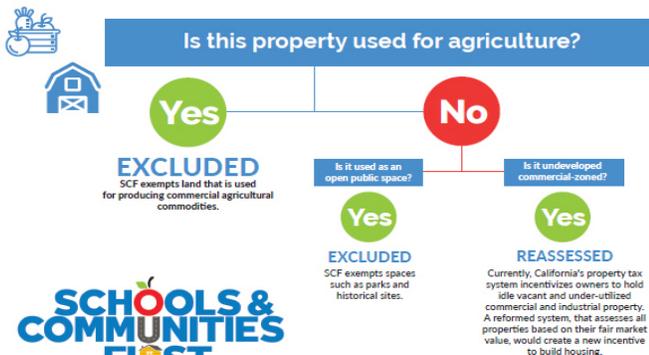
Bonni Gallegos has been selected as this year's CTA WHO Award recipient. WHO stands for We Honor Ours. Bonni is a hands-on enthusiastic member who has been a site rep and is our Director of Communications. She is a member who is willing to learn and share. Bonni has great tech skills as the editor of our newsletter and has led us to winning a CTA communications award. Although the actual WHO Awards ceremony has been cancelled for this year, we hope to honor Bonni in person at the rescheduled event next school year.



Schools & Communities First Funding Act November 2020 Ballot Initiative

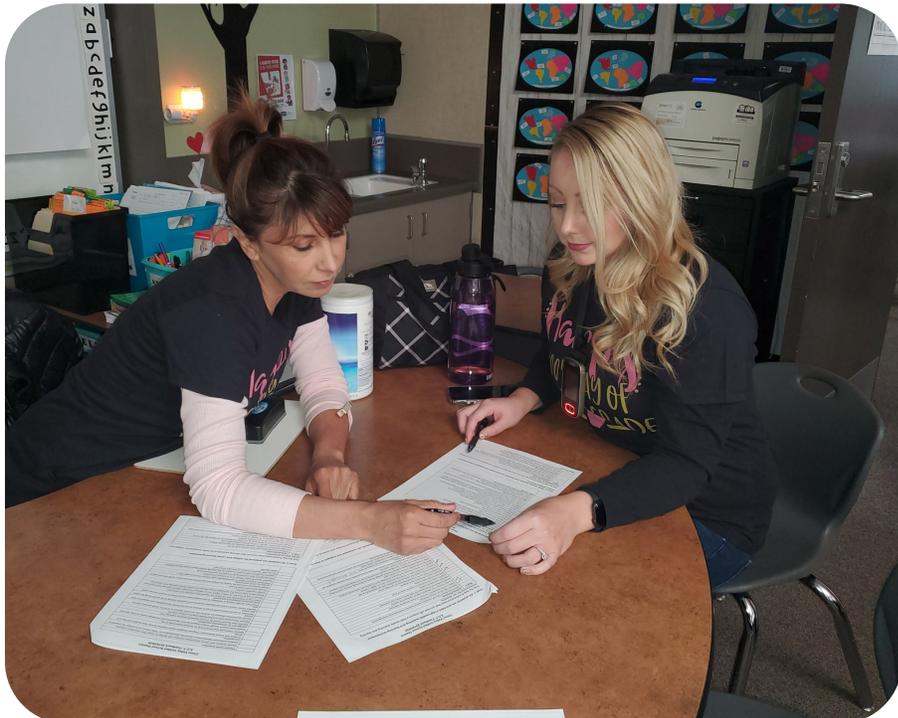


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LCAP Survey Results

Thank you everyone who participated in our LCAP survey campaign by filling them out and getting them turned in. Some members spent a day at their site collecting surveys, some members visited other sites, and some put surveys in mailboxes. With everyone working together, we had the largest number of responses to date, almost half of our total membership! Every comment, along with the results were submitted to the district.



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Term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022

2019 – 2020



- Delaney Dyer
- David Espinosa
- Luke Noblett
- Grant Pennett
- Anthony Tedesco
- Rachel Torres
- Lucia Valdez
- Bryce White
- Marisa Zorrilla

2019 – 2020 Retirees

Name	Years of Service
Wendy Bartman	30
Lemont Baybrook	17
Claire Burris	29
Rhonda De Bie	22
Diana Deboers	33
Kirt Ensman	31
Rosemarie Guzman	23
Robert Hagadorn	22
Douglas Hardman	14
Lorraine Kahn	27
Bruce Kahn	39
Karen Lugo	24
Julie Margala	15
Laureen Muhr	36
Diane Murillo	22
Hilda Navarrete	26
Susan Newman	31
Veronica Nunez	30
Patricia Olgin	8
Gregory Smart	13
Robyn Smyser	34
Jonathan Thomas	18
Angela Tronske	20
Benito Valenzuela	32
Terri Villanueva	21



2020-2021 SITE REPRESENTATIVES

Alt. Ed, CVLA & Adult School Cathy Lopez	Cal Aero William Renner Lara Savage	Liberty Elementary Jacqueline Brazynetz Kimberly Kessler
Psychologist Traci Reyes	Canyon Hills Junior High Italia Iossif	Hidden Trails Elementary Tina Wicker
Nurses Jeannetta Attenburg Sherry Ma	Chino High Maria Montiel	Magnolia Junior High Candida Celaya
Ayala High School Amy Campbell Steven Frazer Deborah Stevens	Levi Dickey Elementary Rebecca Campos Amanda Hubbard	Newman Elementary Nathan Green Lisa Wilson
Briggs 6th-8th Veronika Trujillo	Eagle Canyon Elementary Arcelia Velez-Lynch	Ramona Junior High John Guillemet
Buena Vista High Rosalía Arroyo Erika Kelley	Glenmeade Elementary Karen Morse Melissa Snell	Rolling Ridge Elementary Denise Costello Anne Whyte
Butterfield Elementary Laura Schlerf Patricia Schultz		

**Congratulations to the new and returning reps!
Together we make a difference.**

**Site rep declarations will be sent out for open positions
at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.**

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