

Elected CTA State council members met this weekend in Los Angeles to work on and discuss educational policies and legislation. Here is an over view of what the committees worked on.

Committees

ESEA (No Child Left Behind)

The reauthorization is on the fast track. There is currently a bill HR452 that relates to testing across grade levels, ie testing only in grades 3,8, and 12. For more detailed information go to www.NEA.org . Tell your congressmen and women to get it right this time.

Adult, Alternative, and Career Technical Education

(putting CTE back into the Lcap.)

A brief put out by the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education looks at the College and Career Readiness and funding. Below is an outline of the brief.

“Changes in education funding and accountability policies in California provide new opportunities to end the false dichotomy of preparation for college *or* career and supports students in graduating from school well-equipped with 21st century skills. This research describes practical and measurable indicators of career as well as college readiness that the state and districts can look to as they develop accountability plans. The research paper this was based on can be found at <https://edpolicy.stanford.edu/publications/pubs/1279>.”

Assessment and Testing

In 2012 SB 1458 was signed into law by Governor Brown altering the structure of the API, changing the criteria by which schools are held accountable. These changes cannot go into effect until one year after the State Board of Education adopts the changes. The API is scheduled to go into effect in 2016. AST has made the following recommendations and will begin work with legislators on these issues.

- A. Delaying the API for 1 Year.
- B. Limiting the Weights of Statewide Assessments in the API
- C. Determining Local Indicators for the API
- D. Eliminating Decile Rankings
- E. Changing Recommended SBAC Cut Scores
- F. Eliminating the High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

Curriculum and Instruction

The California

Retirement

With the passage of AB 1469, the unfunded liability of STRS is addressed and teachers can have a safe and secure retirement. The new law will increase the amount of contributions made by the teachers and the school districts. As reminder CalSTRS does not mail out hard copies of the members' Annual Progress Reports. They are available online at www.mycatrs.com. **The Retirement committee unanimously moved a support position on SJR 1 (Beall). SRJ 1 requests the President and the Congress to enact the Social Security Fairness Act, which would repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act. Members are encouraged to submit letter of support to their legislators using the resources at <http://www.nea.org/home/16827.htm>.** The following informational items are available links with retirement information. www.calstrs.com www.leginfo.ca.gov

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