



# SMMCTA 10-MINUTE MEETING

**February 2023**

## **Confidentiality:**

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## **ELECTIONS**

We have a new member of our Executive Board. Amy Golden-Malone will serve out the remainder of the school year as one of our High School Representatives. We will open Executive Board Election Nominations for the 2023-2025 positions in March.

## **MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS SURVEY**

All members have been sent this survey to their non school email address. We urge you to fill it out. If you have not received a survey, or if you have pictures or additional information about damage in your classrooms, please contact us at [smmctamembers@smmcta.com](mailto:smmctamembers@smmcta.com)

## **NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE**

Executive board members visiting sites for negotiations feedback. Team will study the results from the various site visits and agree on what articles we will open/sunshine for negotiations

## **ENGAGEMENT**

The Executive Board of SMMCTA, OPPOSES “Fund 17”, Board Policy for a reserve equaling 28% above the 3% reserve requirement. We have not seen any evidence as to why it is necessary to accrue a reserve at that level, nor does it make sense to focus on a rainy day fund in that amount when it is literally *raining in our classrooms*.

*Reserve Fund To protect the District against unforeseen circumstances such as revenue shortfalls, unanticipated expenditures and the need to issue short term debt to address cash flow issues, the Board intends to maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance, which includes the reserve for economic uncertainties equal to **twenty-eight percent of general fund expenditures and other financing uses**. Further, the Board designates the*

*additional reserves above the three percent reserve for economic uncertainties to be placed in Fund 17.*

*If the assigned and unassigned fund balance falls below the level set by the Board due to an emergency situation, unexpected expenditures, or revenue shortfalls, the Board shall develop a plan to recover the fund balance which may include dedicating new unrestricted revenues, reducing expenditures, and/or increasing revenues or pursuing other funding sources.*

**We all care for the fiscal solvency of our district, but it should not be at the expense of our current students and staff.**

Members are encouraged to join the March 2nd Board meeting and members who do decide to speak can meet with other members of the Executive Board at John Adams Middle School. To speak at the board meeting you must be present. You can also contact the board to voice your oppositions and concerns via email. [The agenda for this meeting is here.](#)

A regular meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education will be held on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**, in the John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Studio: 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are no official layoffs this year. The reduction in force will be achieved through attrition. (Non-reelect, resignations, and retirements.) Any teacher given a non-reelect notice should reach out to their site rep

SMDP reported that the [District is considering purchasing the Civic Auditorium](#)

## Next meetings

[Board of Education](#) meeting Thursday, March 2 @ 5:30 pm (In person)

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[Board of Education](#) meeting Thursday March 15 @ 5:30 pm (In Person)


Representative Assembly Meeting – Monday, March 20 @ 4:15 pm (Zoom)

## Important Links

[Reopening Protocols for K-12 Appendix T1](#) (12-13-22)

[Covid-19 Exposure Management Guidance Appendix T2](#) (12-12-2022)

[Isolation Order](#) (9-1-2022)



**CTA Conferences** Please consider attending. CTA offers grants for our members. SMMCTA also offers up to \$250 for CTA and for other Professional Development not covered by the district. [Apply here.](#)

**2023 CTA Special Education Conference** - *CTA is seeking engaging presentations for the 2023 Special Education Conference. The conference planning committee will review all applications and select the presenters based on the following criteria: relevancy to the conference program and attendees; inclusion of hot topics outlined below: evidence of knowledge of the subject matter; and prior presentation success.*

We hope you will consider submitting an application and share your knowledge and experience with our educators. Below you will find conference details, session topics and themes. The conference planning committee will review each application. CTA will compensate you for your standard travel expenses to present at the Special Education Conference.

**Conference Dates:** October 6-8, 2023

**Conference Location:** Hyatt Regency, Garden Grove, CA

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 6, 2023**

## **LACOE's EASE (Employee Assistance Service for Education) Program**

EASE provides confidential counseling, phone consultations and community referrals. For more information call: 1-800-882-1341 EASE counselors specialize in:

- family troubles
- emotional distress
- drug/alcohol problems
- job anxieties and stress
- grief, loss, transitions

EASE is primarily an assessment and brief counseling service and is best defined as a pre-treatment service. The emphasis is on early identification of problems affecting work performance, consultation with managers, labor representatives, employees and proactive intervention. EASE is not a substitute for a district's health-care plan. It is, however, a beneficial and effective extension of the provider plan.