

DAVID GOLDBERG DISTRICT J

David Goldberg, a third-generation California educator, is serving his second three-year term on the CTA Board, which expires June 25, 2015.

An educator for 17 years, he has spent most of his career as a bilingual teacher at Murchison Elementary in the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is fluent in Spanish and Sign Language.

Goldberg represents on the CTA Board the 35,000 members of UTLA who teach in Los Angeles Unified, the nation's second-largest district with about 600,000 students. He also served as treasurer of UTLA, and was the youngest executive officer to ever hold office in that union. His CTA activism included working on the budget committee of the CTA State Council of Education, as liaison to the Council's Teacher Evaluation and Academic Freedom committee, and taking part in CTA's State of Emergency actions in 2011 (he spent a night in jail along with dozens of other educators who participated in civil disobedience at the State Capitol building to protest funding cuts). He is also a leader in CTA's Strategic Planning Workgroup.

Goldberg is from a family of education union leaders; his grandmother was an early member of UTLA and took part in the LAUSD strike in the 1970s that gave birth to the union. His aunt, Jackie Goldberg, was chair of the state Assembly Education Committee and also a leader in the education field. His wife, Karla Alvarado-Goldberg, is a middle school psychiatric social worker in LAUSD and a member of the CTA State Council of Education.

Goldberg earned a bachelor's in community studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and after a brief career as a professional basketball player, obtained his teaching credential through the intern program in Los Angeles Unified.

He is a lifelong resident of the Echo Park neighborhood in Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife and their three children.

