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MAJOR POLICY - Immediate Action (2/3rd vote required)

A. None

MAJOR POLICY - Second Reading

A. Standardized testing will assess the content standards of the current academic year in which those content standards are taught.

Rationale: We want to have policy in place to deal with future legislation concerning assessment of the common core state standards and any other standardized content assessments.

To be placed in "Testing/Assessment: Standardized testing of students" after #4 following "CTA also believes in order for standardized achievement test and/or assessments to support quality education" (pg. 374)

MAJOR POLICY - First Reading

A. None

OTHER ITEMS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

A. None

REFERRALS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. None

MATTERS PENDING

A. NBI 4/11-3 – That CTA sponsor and lobby for legislation to revise the 8th grade California Standards Test (CST) to include only United States history questions instead of the current policy of including both World history and United States history questions on the test.
B. NBI 4/11-8 – That CTA lobby for the cessation of the History and Science portion of the STAR test in Grade 8.
C. NBI 10/11-29 – That CTA writes policy language to protect teacher created assessment/testing material security.
D. NBI 3/12-12 – That CTA demand that the disclosure of API scores by any state or local school district be done by reporting the full range of scores starting from the first year's baseline scores to every subsequent year thereafter.
E. NBI 1/13-6 – That CTA amend policy on funding as follows: "CTA believes tying student test scores to teacher evaluation should not be required in deciding Federal funding."
F. NBI 1/13-24 – That CTA support State Superintendent of Education Tom Torlakson's proposal to reduce California State Testing (CST's) in the 2013-2014 school year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Updated committee on Smarter Balanced Assessments.
2. Had a discussion about the Public School Accountability Act Advisory Committee.
3. Reviewed SB 1458.
4. Planning to invite Deb Sigman, CDE Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, to the April council meeting to speak about Torlakson's recommendation for the reauthorization of the new assessment system.
5. Welcomed our new Board member, Gayle Bilek.
6. Welcomed our new Legislative Advocate, Patricia Rucker.
7. Completed Strategic Planning Survey.