

CTA's Mission is Clear

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The California Teachers Association exists to protect and promote the well-being of its members; to improve the conditions of teaching and learning; to advance the cause of free, universal, and quality public education for all students; to ensure that the human dignity and civil rights of all children, youth and adults are protected; and to secure a more just, equitable, and democratic society.



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WHEN WE COME TOGETHER IN OUR UNION, WE CAN BARGAIN FOR THE WORKING CONDITIONS WE ALL DESERVE AND THE LEARNING CONDITIONS WE ALL WANT FOR OUR STUDENTS.

From fair compensation, health care and retirement security, to exclusive member-only discounts, to financial advice and support, the union offers services to help you and your family.



Since 1863

When CTA was founded in 1863, only a few hundred students attended public schools and teachers were underpaid and needed more resources. Within three years, CTA persuaded the state legislature to establish free public schools for all children.

We've had many victories since then—from winning Proposition 98, the landmark state constitutional amendment that guarantees a certain amount of the state's budget for K-14 schools; to advocating for and winning the establishment of the California Department of Education, community colleges, and the CalSTRS, the largest educator-only pension fund in the world; to securing critical resources for our schools with Propositions 30 and 55.

Together, we have improved the working conditions and salaries of educators and expanded the opportunity for California's students to receive a quality education.

Fighting for Our Students

We work in our union to provide a quality public education to every student, regardless of ZIP code.

Every student has a right to a great public education. As educators, we inspire and nurture tomorrow's inventors, thinkers, artists and leaders. As union members, we have the power to demand and win justice for all.

Have an idea for how to improve our local school site? Reach out to your Site Representative. When we are organized for the schools our students deserve, we win.

