

CTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BILL FREEMAN **At-Large**

Bill Freeman, a veteran San Diego Unified School District educator and union leader, is serving his first three-year term on the Board, which ends on June 25, 2020.

As an at-large CTA Board member, Freeman, who taught multiple subjects for 17 years at the district's Porter Elementary School, represents all California minority educators.

His union dedication runs deep. He served for four years as president of the San Diego Education Association, from 2010-14, and was the SDEA treasurer, a member of the executive board, and also represented the union as a delegate for eight years to the CTA State Council of Education, CTA's top governing body. He also was an SDEA delegate to the National Education Association's annual Representative Assembly and was on the local central labor council's board.

An award-winning teacher, Freeman is a former San Diego Unified Teacher of the Year and won honors from SDEA for his activism, including a local WHO ("We Honor Ours") award, and a statewide CTA WHO award.

He served for 22 years in the Army and retired in 1995 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. "I became a teacher after mentoring kids in different countries in the military," he says. "I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of young people."

He was also a Boy Scout leader for a dozen years.

He holds a bachelor's degree in science from Prairie View A&M University in Texas, and a master's in administration from Central Michigan University. He earned his California teaching credential from National University.

Freeman lives with his spouse, Tracy, in San Diego. They have two children, Tyler and Morgan.



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