[member- new school year email/letter]

Dear [member name],

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year! Your return to a post-pandemic school system is a testament to your personal and professional resilience, and we are thankful for your continued commitment to the students and schools in this community.

We are living in extraordinary times. The pandemic is causing trauma to permeate deep into every corner of our communities. As educators, we are at the center of it all. Many of us are struggling to cope ourselves. It is critical not only to practice intentional self-care but also to be aware of the toll on your mental health. Your union is here for you. As you start this new school year, visit CTA’s [new online wellness center](https://www.cta.org/for-educators/wellness-center) for tips and resources on how to take care of you and your students’ mental health.

Rest assured that during the COVID crisis, the members and leaders of [your association here] have continued to work throughout the pandemic to ensure students and members return to schools and worksites that prioritize the health and safety of all. Thanks to this advocacy, [new MOU or other safety language here].

As you can see, the work of advocating for members never ends. It’s because of educators just like you who banded together in this difficult time and decided to make a difference that we have weathered a very difficult storm. We will face further challenges as we continue to differentiate our instructional delivery models in the post-pandemic period. We will continue to meet those challenges because we are stronger together.

[Local chapter name] will continue in partnership with [CTA](http://www.cta.org/) and [NEA](http://www.nea.org/) to advocate for a quality public education for every student. Our mission to protect and promote California’s public schools has never been more important!

As we start this year, your executive board wants to thank you again for your commitment to your union, your profession, and the students we all serve.

Sincerely,

[President name here]