**Welcome.** We’re excited to have you as a new member. (Or—We’re glad that you are considering membership in your professional organizations, (LEA), CTA and NEA.)

Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions. How amazing is that?

Classroom teachers in California serve more than 6 million students. That’s nearly one in eight students in the country.

And our members work in 1,100 school districts across California to help students achieve academically and learn the skills needed to be successful and productive citizens. Our expertise is called upon for implementing best practices in our schools and colleges, or to improve the learning conditions of the profession. People trust educators!

Getting involved with CTA can provide you with helpful information and training on educational leadership, classroom management, parental involvement, and more topics to enhance your professional growth.

(LEA) is your organization, and we are excited to welcome you to our school district. Your membership is the beginning of your journey supporting students, our schools and campuses, and our profession. I invite you to look at some ways you can be involved.

Is there anything that particularly interests you in education, supporting students, your career in general, or areas where you might like some support? Anything at all? (Listen carefully. Take notes. You’ll want to create activities that fit member interests.)

Thank you. I’ve made notes on all your comments, and we’ll do our best to address those.

On the state level, if you don’t know the history of CTA, you should check this out: [cta.org/about-us/history](https://www.cta.org/about-us/history). We started as and continue to be a social justice organization, advocating for free public schools for all students. Take some time when you can to look at the entire timeline.

There are a few ways that you can get involved and stay informed. Take a look at this: [cta.org/get-involved](http://www.cta.org/get-involved). Here you’ll find links to a variety of social media platforms. (Point out any local platforms here as well.)

If members show an interest in social justice...I’d also like to show you this page: [cta.org/our-advocacy/social-justice](https://www.cta.org/our-advocacy/social-justice).

There is a huge array of benefits available through your membership in our local, CTA, and NEA. Please take some time on <CTA.org>, and please stand together with your fellow educators.

Thanks for your time.

**Suggestions Continue >>>**

 **Education Support Professionals**

* For ESP (classified), you may also want to share this link:

[cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/esp](https://www.cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/esp)

**Higher Education**

* For Higher Ed (Community College), you may also want to share this link:

[cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/highered](https://www.cta.org/for-educators/meet-cta/highered)