

ALVORD EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever wondered what our jobs would be like if we had everything we needed to do them AND we were paid a professional salary commensurate with our education and experience? I found myself contemplating this question over Spring Break as I followed the teacher strikes going on around the country. It also came to mind as I reflected on our current bargaining situation. As I have made my site visits, so many of you have questioned why the Board is treating us this way. I have usually answered by saying "We are back to the old Alvord ways." These are the times of having to fight for everything because the Board is more focused on "winning" than doing the right thing.

I was recently saying to our Bargaining Team and Executive Board that as long as we have always done what we know to be true, honest and right, we will never have to backtrack, explain or apologize. This is how we have conducted ourselves and our AEA business and will continue to do so. I am proud of the work we have done and will do. Our Executive Board, Rep Council and Bargaining Team have been professional and truthful in all they have done—even in the face of mean-spirited and dishonest tactics.

Your Association has worked diligently to always give the most up to date and accurate information available. We have not stooped to divisive and manipulated information in order to boost our actions. We are able to access CTA staff to get the most accurate and factual data.

We will stick to what we know is fair and honest and continue the fight on behalf of all of you. We will be successful—no matter how long it takes. On behalf of our Executive Board, Rep Council and Bargaining Team, I thank you for the support, positive comments and efforts to support our cause. In the end, this is your Association and we are strong because of all of you!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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4/19	AUSD Board Meeting	
5/2-5/14	AEA Elections	
5/3	AUSD Board Meeting	
5/9	Exec Board Meeting	4:00 p.m.
5/16	Rep Council Meeting	4:00 p.m.



AEA ELECTIONS

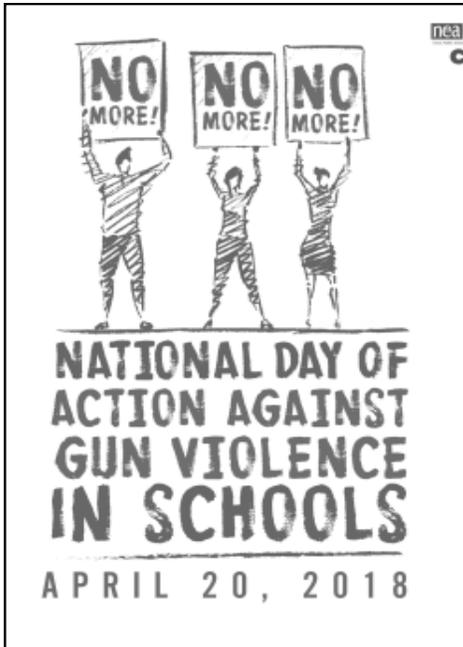
“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”— Franklin D. Roosevelt

The order for the names listed for each position is determined by using the current CTA alphabetical order for 2017-18. The candidates are:

PRESIDENT
<p>Sheri Lazzarini Leigh Hawkinson</p>
TREASURER
<p>Errol Garnett Kaja Stoll</p>
HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR
<p>David Danks Jennie Sylva</p>
AT-LARGE DIRECTOR
<p>Keala Hughes Rayanne Furnish Scofield</p>
STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (finishing remaining two years of term)
<p>Erika Zamora</p>
STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE (three-year term)
<p>Errol Garnett</p>
<i>Write-Ins allowed for every office. See your site rep for ballot.</i>

Voting May 2-14, 2018

No More: Join us on April 20 for a National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in Schools



Why April 20? April 20 is the 19th anniversary of the Columbine massacre. We need to keep the conversation about gun violence prevention going. This event joins the series of large scale movements since the Parkland massacre - including the National School Walkout and the March for Our Lives - to stand in solidarity across California, and the country, to demand action now.

Facts About Gun Violence

- More than 150,000 students attending K-12 schools have experienced a shooting on campus since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999.
- A total of 1,300 children die from guns every year in the United States, and nearly 6,000 suffer gunshot wounds.
- There have been 33 school shootings in California since 1979 that have resulted in 51 deaths and 136 injuries.
- Since 2009, there has been at least two school shootings every year in California. (Except 2018, but it's only March...)
- Black children are 10 times more likely to die from a gun than white children.
- According to the CDC, on average, 96 people a day are killed by guns.
- As of February 20, 2018, there have been 34 mass shootings (incidents with 4 or more people shot), resulting in 60 deaths and 139 injuries.

WHERE WE STAND

- On April 20, 2018, NEA, the Network for Public Education* and CTA join together for this national event.
- Inspired by the courageous students in Parkland, Florida, and across the nation, students, parents, educators and community advocates are joining together to say: No more children murdered in our schools. No more parents sending a child to school who never comes home. No more teachers, coaches, principals, librarians, or any school staff standing between students and a gunman. NO MORE.
- We know the epidemic of gun violence in schools is a problem that can be solved. America is one of the few nations where mass shootings are commonplace. Mass murder in schools is not a predetermined outcome that we must be prepared for – it is a consequence of decisions made by our elected leaders.
- The problem extends even beyond mass shootings. Gun violence affects too many young people, especially in communities of color, daily. It is time for our leaders to take real action when it comes to gun violence.

Find an event near you
AND register your
event at
protectschools.com

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PRINCIPALS, LIBRARIANS, OR
ANY SCHOOL STAFF STANDING
BETWEEN STUDENTS AND A
GUNMAN.**

NO MORE.

cta.org/nomore

[#WeSayNoMore](https://twitter.com/WeSayNoMore)

Suffering from Social Media Stress?!

Try these 7 Steps to a Summer Break Digital Detox!



7

Replace mindless tech time— with time out in nature, reading a book, going to a museum, farmer’s market, or doing an activity that’s not connected to technology. How about a new hobby?

6

Practice Mindfulness. Social media can sometimes take away from the full experience of the present. Take pictures, and post them all later. Wait until after the moment in a downtime. Not pulled out of the magical moment of right now.

5

Use Airplane Mode on the ground. Not only are you saving battery life, but you can fully focus on your workout and not your social networks. Plus, you can still listen to your music and playlists without interruption.

4

Try digital free dinners. Let everyone check their devices until the server comes to the table to take orders, but after that, all phones are put away so dining together will be a more sociable occasion.

3

Stop the constant noise. Shut down automatic notifications. Get your news on your own terms and when you want it, not when the app decides you need it.

2

Delete your unused apps. Not only will it simplify your life, but it will make your device work faster and better. You can always re-install it from the cloud or App Store later if you should discover it’s really necessary. You won’t miss it.

1

Buy an alarm clock. Cell phones are not cuddly teddy bears, yet some people sleep with them – in their beds, some in their hands!