

TO: All CVTA Members

FROM: Todd Finlay, CVTA PAC Chair

SUBJECT: Annual Notification of local PAC opt-out

This has been a challenging year for Castro Valley educators. The school board's decision to increase class sizes and issue preliminary layoff notices to teachers was painful for all of us given the millions of dollars in reserves.

Thankfully many parents, teachers and students stepped up to defend quality education in Castro Valley. Not only did we rescind the layoff notices and keep class sizes small, we negotiated a modest increase to our health benefits and first ever class size caps for secondary Physical Education.

I never want to go through unnecessary layoffs again. That's why I'm heartened that this past May, CVTA members established a local Political Action Committee by a vote of 213 to 36.

In November, three seats on our School Board are up for election. Over the summer our Political Action Committee will interview all of the candidates. We'll be looking to recommend effective, collaborative leaders who are guided by a pro-teacher, pro-student philosophy. Recommended candidates will be brought before our Representative Council for endorsement by CVTA.

Every CVTA member is automatically enrolled in our Political Action Committee. Each month, \$1.00 of your dues money is allocated to a separate political action fund. You have the right to opt-out and leave your entire dues money as part of the general fund instead. This is not a dues increase, but instead designates \$1 of your monthly dues towards the PAC.

If you choose to opt-out, please return this form by Wednesday, June 13 to Todd Finlay at Marshall Elementary.

CVTA PAC OPT OUT FORM

I do not wish to contribute any dues to the CVTA Political Action Committee.

(This is not a dues refund. The money will instead remain in CVTA's general fund. This does not cancel your membership.)

NAME (PRINT):

POSITION/SCHOOL:

SIGNATURE: