

## UPDATE

Week of March 1, 2010

### **PARTIAL PARCEL TAX CAMPAIGN, or DOES ANYONE CARE ABOUT CLASSROOMS AND LEARNING?**

For the past six months, AALA has encouraged the Board of Education to realize that a parcel tax is needed to balance the massive cuts from Sacramento. We believed that cutting the arts, increasing class size, closing libraries, eliminating administrators, as well as cutting safety at schools was devastating to our mission as educators. Some sources believe that Sacramento has sufficient revenue but has made no decisions except to pass its problems down to the local school boards. AALA has been at the forefront in urging the District to take advantage of all flexibilities regarding the budget including shortening the school year and pursuing a parcel tax.

Now, just last month, a majority of the LAUSD Board finally listened to AALA and others and voted to seek the public's help with what looks like an impossible budget reality created by the state legislature and governor. Thus far, the legislature and the governor have abandoned the schools and the families of LAUSD. AALA questions why it took so long for the Board to pay attention, and now, where is the campaign to get out the vote and win? Is this a parcel tax election or a partial campaign?

With fewer than 100 days until the election, principals and other school-site leaders have no information about the parcel tax. Why? Senior staff and some Board Members regularly send e-mails to employees on all kinds of subjects. Why can't they write a simple note and attach a parcel tax notice for school personnel to post in the main office or parent center? Is there really a strong desire to pass the parcel tax or is it just an opportunity to say, "Oh well, we tried"?

The most coherent voice at the present time, although nonsensical, is that of Board Member **Tamar Galatzan** who is opposed to the parcel tax because she thinks it's not the right time to ask voters to help their schools. She believes that we can cut more staff from LAUSD. When is the right time? Should we wait until schools cannot hold enough bake sales to keep operating?

AALA believes that now is the time for action. The Superintendent should be given authority by the Board to state the case publicly for the parcel tax. Site administrators should be given clear instructions about the legal way to present parcel tax information so that they are not inappropriately advocating a position. The Board President and Superintendent should implement a thoughtful campaign to reach out to all communities within the LAUSD boundaries. Right now, the District is spending money on consultants and outside attorneys instead of speaking up for the kids and schools who truly need this money. Perhaps they are delirious with the \$7 billion for construction, and they no longer care about instruction. There are 95 days until the election on June 8. It is time to get moving now!

**EDUCATIONAL FORUM HOSTED BY  
ACSA REGION XVI and AALA**

Candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, retired Superintendent **Larry Aceves** and Assemblymember **Tom Torlakson**, participated in a public forum on Thursday, February 25. Citing scheduling conflicts, State Senator **Gloria Romero** declined to participate. Over 120 audience members had the opportunity to meet and hear Aceves and Torlakson, who are vying to be the next public voice of education in California. Aceves, a thirty-year career educator, is running for his first public office. He is the former State President of ACSA, the largest educational leadership association in the nation. Torlakson, a former high school science teacher, is a member of the Assembly’s Education Committee and has authored legislation establishing the largest system of after-school programs and the Quality Education Improvement Act (QEIA). Romero has gained headlines in recent weeks with her “parent trigger” and “students without boundaries” legislation.

**Ron Kaye**, former *Daily News* Editor and now RonKayeLA.com blogger, was the moderator for the evening. *Los Angeles Times* education reporter **Howard Blume**; Dr. **Maria Ott**, Superintendent, Rowland Unified School District; and **David Tokofsky**, retired LAUSD Board Member and AALA Strategist, served as panelists.

After hearing candidates' responses to panel members' questions on charter schools, budget, assessment, accountability and closing the achievement gap, audience members submitted their own questions. They asked the candidates what are their top three priorities, how would they address educational needs with a burgeoning budget deficit and do they support the overturn of Proposition 13.

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region XVI and Associated Administrators of Los Angeles (AALA) hosted the forum and reception. It was held at the new Central LA High School #9, Visual and Performing Arts, in downtown Los Angeles.

Additional supporting organizations included Alliance of Asian/Pacific Administrators (AAPA), the Association of Jewish Educators (AJE), the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE), California Council for Adult Education (CCAЕ), the Council of Black Administrators (COBA), the Council of Mexican American Administrators (CMAA), Elementary Principals Organization, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles School Police Association, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council, Phi Delta Kappa – CSUN Chapter, Teamsters, Unite L.A., and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA).

The primary election will be June 8, 2010.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**EDWARD JOHN CHEETHAM** – Former Principal of Fairfax and Narbonne high schools and Assistant Principal of Fairfax and Banning high schools. He retired on June 26, 1986, and passed away on February 25, 2010.

**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

Name	Date/Time	Location	Contact
Willie Richardson	Saturday, March 13, 2010 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Proud Bird Restaurant 11022 Aviation Blvd. Los Angeles	Pat Nichols 310.702.0137

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXAMS and EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY LISTS

LAUSD Human Resources (HR) Division recently announced that a new streamlined process is being developed for **school-based administrative examinations**. The first of these examinations will be given in Fall 2010 for Elementary Principal. The examination has been pushed back from this spring to accommodate the District's impending reduction in force. **Additionally, the expiration dates of all school-based administrative eligible lists have been extended as follows:**

Eligible List	Expiration Date
Principal, Secondary	March 1, 2010
Principal, Elementary	March 28, 2011
Assistant Principal, Secondary (merged)	June 11, 2011
Assistant Principal, Secondary Counseling Services	January 8, 2011
Assistant Principal, Elementary (merged)	June 14, 2011
Assistant Principal, Elementary Instructional Specialist	April 28, 2011
Principal, Adult	October 24, 2011
Assistant Principal Operations, Adult & Career Education	September 4, 2011
Assistant Principal, Adult Counseling Services	March 9, 2011
Reassignment List	
Assistant Principal, Elementary	September 20, 2012
Assistant Principal, Elementary Instructional Specialist	September 20, 2012

## FIELDING GRADUATE UNIVERSITY: A 14-Month Program

Become a dynamic educational leader prepared to create an innovative and collaborative learning environment. Participate as a member of a learning community in dialogue, critical thinking, and action research. Integrate theory and practice and learn effective methods of closing the achievement gap. Earn your Master's Degree, Preliminary Administrative Services Credential, Dual Language/Biliteracy Concentration and/or Charter School Concentration in 14 months!

**Program structure:**

- ◆ 2 five-day sessions during the summer of 2010
- ◆ 10 weekend sessions during the school year
- ◆ 2 five-day sessions during the summer of 2011

**Attend an informational meeting from 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

- ◆ Thursday, March 11, San Antonio Winery, 737 Lamar Street, Los Angeles
- ◆ Wednesday, March 17, Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles
- ◆ Monday, March 22, Shanghai Red's Restaurant, 13813 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey
- ◆ Thursday, March 25, Luminarias Restaurant, 3500 W. Ramona Blvd, Monterey Park

To RSVP contact **Kristin Kontilis** at [kkontilis@fielding.edu](mailto:kkontilis@fielding.edu) or **Elisabeth Douglass** at [edouglass@fielding.edu](mailto:edouglass@fielding.edu). Walk-ins Welcome!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION and COMMUNITY AWARD  
NOMINATION FORMS DUE MARCH 19**

The due date for students in regular high schools, continuation high schools, and adult schools to submit their applications for the 2010 AALA Scholarships is rapidly approaching. All applications must be in the AALA office by Friday, March 19. Encourage eligible students to apply for these scholarship awards.

The due date for AALA members to submit nomination forms for the AALA Community Awards is also Friday, March 19. If you have not already nominated an individual or a group of individuals for one of these awards, please consider doing so now. You can mail or fax (213.484.0201) your nomination to the AALA office (1910 W. Sunset Blvd., Ste. 850, Los Angeles, CA 90026). The nomination form is also available on our website at [www.aalausd.com](http://www.aalausd.com) under "Community Volunteer Nomination."

Should you have questions or need additional information about either of these awards, contact the AALA office at 213.484.2226.

**SCHOLARSHIP and COMMUNITY AWARD  
SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

AALA members, active or retired, are needed to serve on the Scholarship Selection Committee and the Community Award Selection Committee. The dates for the selection meetings are as follows:

Scholarship Award: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Community Award: Thursday, April 8, 2010 – 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

If you are able to serve on either or both of these committees, please contact **Gema Pivaral** in the AALA office, 213.484.2226.

**LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE: Open Enrollment**

AALA is conducting an Open Enrollment for the UNUM Group Long Term Care Insurance Plan, which **has been EXTENDED TO MARCH 15, 2010**. The effective date of coverage will be **May 1, 2010**.

During this brief period, active employees of LAUSD/members of AALA have the opportunity to enroll **without** completing a Health Application (Automatic Acceptance – Guaranteed Issue). Family members and retirees can also enroll; however, they **DO NEED** to fill out a Health Application and are subject to Medical Underwriting. If you are serious about your financial future and preserving your estate, you may want to strongly consider this coverage.

If you have any questions or if you are requesting a packet or need more information, please contact Specialists in Long Term Care Insurance Services, Inc., by phone at 800.764.6585 or e-mail at [info@specialistsinlongtermcare.com](mailto:info@specialistsinlongtermcare.com). You can also go to the website [w3.unum.com/enroll/aala](http://w3.unum.com/enroll/aala). **PLEASE NOTE: If you use the website, you must use the exact address. DO NOT type it as [www](http://www).**

If you are requesting an enrollment packet by e-mail, please use your employee number and state that you are an AALA member.

**ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATORS OF LOS ANGELES  
2009-2010 MASTER CALENDAR**

**March**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><i>Executive Board Meeting</i></b>
Monday	15	ACSA Legislative Action Day - Sacramento
Friday	19	AALA Scholarship/Community Award applications due
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Representative Assembly</b>
Saturday	27	AEIOU Dinner Dance - Casa Italiana
Monday	29	Eve of Passover
Tues./Wed.	30/31	Passover
Mon. - Fri.	29 - April 2	Spring Recess - Single Track Schools

**April**

Friday	2	Good Friday
Sunday	4	Easter
Tuesday	6	Selection of AALA Scholarship recipients - AALA Committee
Wednesday	7	AAPA Spring Social - Empress Pavilion
Thursday	8	Selection of AALA Community Award recipients – AALA Committee
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12</b>	<b><i>Executive Board Meeting</i></b>
Wednesday	21	Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday	22	AALA Retirees Luncheon – Stadium Club, Dodger Stadium
Fri./Sat.	23/24	CAUSA Conference – Long Beach

**May**

Thursday	6	ACSA – Region XVI Awards Banquet – Casa Italiana
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Representative Assembly</b>
Saturday	15	CMAA Scholarship Brunch (NEW DATE)
Wednesday	19	AAPA Scholarship Dinner – Empress Pavilion
Thursday	20	Scholarship/Community Awards Banquet – Millennium Biltmore Hotel
Sunday	23	AJE Scholarship Brunch (NEW DATE)
Monday	31	Memorial Day Observed

**June**

Saturday	5	COBA Black Child Conference/Scholarship Luncheon
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b>	<b><i>Executive Board Installation</i></b>
Tuesday	8	GALAA Scholarship Dinner – Gay and Lesbian Center
Monday	28	Adult Year-End Luncheon (tentative)

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## CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER PROGRAM INSTITUTE GRADUATES

Thirty-three participants in Cohort 10, Series II, of the LAUSD/AALA Master Program Institute Collaborative successfully completed the 40-hour intensive training program and received their completion certificates on Wednesday, February 17. The graduates included the following: **Stephanie Bennett**, Gardena HS; **Vivienne Bocarsly**, Madison MS; **Judy Chiasson**, Office of Human Relations, Diversity and Equity, School Operations; **Chisato Craig**, USC Magnet HS; **Nery Duarte**, Madison MS; **Millicent Dypiangco**, Bravo Medical Magnet HS; **Clifford Gamble**, University HS; **David Gomez**, Wilson HS; **Celia Grant**, Cochran MS; **Kat Gurdine**, Fulton College Prep. HS; **Blanca Gurrola**, Bell HS; **Deanna Hardemion**, Cochran MS; **Gregory Jackson**, Virgil MS; **Jane Kim**, Sepulveda MS; **Maria Kohatsu**, City of Angels; **Omar Linares**, Bell HS; **Elsa Mendoza**, Huntington Park HS; **Cassandra Morris**, Venice HS; **Randy Murphy**, Career Ladder Office; **Judith Myers**, Gardena HS; **Scott Olson**, Gardena HS; **Luz Ortega**, Certificated Recruitment and Selection; **LaVerne Patterson**, iDesign; **Maribel Pelayo**, Bell HS; **Kendra Peterson**, Certificated Employment Operations; **Thelma Ponce**, Edison MS; **Paul Purkhiser**, Sepulveda MS; **Paula Rendon**, Wilmington MS; **David Santiago**, Roosevelt HS; **Susan Turner-McMullen**, City of Angels; **Dominique Turville**, Marina Del Rey MS; **Ashley Weingarten**, Marina Del Rey MS; and **Gregg Yasukochi**, Byrd MS.

Cohort 10 - Series III of the Master Program Institute (MPI) began on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. **Aminika Readeux**, Coordinator, Leadership Academy, serves as facilitator for the Master Program Institute (MPI). **Jim Bryan**, **Maggie Connelly**, **Lew McCammon**, **Rose Rao**, **Julie Ronquillo**, and **Suzanne Woods**, are Master Program Institute (MPI) mentors. **Gina Smith-DeVile** is the Administrator of the Teachers and Administrator Development Branch (TAD). **Jane Pollock** is the AALA liaison to the program.

**NOTE:** Series IV of the Master Program Institute is scheduled for April 14 to May 12. For information regarding participation in the final series for this school year, visit the Leadership Academy website or contact Aminika Readeux at 213.241.6608 or [aminika.readeux@lausd.net](mailto:aminika.readeux@lausd.net).

### 'TIS THE SEASON TO THINK "GREEN"!

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner and the "wearing of the green" becoming prominent, why not join your over 2,006 colleagues, if you have not already done so, and "go green" and receive your copy of the AALA Update online? By doing this, you will help your Association save on postage, paper, ink cartridges and mileage to and from the post office and allow us to redirect those funds into other areas of service for you. All you need to do to subscribe electronically is send an e-mail to [AALAOoffice@aala.us](mailto:AALAOoffice@aala.us) or call AALA at 213.484.2226 and tell us that you want to "GO GREEN."

**SAVE THE DATES**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010** – **Women Educators (WE)** presents its **Educators' Issues Forum**, "Keeping Positive in Difficult Times," from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Conference Center, 155 North Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles. Participants may earn Professional Growth Hours for Career and Salary Advancement. For additional information call **Monica Balbuena** at 213.765.2573.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010** – The "**Critical Teaching in Action**" Conference will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Mount St. Mary's College Doheny campus, Los Angeles. For more information go to [www.culturalfluency.org](http://www.culturalfluency.org) and click on "**Critical Teaching in Action Conference.**"

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010** - **Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)** presents the **2010 ACSA Region XVI Social** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the University Club (Lamb's Lounge), California State University Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA. Featured Keynote Speakers are **Tamar Galatzan**, LAUSD School Board Member, and **Sid Thompson**, Retired LAUSD Superintendent. Current ACSA members and anyone interested in joining ACSA are welcome. Parking is available at **LOT G1** on the corner of Dearborn and Zelzah. For additional information contact **Brian Sida** at 818.609.2522 or e-mail [bsida@lausd.net](mailto:bsida@lausd.net).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010** – **ACSA-R Region XVI** presents an "**Opportunity Faire**" from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Junior Achievement Center, 6250 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010** – **AEIOU (American Educators of Italian Origin United)** Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance will be held at Casa Italiana, 1051 North Broadway, Los Angeles, beginning at 6:00 p.m. For information and tickets, contact **Dan Basalone** at 714.992.5728.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**Minimum Qualifications:** Candidates are responsible for making sure all the District requirements have been met. Do not contact AALA for information regarding positions. Use the listed contact phone number.

**PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY**

**Julie Korenstein School (2) MST 40**, 7650 North Ben Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91605  
Julie Korenstein School will open in September 2010 as an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Jack Bagwell**, Director, at 818.755.5427. **Filing deadline is Monday, March 15, 2010.**

**Valley Region School #6 (1) MST 41**, 14859 West Rayen Street, Panorama City, CA 91402  
Valley Region #6 will open in September 2010 as an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Margaret Nelson**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3729. **Filing deadline is Wednesday, March 17, 2010.**

**Valley Region School #8 (2) MST 40**, 12441 North Bromont Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91340  
Valley Region #8 will open in September 2010 as an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Mercedes Velazquez**, Director, at 818.755.5428. **Filing deadline is Monday, March 15, 2010.**

**Valley Region School #9 (2) MST 40**, 6900 North Calhoun Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91405  
Valley Region #9 will open in September 2010 as an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Yolanda Guerra**, Director, at 818.755.5312. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**Valley Region School #10 (1) MST 41**, 7335 North Lubao Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91306  
Valley Region #10 will open in September 2010 as an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Marla Mondheim**, Director, School Support Services, at 818. 654.3627. **Filing deadline is Wednesday, March 17, 2010.**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Continued)**

**PRINCIPAL SECONDARY**

**Esteban Torres High School (5) MST 40**, 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Position (E Basis) is to lead the **Social Justice Leadership Academy (SJLA)**, grades 9-12, at Torres High School. For information and application procedures contact **Cristopher Ziegel**, Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**Esteban Torres High School (5) MST 40**, 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Position (E Basis) is to lead the **East Los Angeles Performing Arts Academy**, grades 9-12, at Torres High School. For information and application procedures contact **Cristopher Ziegel**, Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**Esteban Torres High School (5) MST 40**, 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Position (E Basis) is to lead the **Engineering and Technology Academy**, grades 9-12, at Torres High School. For information and application procedures contact **Cristopher Ziegel**, Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**Esteban Torres High School (5) MST 40**, 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Position (E Basis) is to lead the **Humanitas Academy of Art and Technology**, grades 9-12, at Torres High School. For information and application procedures contact **Cristopher Ziegel**, Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**Esteban Torres High School (5) MST 40**, 4211 Dozier Street, Los Angeles, CA 90063

Position (E Basis) is to lead the **East Los Angeles Renaissance Academy**, grades 9-12, at Torres High School. For information and application procedures contact **Cristopher Ziegel**, Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100. **Filing deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010.**

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE**

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
<b>Instructional Specialist</b>	Stevenson Middle School	<b>Until filled</b>	<a href="mailto:justin.sergi@partnershipla.org">justin.sergi@partnershipla.org</a>
<b>Principal, Secondary (7 positions)</b>	Roosevelt High School	<b>Until filled</b>	<a href="mailto:Stephen.cockrell@partnershipla.org">Stephen.cockrell@partnershipla.org</a>

**THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY GOING TO THE AALA WEBSITE, <http://www.aalausd.com>. BY CLICKING ON “POSITIONS AVAILABLE” TO THE LEFT OF THE SCREEN, YOU CAN SELECT NONSCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS AND CLICK ON ANY POSITION TO VIEW THE SPECIFIC FLYER.**

POSITIONS	FILING DEADLINE
<b>COORDINATOR, OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES, MST 41, A Basis, Local District 5.</b> For information and application procedures contact <b>Cristopher Ziegel</b> , Interim Assistant Superintendent, at 323.224.3100.	<b>Fri., March 12, 2010</b>
<b>COORDINATOR, CHARTER SCHOOLS DIVISION, MST 41, B Basis, Charter Schools Division.</b> <b>DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT, MST 45, B Basis, Charter Schools Division.</b> For information and application procedures for BOTH positions contact <b>Aaron Eairleywine</b> , Central Business Advisor, at 213.241.5516.	<b>UNTIL FILLED</b>