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The vision for AEEA is to build strength through unity, growth in leadership, and increased participation by providing service, support, and advocacy for members' rights. *AEEA Executive Board, July 28, 2008*

CTA/Orange Service Center Council Fall Leadership Conference

On September 28th at the Irvine Marriott, a number of AEEA members attended the Fall Leadership Conference and learned about and discussed various topics ranging from Special Education and Rights, Grievances, Common Core, STRS, Social Media, CTA, Site Rep Training, Bullying, and time management. **Thank you** to the following for your attendance: Denise Alfrey (Key ELC); Yasmira Cabrera (Key ELC); Julie Davani (Lincoln); Melanie Farrow (Ponderosa); Judy Fogerty (Franklin); Suzanne Gamache (Lincoln); Jennifer Hiromoto (Edison); Linda Johnson (Lincoln); Julie Klinkenberg (Guinn); Melanie Zeeman (Price); Amy Asaoka-Nakakihara (Gauer); Dennis Haessly (Stoddard); Debbie Resnick (Lincoln); Virginia Tibbetts (Gauer).

Diane Ravitch Come to the Aid of Public Education

Virginia Tibbetts, Co-chair of the Task Force for Student Learning

Diane Ravitch, formally the U.S Assistant Secretary of Education, historian of education, educational policy analyst, and currently a research professor at [New York University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development](#) has been on a speaking tour to promote her new book *Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America's Public Schools* (2013). Executive Board members, Amy Asaoka-Nakakihara and I were privileged to hear her speak at Occidental College on October 1.

Dr. Ravitch's new book destroys the hoaxes that corporate reformists would like Americans to believe about public schools. Here are only a few of some of the misconceptions:

Chapter 5 –

Claim: Test scores are falling, and the educational system is broken and obsolete.

Reality: Test scores are at their highest point ever recorded.

Chapter 6 –

Claim: The achievement gaps are large and getting worse.

Reality: Genuine gains have been made in math and reading scores from African and Hispanic Americans since the inception of the NEAP in 1971 to today.

Chapters 7 -

Claim: We are falling behind other nations, putting our economy and our national security at risk.

Reality: Schools with low poverty had scores that were equal to or significantly better than high-scoring nations.

Dr. Ravitch's critics say she has no solutions, but she spoke of many this night. Here are a few: prenatal care for all women in need, make high-quality early childhood education available to all children, lower class sizes, bring the arts back to our schools, and eliminate high-stakes standardized testing and rely instead on assessments that allow students to demonstrate what they know.

Dr. Ravitch said that we can not improve school performance without addressing poverty in our nation. She says, "Poverty is not an excuse. It is a harsh reality. No one wants poverty to be any child's destiny. Public schools exist to give all children equal educational opportunity, no matter what their zip code."

QUICK NOTES

- ✓ **SRA/ELD Survey** will be composed by AEEA and available online in the next couple of weeks. AEEA hopes everyone will participate!
- ✓ **ASM to return soon** – Anaheim Educators is happy to report that Debbie, our Administrative Services Manager, should be back to work full time in the next few weeks.
- ✓ **Check Your “CHECK”** – If you have not verified your salary for correct step and column placement, it is a good thing to do each year!



- ✓ **GOT A T-SHIRT?** If you haven't purchased your \$3.00 **AEEA4US** T-shirt yet, there are supplies on hand for most sizes at the AE office. Contact Kristen for info!
- ✓ **AEEA Texts** – Send Sam Castellano or Kristen your cell phone number. Texts are sent occasionally regarding important AEEA updates, reminders, and information.
- ✓ **Discount movie tickets** are available for purchase at the AE office. Call in advance to verify supplies.

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BOOK GIVEAWAY

AEEA will be joined this year by ASTA at the Fall Festival making our annual Book Giveaway and Read Aloud Booth an Anaheim Educators event! 😊

The festival takes place on Center St. and the area by the Muzeo on Saturday, October 26th. Readers and booth volunteers for afternoon shifts are still needed. Please contact Kristen today and help out!

September Rep Council

Schools Represented:

Barton Edison Franklin
Gauer Guinn Henry Jefferson
Juarez Lincoln Loara
Madison Marshall Olive Street
Orange Grove Ponderosa Price
Revere Roosevelt Ross
Sunkist Westmont

Schools not represented:

Key ELC Mann Palm Lane Stoddard
Sorry we missed you; hope to see you next time!

EDUCATION COUNCIL/ED COUNCIL

If you have a question or a concern about a non-contractual item that you would like discussed by the council, submit it to either Kristen Fisher or Dr. Grace. Forms are available on both the AEEA and ACSD websites. If you are using the ACSD one, start at the portal, go to Education Services under Departments, and on the left of the that homepage you will see the Council listed and forms available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 14	ACSD School Board @ 6:00
Oct. 16	Task Force meeting @ AE 2:45
Oct. 21	AEEA Rep Council @ 4:00
Oct. 23	ACSD Blood Drive
Oct. 24	Common Core Consult meeting
Oct. 28	ACSD School Board @ 6:00
Oct. 31	13-14 AEEA Election Information online at www.aeea4u.org

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