

**CTA IPD Trainings**

CTA is conducting several trainings that you can sign up for at

<https://www.cta.org/IPDTrainings>

There are also many recorded and available on YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIPNR67CxynEjAg\\_lye4WXvRWvs634BOp](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIPNR67CxynEjAg_lye4WXvRWvs634BOp)

**Link to CA Educator**

CTA will not be mailing the April/May 2020 edition.

Here is a link to access it:

<http://educator.cta.org/i/1234752-april-may-2020/11?m4>



It contains many Covid 19 related articles.

**SEA/CTA/NEA**

**Member Benefit:**

Did you know that each year Members qualify to receive **TWO FREE** Magazine Subscriptions?

Register to receive them at

[www.neamb.com/Get2](http://www.neamb.com/Get2) or

call

**1-800-968-7624.**

You will need your CTA/NEA membership number in order to complete the process. This can be found on your membership card, the label on your CA *Educator*

**Keep your Beneficiaries Up to Date on your Policies & Retirement**

**Complimentary NEA Policy**

<https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-complimentary-life-insurance>

**Complimentary CTA Policy**

<https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/en/Insurance/Death-and-Dismemberment-Plan>

**District Policy-** contact Stacey Shoff, District Benefits Coordinator, or your **Office Manager** for the most current form.

**CalSTRS-** especially in the case of marriage and divorce!

<https://www.calstrs.com/>

**DECLARING A STRS OPTION AT AGE 55**

Okay, we don't mean to give you another reason to have a mid-life crisis, but SEA wants its members to know that it is important for members to declare their retirement option with CalSTRS upon turning 55 years young. Declaring your option ensures that your pension payments pass on to your beneficiary upon your passing, and making this declaration as soon as you turn 55 maximizes that amount, as the longer you wait from turning 55 the less your beneficiary receives.

**CalSTRS will not contact you to alert you of this upon turning 55,** so mark your calendars and go to [www.calstrs.com](http://www.calstrs.com) or call them at 800-228-5453 when the time comes.

**EVERY SAVED DAY COUNTS**

Saving your sick/personal necessity days can really enhance your retirement with STRS. If you save 185 days, then you get credit for one extra year of service when calculating your pension. It works on a proportional basis, so if you have 100 days saved, then it will count for an extra 0.54 of a school year (i.e. 100/185). While it **cannot** be used for anniversary kickers to raise you to 25 or 30 years of service, it will increase the number of years when calculating your actual retirement pension. These days can also make whole years for which you did not receive a full year of service credit due to working in a job share, being on a personal, medical or administrative leave, or for being out of days of leave. Also, if at some point you leave SVUSD and work for another CA public school district, you can transfer your SVUSD accumulated days to your new district for use there.