

SEA Waves



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Congratulations to the 2020 SEA Retirees!

Debra Bickford- HMS
John Bickford- HMS
Robin Boswell-Thomas- Big Springs
Linda Burns- Wood Ranch
Joy Craig- RHS
Loren Dacanay- SVHS
Winifred Doane - White Oak
Carol Forbes- SSHA
Tim Forbes- SSHA
Diane Geirman- RHS
William Lapin- SSHA
Angela Malais- Big Springs
Bonnie McCann- Hollow Hills
Martha Nissen- Township
Jeffery Owens- Big Springs
Cynthia Page- Apollo
MaryAnn Rittenburg- Wood Ranch
Marilyn Schneid- Vista
Susan Stone- SVHS
Cris Sullivan- Apollo
Barbara Viramontes- Berylwood
Olga Yakovlev Bernstein- RHS

GRADING during DISTANCE LEARNING

Last week, the SEA Bargaining Team worked with the district on creating some mass add comments that will be automatically loaded into the Aeries report cards and the development of some optional comments for teachers to use in completing the last report card for the year.

When speaking with many teachers, so many are torn on how to adequately document the student participation level in Distance Learning while trying to figure out how to provide no harm grading because of the crazy circumstances that many students are trying to survive in. We are hoping that the mass add comments and the optional comments that were developed will help teachers do both: document participation in distance learning and record where the student was at the end of third quarter.

Please understand that even though our agreement with the district encourages no harm grading, it does NOT overturn the teacher's Ed Code Rights in determining the final grades. Your professional judgement is respected and valued!

Some teachers have shared with us that they are having difficulties in holding students harmless when recording grades into the Aeries Gradebooks. When a student does not complete an assignment during distance learning grades, the students' grades are dropping even though this may not be the teachers' intent. It is our understanding that if a teacher enters either NA or TX instead of a zero when a student does not turn in an assignment, that the lack of completion will not affect the overall student grade. NA or TX nullifies the score so that it is not tabulated in the grade.

CALL CONGRESS to ENCOURAGE the FUNDING of PUBLIC ED

The news about cuts to public education is beginning to grow. CTA and NEA have put a plan together for us to reach out to Congress to increase federal dollars to public education. These calls matter! **1-855-977-1770**

Ask #1- Ask them to support providing at least \$175 billion for the Education Stabilization Fund to distribute to states.

Ask #2- Ask them to support \$2 billion for the E-Rate program to close the homework gap.

A few minutes of your time can make a huge impact on our funding for next year.

