



Standing out from the crowd, fully informed on the issues

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Dear Colleague,

It has been a while since we have been in touch. As working teachers, we at CTEN have been busy getting the new school year off the ground. But it is now time to reacquaint ourselves and let you know what is new.

- “News and Updates” page <http://www.ctenhome.org/news.htm>. Please visit this page for current happenings that we think would be of interest to you.
- We now have a brochure that is downloadable and can be accessed from our homepage – www.ctenhome.org . If you would prefer to have printed copies of the brochure to distribute to interested colleagues, please send us your contact information.
- We have initiated an online private forum <http://www.ctenhome.org/forums.htm> We call it CTOC (C-talk), the California Teachers Online Community. With it you'll be able to participate in online discussions on a variety of topics with teachers of like mind across California.
- Reminder - if you are an agency fee payer, now is the time to apply for your yearly rebate. (The final date for a full rebate is Nov. 15.) For more information check out <http://www.ctenhome.org/knowMembership.htm>
- On our home page www.ctenhome.org you will notice a link to a document and an email we sent to NEA president, Reg Weaver, who has not responded to date. While we have no proof as to the actual author of the document, the strategies described in the document are very familiar. We have received quite a few emails from people who have seen them in action. If you have any stories to share on this issue, please send them along. Anonymity will be respected.
- And finally, a while back we sent out the following brief questionnaire. If you are new to this list, please fill it out and return via email. If you have seen this before and did not respond to it for whatever reason, but would like to do so now, please do.

Please indicate how you would like CTEN to address your interests/ concerns by replying to this email, answering “yes” or “no” to the following statements.

1. I am interested in the general information currently provided on the CTEN email list and website. [Yes/No] If this is the only question to which you answer, “Yes,” you will simply remain on the CTEN email list. In any case, your email address will be kept confidential unless we have your permission to share it.
2. I would like email updates on local information. (Your email address will be shared with local CTEN leaders if you answer, “Yes.”) [Yes/No] If you say, “Yes,” please give us the district where you teach so you can be placed on a local leadership email list.
3. For purposes of feeling connected to and communicating with other like-minded teachers in my local area, I would like local CTEN leaders to share my email address with others who wish the same. [Yes/No] Please let us know the district where you teach to help us with your general location.
4. I would consider volunteering to fill a CTEN role or participate in a local or online CTEN project. (If you answer, “Yes,” you will receive a future email detailing some of the ways CTEN could benefit from your help.) [Yes/No]

In any event, we hope your school year is off to a great start. Please check our website - www.ctenhome.org. We will do our best to keep you updated on all news, events and anything of interest.

Sincerely,

Larry Sand, President
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