



California Teachers Empowerment Network

Standing out from the crowd, fully informed on the issues

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Dear Colleague,

Our mission at CTEN is to present information that you probably don't get from your school district or union leaders. In that vein, we're sending you this letter.

Do you know how the state and national unions spend your money? Are they spending your money in ways you approve?

We at CTEN question whether teachers' unions should be giving money to institutions and causes that have little or nothing to do with teacher pay, benefits, and working conditions--much less education! Unfortunately they do, and it's important to point out that teachers' union donations are overwhelmingly given to organizations with a singular ideological bent. (Our goal here is not to cast a judgment on any of the particulars, but to show a serious left-leaning bias in the unions--a bias that's exceedingly strong, but one that most members probably know nothing about.)

For the specifics, please go to the links page on our website - <http://www.ctenhome.org/links.htm> - and click on the Center for Responsive Politics links or the LM2 link and see if you don't notice an ideological bias. Also, the Education Intelligence Agency website has information from 2007 posted in an easy-to-read list in their January 22nd Communiqué, which can be accessed at <http://www.eiaonline.com/archives/20080122.htm>

Remember to visit our web site at <http://www.ctenhome.org> for periodic updates. Also, expect another email from us soon about state Senate Bill 777, which could have a major impact on all California classrooms and teachers. Also, our online forum is up and running. To have a conversation with like-minded teachers all over the state, please go to <http://www.ctenhome.org/forums.htm>

As always, we want your feedback on our letters. We also would appreciate your help in spreading our message. If you would like more information on how to do this, please let us know and we will contact you. Thank you.

The Board of Directors
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