

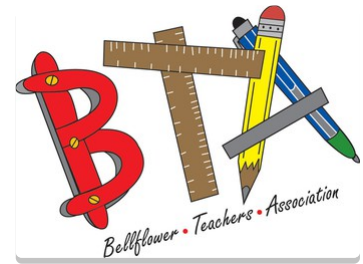
# The Voice

Bellflower Teachers Association

## From the President

Hello Members,

I can't believe the summer is almost over. Where did the time go? I hope you are all feeling rested and rejuvenated.



CalPERS sent out an email to all members about changes to plans and the dates for Open Enrollment. I have included the link below for your reference.

CTA has scheduled monthly membership benefits webinars, I have included the link below for you to check out as well.

I know the beginning of the year is crazy, remember to take a deep breath, and place one foot in front of the other. Collaborate with your colleagues, and enjoy getting to know your new students.

BTA has a new phone number (562) 525-4557. Please use this number if you need to reach me. The [voiceofBTA@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofBTA@gmail.com) will stay the same. If you no longer work for Bellflower, please let me know so I can update the email lists.

Stronger Together,  
Kari M.  
BTA President

## CALPERS Insurance Changes

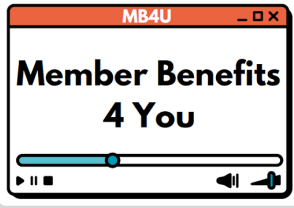


### Annual Health Plan...

[www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

We're working to give members more choices for affordable health plans and to ensure our benefit coverage provides equitable, high-quality health care. We realize that any changes to health plans impact your decisions during Open Enrollment.

## CTA Member Benefits



[Member Benefits 4...](#)

[www.ctamemberbenefits.org](http://www.ctamemberbenefits.org)

## CTA Magazine Teacher Tips

Below are PDFs of two articles from the June/July 2023 magazine that I thought would be helpful as we prepare for the upcoming school year. Enjoy!



Ten Powerful Ways to end your lessons 1.pdf

[Download](#)

365.9 KB



Page 2.pdf

[Download](#)

488.0 KB



Six ways to use ChatGPT to Save Time.pdf

[Download](#)

413.2 KB



Page 2 (2).pdf

[Download](#)

66.4 KB

## Things to Note

### 2023-2024 BTA Dues Schedule



2023-24 dues schedule.pdf

[Download](#)

52.7 KB

## New Pay Scales

Members, below are copies of the new pay scales that reflect the 4.5% pay increase beginning July 1 for the 2023-2024 school year and the 8% on the stipends. They are also posted in Business Plus and also on our website [bellflowerteachers.com](http://bellflowerteachers.com).



M & R Schedule 2023-24 July1.23 4.5% .pdf

[Download](#)

19.4 KB



Preschool - SP Schedule 2023-24 July1.23 4.5%.pdf

[Download](#)

17.7 KB



Psychologist - P Schedule 2023-24 July1.23 4.5%.pdf

[Download](#)

12.7 KB



BAE - J Schedule 2023-24 July1.23 4.5%.pdf

[Download](#)

19.1 KB



Summer School (S) Schedule 2023-24 July1.23 4.5%.pdf

[Download](#)

15.4 KB



Stipends - Coaching 2023-24.pdf

[Download](#)

47.3 KB

## Know Your Teacher Rights

CTA members have the legal right to a safe and healthy workplace. A mini-guide to teacher's rights

the link is below for you to visit and bookmark.  
<https://www.cta.org/for-educators/your-rights>

## Know Your Ed Code

When can you suspend a student? What are your rights as a teacher? Check out this PDF!

[https://www.lbusd.org/uploaded/1-District/Departments/Instructional\\_Services/Documents/Student\\_Handbook\\_Section\\_7\\_California\\_Education\\_Code\\_for\\_Student\\_Discipline.pdf](https://www.lbusd.org/uploaded/1-District/Departments/Instructional_Services/Documents/Student_Handbook_Section_7_California_Education_Code_for_Student_Discipline.pdf)

## Know Your Contract

[www.bellflowerteachers.com](http://www.bellflowerteachers.com) has the most updated contract PDFs for your reference.

<https://bellflowerteachers.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2020-2022-BTA-Contract-FINAL-for-printing.pdf>

## Have you joined PTA?

Did you know that you can still join PTA and support your school? PTA does a lot of great things for our kids, and teachers too, so if you haven't joined, please do!



[www.bellflowercouncilpta.org/p/join-our-ptas.html](http://www.bellflowercouncilpta.org/p/join-our-ptas.html)

## Get the Calm App for Free with CTA!

Free subscription to CTA members. To access your free subscription, you will need to log into the CTA Member Benefits site, <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/en/Life-Events/Calm>. This link will take you to our Calm site and you will follow the instructions on the page to create your Calm account. You will need your CTA member ID, if you do not know your member ID, you can call Member Benefits at (650) 552-5200. They can also help create your Calm account. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

## Email your Board Members

Whew! The election is over, and now the work begins. Please reach out to the board members and let them know your concerns, invite them to your classrooms, share the exciting things going on at your site.

Mayra Garza (President ) [mayragarza@busd.k12.ca.us](mailto:mayragarza@busd.k12.ca.us)  
Brad Crihfield (Vice President) [bradcrihfield@busd.k12.ca.us](mailto:bradcrihfield@busd.k12.ca.us)  
Amie Stewart (Clerk) [amiestewart@busd.k12.ca.us](mailto:amiestewart@busd.k12.ca.us)

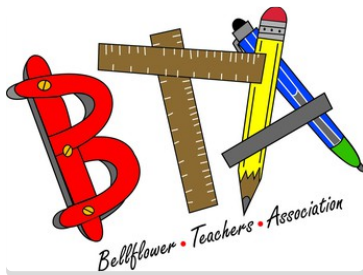
## School Board Meeting

When

Thursday, Aug. 10th, 6pm


Where

16703 Clark Avenue Bellflower, CA



## Bellflower Teachers Association

 Facebook

 17434 Studebaker Road, Cerrit...

 voiceofBTA@gmail.com

 (562) 525-4557

 bellflowerteachers.com