

## Articles

### **New Data Shows School ‘Reformers’ Are Getting it Wrong**

*(Please take the time to read this article. We feel it contains important and relevant information for all educators.)*

The author of [this article](#), David Sirota, has great insight on what the “reform” movement, who is behind it, and why it is wrong.

### **Educational Malpractice – The Child Manufacturing Process**

*“Asking kids to meet target on standardized tests is like making them meet a sales quota. Our kids are not commodities.” ~K.L. Nielson [This article is available here.](#)*

## Events

### **Bunco Is Back!!!**

Thursday, February 12

5:30 Social Time, 6:00 Game Time

CSEA basement, 2520 North Tejon

Bunco is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill. There are no decisions to be made! Bunco is about eating and drinking until your heart is content and you’re having a blast! Bring your fun-loving self and get ready for a night of laughter, food, drinks and prizes...because that’s the way we roll! If you’d like to come, please RSVP to Shelly Gemoets at [michelle.gemoets@d11.org](mailto:michelle.gemoets@d11.org).

### **Elections for CEA Officers and Representatives to NEA Representative Assembly**

Nominations for CEA Officers and State At Large Representative to the NEA Representative Assembly are due January 30 at 5:00 p.m. Complete information is available under the “Hot Topics” tab at the [CEA website](#). You must register to log in. After logging in, visit the “Important Deadlines for CEA Delegate Assembly” section and then go to the “Association Governance” section.

### **Interest Based Bargaining Has Begun**

Bargaining is held on the second floor of the Tesla Building at 2560 International Circle. There will be signs with directions inside the building. All sessions are open to the public and members are invited to attend. The schedule is available in the member section of our website at [www.cseateacher.org](http://www.cseateacher.org).

## Announcements

### **Offset Membership Dues by Utilizing The CSEA Home Services Program**

CSEA members who take advantage of our CSEA Home Services Program will receive a rebate that offsets\* their annual dues when buying or selling a home using program. The rebate applies whether the property is a primary residence or investment property. Contact Charlie Brown, RE/MAX Properties, Inc. at [719.226.3552](tel:719.226.3552) to learn more. \*Details are also available [here](#).

### **Rebate Reminder**

Recently members received an email from CSEA about receiving a rebate. As a reminder:

1. The rebate will be granted to all members (and fee payers) in good standing who apply for it.
2. Individuals who wish to receive the rebate must complete the electronic form by March 1, 2015. We are not able to accept hard copy. Use this link to apply for the rebate:

<http://goo.gl/forms/EjBGtQb5aX>

3. CSEA will send a check to every applicant by mid April.

**Deduct Your Dues On Your Taxes**

Your CSEA/CEA/NEA dues can be deducted on your taxes. For members who were full time for all of calendar year, the total amount of dues paid was \$812.32. Please look in the “After Tax Deductions” column on your year-end pay stub from District 11 to see how much you paid in dues.