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Stipends for Online Courses

You may have heard of the opportunity to earn a stipend of \$1000 for taking online professional development courses. You can get more information by going to <http://www.uclaextension.org/online/cpdi.htm>. These are the California Professional Development Institute (CDPI) online courses sponsored by UCLA. The classes are free and are offered through CTA's partner Onlinelearning.net.

Protect Yourself Get A Physician Designation Form

Did you know that you could be denied access to your own doctor if you are hurt on the job? You can be, unless you fill out a Physician Designee Form that indicates that you are designating your primary care physician for worker compensation situations. If you don't make such a designation, OUSD can require you to go to their physician for the first thirty days of your job-related illness or injury.

Currently, the supply of the forms is low. OEA has requested that Human Resources have a new supply of forms printed. When that is done, OEA will have them made available at the sites. In the meantime, you can call Maria Jiminez (Risk Management) at 879-8416 and have her send you a form. Before you call, check with your Building Representative for a form. There may be forms in your building left over from last year.

Consolidations for Probationary Teachers

If you are a probationary teacher, the collective bargaining agreement states that you cannot be consolidated more than once, during your probationary period.

OEA Gets OUSD's Agreement to Pay SB 395 Training Tuition

If you have taught in California for nine or more years and you need to have a CLAD Certificate, you can earn CLAD equivalency by taking the CTA SB 395 Training. OEA was instrumental in urging OUSD, last year, to contract with CTA to provide this training option for our senior members. State law allows only more experienced teachers the SB395 training option.

Last year, OEA reached agreement with OUSD that the \$250 tuition would be paid by OUSD to CTA. This year, the tuition has increased to \$500 per teacher. OEA was, again, successful in getting OUSD to pay the full tuition for all teachers taking the SB 395 course. OEA wishes to thank Assistant Superintendent Romina Carrillo for agreeing to the tuition payment.

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