

CalRTA Legislative Priorities

Social Security and Federal Issues

- Advocate for the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO).
- Support long-term Social Security solvency and oppose cuts

Health Care

- Oppose privatization and voucher plans for Medicare and Medicaid.
- Advocate for protecting and enhancing Medicare benefits.

CalSTRS

- Advocate for safeguarding and enhancing retirement purchasing power with the goal of maintaining and improving protection against inflation.
- Advocate for member, employer, and State Teachers' Retirement Fund contribution rates that will ensure actuarial long-term funding for CalSTRS defined benefits.
- Advocate for pension equity and sustainability for all present and future CalSTRS members.

Public Education

- Opposition to using public money to support private, parochial, sectarian, and corporate for-profit schools.
- Opposition to evaluating educators, schools, and districts largely on their students' test results.

What CalRTA Membership Does for You

The "Go To" organization for advocacy on behalf of more than 270,000 California retired educators

- Provides a professional legislative advocate working on CalRTA issues with the California Legislature and in Washington D. C.
- Provides a paid state level staff to assist and organize CalRTA activities
- Provides regular communication to our members through the monthly Connections- web communication, quarterly Contact magazine, regular Legislative Alerts, Advocacy Action tools and division advocacy.
- Provides information regarding local division social, business and program activities.

As a paying member you contribute to the success of all educators in retirement now and in the future.



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