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Top Three from PFT

May 31 2023

1. Executive Board Elections

- The Representative Council confirmed the Executive Board recommendation to appoint Tore Blichfeldt MCHS rep as High School VP
 - Tore has served as a Site Rep for MCHS and RBHS for 19 years.
 - The Executive Board felt that his knowledge, understanding, and support of PFT's work through his years of service as a Site Rep would be an asset.
- No candidate came forward to run for PFT High School VP
- Membership was notified and invited to express interest.
- PFT would like to thank Peter Califano, the outgoing High School VP for his 14 years as a member of the Executive Board.

2. Governor's May Revision Proposal

- Protects the 8.22% COLA despite estimates for Prop 98 create a budget shortfall for TK-12 education, which he addresses largely through cuts – significantly large – to one-time funding that was allocated in the 2022-23 budget.
- Budget does not assume nor project a recession but is cautionary and nonetheless aware of the possibility.
- The State is well positioned for a downturn with greater reserves than in the past.
- Cuts to funding for the Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant, Learning Recovery Emergency Block Grant, and the Arts and Music in Schools - Prop. 28.
- No new proposals to increase employer or employee CalSTRS contribution amounts.
- Budget proposal will go through changes from now until it is adopted in June.

3. Health Insurance Committee

- Meeting was held today.
 - EmpiRx was invited to hear concerns.
- Based on survey results, PFT is advocating for a change in carrier, though we are just one party on the insurance committee.
- PSEA members who have EmpiRX have not expressed concerns.