

Top Three from PFT September 2023

AB 938 Update

- Would raise funding for TK-12 schools by 50% over seven years to provide funding for school districts, with a goal of raising educator and school worker salaries by 50%
- Still to be voted on by the CA State Senate. Will be considered in the next legislative session, which begins early next year.
- Remains a core priority for CFT, reflected by the 7,000+ members who signed a petition urging passage of the bill. CFT leadership and staff are going to press the Governor's office and key legislative budget leaders to negotiate a plan forward and to prioritize the bill in the state budget.

Personal Reasons Leave

- This leave option for members of the PFT bargaining unit is often misunderstood, so we wanted to clarify it by providing the attached Q & A.

Keenan & Associates & EmpiRx

- Julie Revoir and Alexandria Van Brunt, Keenan Senior Account Executives, and Michelle Rimes, EmpiRx Senior Strategic Client Executive attended the September Representative Council Meeting to provide information on three new voluntary programs to better support members.
- These programs were created in response to concerns expressed in the PFT survey last school year. After these programs have been implemented for a sustained period of time, all district employees will have the opportunity to participate in a survey to reassess member satisfaction with EmpiRx.
- Please watch your email for an announcement and information from PUSD about the Retail 90 program, which will allow members to receive a 3-month supply of meds for the cost of two copays at in-network pharmacies. This is a way for interested members to access this benefit without using the currently existing long term rx program (Benecard). Benecard is still an option for those who wish to use it. This program will begin October 1.
- Members will be contacted individually if they are eligible for the other two new programs, which were created to address the high cost of specialty medications and the frequency of prior authorizations.