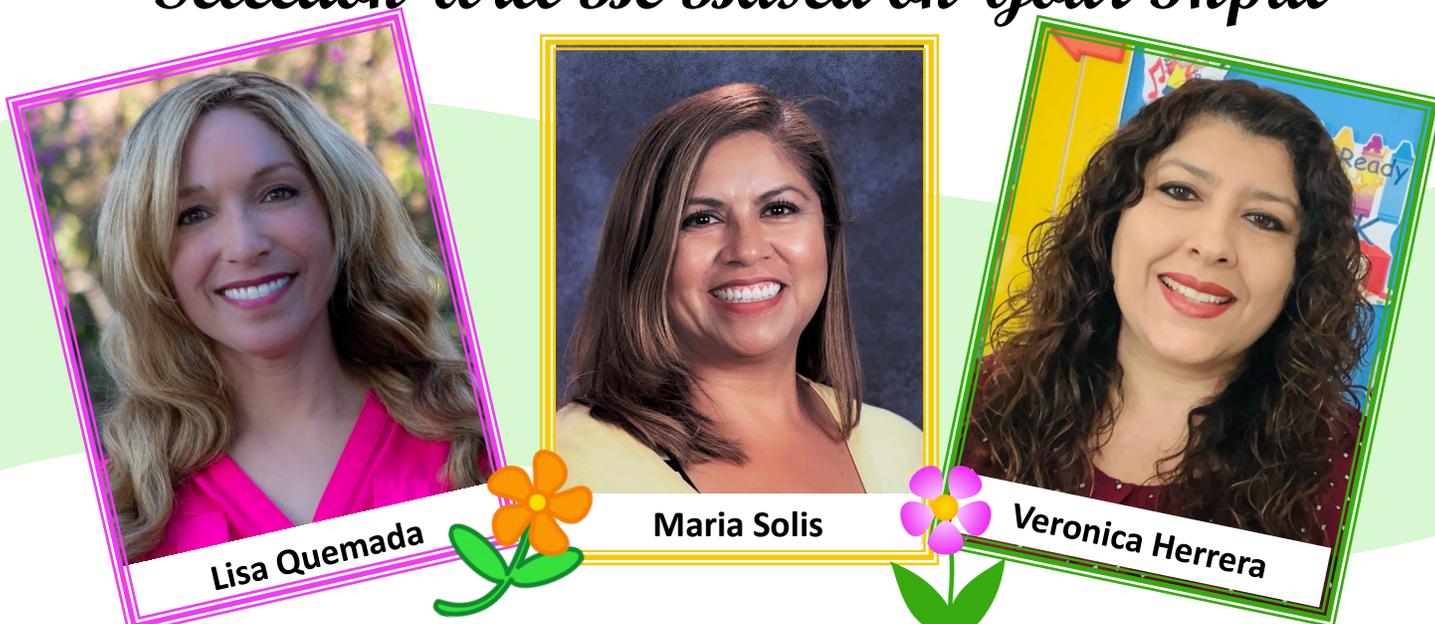


Presenting Your 2023 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award Nominees

Selection Will Be Based on Your Input



Lisa Quemada

Maria Solis

Veronica Herrera

This year, three members of the Association have been nominated for the Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award: Lisa Quemada, Maria Solis, and Veronica Herrera. The winner will be determined based on the testimonials, anecdotes, and stories members provide regarding our very special nominees. You can submit testimonials for Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominees on-line. **Simply go to MontebelloTeachers.org and complete the form for any or all of the nominees.**

This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. Nominees and supporters of nominees are invited to submit testimonial thoughts on-line until **Tuesday, April 17**. A committee of past Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner. The announcement will be made at the May 16 Council meeting. **The winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.**

You May Sell Back Sick Days At the End of Each School Year

Members may sell back current sick leave for the year at the end of the school year.

1. Members who were first employed by the District subsequent to July 1, 1980 may sell back current sick leave plus 10 additional accrued sick days upon resignation from the District.
2. Payment will be made at the current daily substitute pay. Requests for the selling back of sick leave must be made at the end of the school year to the payroll office.
3. Unused sick leave may be used for STRS retirement calculations. Contact a STRS counselor for information on how your unused sick leave may best be utilized. STRS may be contacted at CalSTRS.com.