

Two MTA Members Elected to Local School Boards

Norma Gonzalez, a special education teacher at Joseph Gascon Elementary School, currently has the highest number of votes for one of the seats on the Bassett Unified School District Board of Trustees. We hope that when the final vote tally comes in she maintains her lead and is duly elected.

Laurette Cano, a teacher at La Merced Academy, has a significant majority of the votes for the First Trustee District of the Burbank Unified School District. We also hope that the final tally confirms her election.

Congratulations to Norma and Laurette, our two newest teachers to serve as school board members in other L.A. County school districts.



Normal Gonzalez (JGE) wins a seat on the Bassett Unified School District Board of Trustees.



Laurette Cano (LMA) wins the First Trustee District of the Burbank Unified School District.

MUSD School Board Election

Liliana Magaña and Elizabeth Cabrera were re-elected to four-year terms on the MUSD Board of Education on November 5, 2024. Both incumbents won a second term on the Board of Education.

We wish our newly re-elected Board members the best as they guide the district administration in providing the students of MUSD with the academic instruction and social-emotional support that they deserve to become active participants in our community in the 21st century.

TELL CONGRESS TO REPEAL WEP/GPO



A bipartisan majority of the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass the Social Security Fairness Act, which will eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and the Government Pension Offset (GPO).

WEP reduces the earned Social Security benefits of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by Social Security. For example, **educators** who do not earn Social Security in public schools but who work part-time or during the summer in jobs covered by Social Security have reduced benefits, even though they pay into the system for enough quarters to receive benefits. Likewise, the GPO affects the spousal benefits of people who work as federal, state, or local government employees — including police officers, firefighters, and **educators** — if the job is not covered by Social Security. The GPO **reduces by two-thirds the benefit** received by surviving spouses who also collect a government pension — often offsetting benefits entirely.

The WEP currently impacts approximately 2 million Social Security beneficiaries, and the GPO impacts nearly 800,000 retirees.

Next, the bill moves to the Senate for a vote and if approved, will land on the President's desk for a signature. It is imperative that this legislation get passed before this legislative term ends. If this legislation does not become law before inauguration day, it is not likely to pass a Republican controlled House, Senate, and White House.

Send Congress a message urging them to take action immediately. [Click the button below](#) to voice your support for the Social Security Fairness Act NOW!!!

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