

## Your Premium Free Health Benefits Are at Risk

Not five seconds after he became Superintendent Austin Beutner said what the LAUSD pays for health benefits, which includes ours, is 44% too expensive. Beutner, the pro charter school members on the school board, and their billionaire puppeteer Eli Broad all want you to start paying a monthly premium for your health benefits which is what WILL HAPPEN if Beutner, Broad, and the charter school folks get their way.

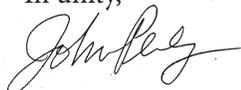
Most of our retired colleagues in California, regardless of age, already pay a monthly premium for their health care; including our colleagues who are on Medicare. Here are some of the monthly premiums our colleagues are NOW PAYING. Santa Ana, \$150 for their HMO and \$600 for their PPO; Corona-Norco, \$215, Burbank, \$270, Scotts Valley, \$600, and South Tahoe, \$600. Three local districts, Glendale, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Pasadena, don't even let their Medicare retirees buy into their plans and our colleagues in these districts must purchase a Medicare plan on the open market. CAN YOU AFFORD THESE PREMIUMS OR TO PURCHASE A MEDICARE PLAN?

All of your UTLA-R officers and many of your UTLA-R colleagues make a monthly contribution to PACE through our CalSTRS pensions. The only way to keep your benefits premium free is by having a non-charter school majority on the school board and that costs money. In March there will be a Special Election in School Board District #5 and UTLA has endorsed former teacher and school board member Jackie Goldberg and she needs our support. When she was on the school board she protected our health benefits and will do so again if re-elected. UTLA CANNOT use its dues money for school board races, it can only use its voluntary PACE funds and that is where you come in. We are asking you to join your officers and your colleagues by making at least a \$10 monthly contribution to PACE from your CalSTRS pension.

We think it is critical. What is better for you and your loved ones—to contribute \$10 each month to PACE or wait until Beutner and company start making you pay between \$150 and \$600 a month for your health benefits? Only if UTLA, through PACE, can fund school board races to elect non-charter school people, like Jackie Goldberg, can UTLA protect your premium free health benefits. UTLA is NOT involved in partisan politics—96% of its funds go to school board elections, 2% goes to fight bad anti-education initiatives and 2% goes to pro education candidates like Tony Thurmond our new Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Please join the fight to protect your premium free health benefits by joining PACE today!

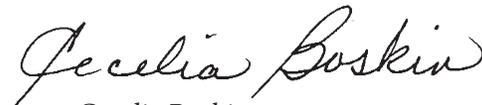
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