

Tenure Now!

Five Things You Can Do to Help Re-open Tenure

The Los Angeles Unified School Board voted in June to support the re-opening of tenure in Adult Ed. Adult Ed teachers can help keep the momentum going by doing the following:

1. Write or fax your School Board Member and the Superintendent. Let them know the negative impact that closing tenure has had on you, your fellow teachers, and our programs. Think letter writing doesn't work? Board members told us the letters they received in May were part of the reason we got the chance to speak before the Board in June. Don't let Jackson win with his bullying. Sit down with a group of teachers at your school at break time and get it done within 15 minutes. Don't write a masterpiece; just get your simple opinion in the mail.
2. Keep your fellow teachers at your school up to date on this issue. Direct them to the website. All information on this site can be posted on your school's UTLA bulletin board and placed in teacher's boxes. Use this teaser with your colleagues: did Santiago really freeze tenure in retaliation? Go to www.aeutla.net and download a copy of his letter for yourself.
3. Have a Tenure Now! information meeting at your school! Invite a guest speaker from the Adult Tenure Committee to speak, answer questions, and help rally support at your school. See the DVD of adult teachers who spoke before the school board getting tenure back on the table.
4. Get ready to go back to the School Board in the near future to march, make noise, chant, and wear a Tenure Now! t-shirt. We need to show the board that we are committed enough to protest. We need them to understand that this issue won't go away. We want to attract media attention. Santiago froze tenure, but he didn't freeze us. It's time to stand up for ourselves!
5. Call your school board member and ask that an update on re-opening adult tenure be put on the agenda of an upcoming school board meeting. Ask them what their stand is on this important issue. Again, communicate to them that this issue won't go away until it is resolved. And we aren't going away either!