

The VTA and VUSD share a commitment to encourage and support teachers in improving their skills and growing in their profession. VTA is proud to have worked collaboratively with District to send 12 teachers to the CTA sponsored Good Teaching Conference this year.

It was held Feb. 3-5 in San Jose and offered workshops including

C.R.E.A.T.E An Evidence Based Model for Closing the Achievement Gap,

Behavior Management: Taming the Untamable,

High School ELL Students and Primary Literature: It Can Work, and Fun and Freasy Formative Assessments

to name just a few.

The VTA was able to cover registration, room, and mileage and the District covered the release time substitute so the teachers could attend at no personal cost.

We would like to thank Randy Henry and Mark Frazier for their help in making this happen. We hope to be able to continue to work together to provide such opportunities for our teachers in the future.

The conference attendees included five new and seven more veteran teachers. All of the feedback I received from participants was positive, and I'd like to share some excerpts from their comments about the experience...

Conference Comments Highlights

“This was my first time attending a conference, so my thoughts are extremely positive... Thank you.” – 2nd year Elementary Teacher

“Goes to show that us old dogs CAN learn new tricks!” – veteran Elementary Teacher

“I attended several of the math specific workshops and I brought back great math tricks and tips I have already shared with my students... I hope I have the opportunity to attend this one again next year.” –2nd year Middle School Math Teacher

“I enjoyed meeting other teachers from other districts. I found it worthwhile and I picked some good sessions, there were too many to choose from!”
-veteran K Teacher

“... I received lots of good information and components/procedures that I have already put into practice.” – veteran Secondary Language Teacher

“I would recommend it to any interested educators.” -1st year Secondary Teacher

“I think it was really a good opportunity to learn some of the tools that are important in the classroom.” –1st year Secondary Language Teacher

Overall the conference was insightful. Considering the layoff situation for the last 4 years, it was encouraging and uplifting to be given the opportunity to attend the conference without the cost! - 2nd year Elementary teacher