

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BEACH CITIES EDUCATION UPDATE CONSENSUS MEETING

Monday, January 24th  
7:00PM - 8:45PM  
Manhattan Beach Public Library  
All welcome

Our Education Study Update meetings have been so stimulating that due to popular demand we have scheduled an unprecedented third meeting on this study. We hope you will join us to voice your thoughts on this vital subject.

## **Topics to be discussed:**

- Should governance be more centralized?
- Is student assessment helping improve the quality of education and student learning?
- A goal of the California Master Plan for Education is to have every child enter school ready to learn. Is this a worthy goal?

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At our November meeting, we discussed background information on the consensus questions on Equitable Access to Quality Education. This included information on the fact that California ranks #1 in the US in teacher salaries, in per pupil funding it is 27<sup>th</sup>. And our schools are 48<sup>th</sup> in administrators per pupil, 49<sup>th</sup> in pupils per teacher, and last in numbers of librarians and guidance counselors. In addition, we discussed the recent court rulings which require the state to improve conditions and funding for lowest schools and moves toward reducing school sizes as in Charter Schools. We reviewed current efforts to provide universal access to voluntary preschool and the educational benefits to children who attend pre-kindergarten programs.

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