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\*Welcome to fall 2018 and the school year's first *e-Communique*, the Peralta Federation of Teachers' twice-monthly report on district doings. Look for the follow-up, *PCCD Board Watch*, a couple days after each e-C. Also, count on the award-winning—and still hardcopy!—*Peralta Teacher* in your campus mailbox every semester.\*

PFT brought together over 200 union activists and their friends and families at Local 1603's first-ever Labor Day Party, held Sep. 3 outside the Laney College Bistro.

In association with CFT, BCCE, BFT, AFT 2121, and OEA—among other worker and community groups—PFT put the district at the center of the local labor community and its supporters.

Peralta Community College District Trustees Nicky González Yuen and Karen Weinstein joined the fun, showing solidarity with the East Bay folks who do the work.

And for those hungry for more Peralta-based action, the whole PCCD Board of Trustees meets tonight at 7 at 333 E. Eighth St. With the announced resignation of IT chief Jason Cole, and still more unanswered questions about the Peralta budget, the meeting could get interesting.

The CTO's departure comes on the heels of the district's bumpy rollout of [ONEPeralta](#) and the still-delayed arrival of the much anticipated new HR and CS modules, all long-term, much needed, multimillion-dollar projects. Meanwhile, the proposed budget—which goes before the board without official vetting by the PGC, the district's highest shared-governance body—cuts \$5 million at the colleges and just \$882K at the DO.

Of further note: the budget continues to shift parcel tax dollars away from [Measure B's stated goal](#) of "providing core academic programs including math, science and English; training students for successful careers; and educating students to transfer to university." The budget also sets aside \$6 million for consultants, and continues to under-budget for part-time faculty salaries.

In other news:

\*Our last *Welcome Back!* happy hour will be held tomorrow from 4-6 p.m. at [Eureka!](#)

\*And don't miss PFT's first general membership meeting of 2018-19, Tues., Sep. 11, 12-1 p.m., in Room 341 (TLC) at BCC. On the agenda: *Janus* update, recent executive motions, negotiations news, district budget breakdowns, fall elections, snacks and lively conversation.

In solidarity,

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