



# Building Rep Memo

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January 15, 2008

TO: Building Reps

FR: Dianne GarciaStevens, president  
and Kathy Kohn, executive director

RE: COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 3:30

1. The **Bargaining Team** continues to attempt a fair wage settlement. The District and Association met last week and discussed the District's budget. The Board of Education passed a resolution at the December 20 Board meeting. The resolution identified budget cuts for this fiscal year as well as the next two fiscal years. The resolution included adhering to staffing formulas and transferring monies from various accounts. (The resolution can be seen on [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org).) In the meantime Governor Schwarzenegger has called a state of fiscal emergency and has threatened mid-year cuts to the education entitlement. CTA and the Education Coalition will continue to fight these cuts. The Board of Education has promised additional direction to the District team at the January 17 Board meeting. **The Two teams will negotiate again Tuesday, January 22.** Bargaining Chairperson Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) will report on the bargaining session at Council.
2. **An Insurance Forum** is planned for **Wednesday, January 30 at the Schurr High School Auditorium.** The forum will begin at **3:30 p.m.** The purpose of the forum is for the Insurance Committee to hear Insurance Concerns directly from the members. Issues of carriers, costs, and concerns for 2008-2009 may be discussed. Based on the outcomes from the January 30 forum, future forums may be planned. Vice President Julian De La Torre (EAI) will report on the forum and insurance concerns at Council.
3. The Association **audit has been completed.** Auditor Ash W Shenouda reported that the Association records were in order. Executive Director Kathy Kohn will review the finds of the auditor. Shenouda has recommended a segregated account for MTA employees' accrued vacation obligation and an updated Trust Fund refund form.

