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September 9, 2011

TO: Building Reps  
FR: Julian De La Torre, president  
Kathy Schlotz, executive director  
RE: Council Meeting Tuesday, September 20 AT 3:30 p.m.  
La Merced Intermediate Library



1. The **first Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 20.** If we do not have the names and email addresses of all your Building Reps, please forward this memo to those at your site, and get the information to the MTA office as soon as possible. We would also like the name of your Faculty Club Chairperson and Safety Committee Chairperson.
2. **Insurance Open Enrollment is postponed until the month of October.** The Insurance Committee will report on the planned Town Hall meetings. Remember: the insurance year is the calendar year. All changes will take effect January 1, 2012.
3. Members of the Board of Education Marcella Calderon and David Vela are running unopposed. Therefore, no election will be held. Both candidates seek an **MTA endorsement. A forum** will be held **Thursday, September 15** at La Merced Intermediate beginning at 3:30 p.m.. The Council will consider the candidates endorsements at the meeting.
4. The District and the Association have agreed on pursuing a **PARS retirement incentive.** More information will be available at Council and on montebelloteachers.org.
5. It's time to start thinking about the 2012 Negotiations reopeners. President Julian De La Torre will recommend that **Andy Shinn (BGI) continue as Bargaining Chairperson.**
6. One of the Executive Committee's goals is to help **develop strong Faculty Clubs.** At Council President Julian De La Torre will focus on an aspect of Faculty Club. This month Intermediate Director Linda Camacho (LMI) will talk about some of the innovative new practices she has seen.
7. The **Fall Leadership Conference is October 15-16** in Santa Clarita. The theme is *Saddle Up*. Workshops will be conducted on Basic Unionism, Tax Fairness, Insurance Issues, and Special Education. Participants will discuss Faculty Club at their sites. Building Reps, Alternate Building Reps, Faculty Club Chairpersons, and Site Safety Committee Chairpersons are invited. Also, each site is ask to invite one member from the site who has never attended a MTA Fall Leadership Conference. Reservations are due no later than **Monday, October 3** and can be made via montebelloteachers.org.
8. President Julian De La Torre call for those interested in being on the **Elections Committee** to volunteer at the October 11 Council meeting.
9. The **NEA RA** was held this past July in Chicago. **Those who attended will share some of the highlights of the convention at Council.**
10. The **MTA ballots are due to Council no later than 4:15 p.m.** Ballot boxes may also be delivered to the MTA office no later than 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 20. Remember to bring the site's sign-in sheet. Ballots will not be counted without a valid sign-in sheet and with no fewer signatures than ballots. Election Chairperson Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez (MHS) will report the results.



Kathy Schlotz  
Executive Director

## Remember the Ballot Box!