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Council Names Bargaining Team

Bargaining Chairperson Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) named the 2004 Bargaining Team: Elizabeth Gasca (RPE), Walt Lowery (MAI), Dolores Rego (BGH), and Brian Stevens (LMI). The team was approved at the December Council meeting.

The team will begin to survey members in the months ahead in order to prepare for spring negotiations.

What About 2+2?

In addition, the team will take a close look at the 2+2 retirement incentive approved by the legislature.

Three committees have been actively working on negotiable issues throughout the year. The **Stull Bill Evaluation Committee** is reviewing the law which permits veteran teachers to participate in Stull every five years instead of every two years. The **Induction Leadership Team** is monitoring District Induction Program.

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Will I Have Issues With Highly Qualified Certification?

The **Highly Qualified Teacher Committee** is seeking to ensure all teachers are certified as highly qualified. Human Resources will begin to verify data concerning each teacher's status in the weeks to come. Each teacher will be counseled by members of the committee to establish a quick path to certification.

CTA Scholarships Are Available

CTA has recently announced that applications are now being accepted for 2004 scholarships for members and their children. There are three categories of scholarships.

- 1. CTA Scholarships for Members
- **2.** CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children (includes D. A. Weber Scholarship for students attending continuation and alternative education high schools that plan to continue their education in a higher education institution.)
- **3.** L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship (Student CTA members)

Each scholarship requires a separate application, letters of recommendation and verification of membership. In order to be eligible for consideration, all forms must be postmarked by **Monday**, **February 16**. Applications and additional infor-

mation are avail-

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