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Workshop Scheduled for Non-Returning Employees Tuesday, June 15

Human Resources, Payroll and Benefits, along with the Association will come together to present information to non-returning certificated employees. The workshop will cover health insurance benefits, COBRA, and unemployment insurance benefits. The workshop is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.** Temporary contract teachers, non re-elected probationary teachers, and all other interested certificated employees are encouraged to attend.

The California Teachers Association legal department has written the *Layoff Survival Guide*. The booklet answers questions regarding layoff for school employees. The guide is available at montebelloteachers.org.



Adult Education Director Elvia De La Cruz-Lopez (MHS) is retiring from the Executive Committee. Elvia is pictured here phone banking for CTA recommended Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate Tom Torlakson. **REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY JUNE 8!**

You Are Protected from Walk-In Parent Conferences

All parent conferences must be scheduled in advance. No parent should appear at a teacher's door and demand a parent conference then and there.

All parental requests for parent conferences shall be honored (K-12). When a conference which is not regularly scheduled is requested by a site administrator, the Bargaining Unit member shall be notified a minimum of one (1) day in advance except in those situations when a delay in the conference will result in great personal hardship to the student and/or parent/guardian. In such cases the site administrator or the administrative designee shall notify the Bargaining Unit member with respect to the reasons for the conference. These emergency requests shall be honored within the Board Day without interrupting instruction unless the Bargaining Unit member has a prior commitment to a District related responsibility or is unable to meet due to illness. (Article IV. Section J.6 page 6)

Elections Report

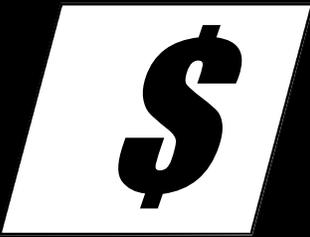
Election Co-Chairpersons Christina Pelayo (LME) and Brian Stevens (LMI) submitted the following report.

The 2010 MTA elections and CTA State Council elections was held May 11-18th. The deadline for the ballots was 4:15 p.m. Tuesday May 18. Ballots were counted at La Merced Intermediate. Five sites did not turn in their ballots in this election. One site turned in more ballots than signatures. Zero sites turned in their ballots late.

The official Ballot Tally was signed by seven members who were present and counting the ballots May 18.

If a parent comes to your classroom for an immediate parent conference, send the parent to the office or contact the office. If an administrator brings a parent to your classroom for an immediate parent conference contact a Building Rep as soon as possible.

Over, please...



June 7, 2010

Revenue & Expense

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The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

- Lorraine Richards (MHS)
- Ryan Rice (SHS)
- Guillermo Sandoval (MOI)
- Julian De La Torre, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

The month of March 2010	\$12,914,161.79
The month of March 2009	\$17,025,732.89
Year to date this year.....	\$105,671,565.23
Year to date last year.....	\$114,714,984.45

Expenses

The month of March 2010	\$13,075,076.19
The month of March 2009	\$10,452,025.13
Year to date this year.....	\$121,154,976.37
Year to date last year.....	\$136,177,090.42

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

District Audit - Matt Miller

Deferral money is being held by state. Categorical money being held by the state is \$4.2 million and federal money ARA \$2 million. The money held is not considered revenue when the auditors review the books. Although, there was a shift in the revenue between the federal \$62 million was being held - \$48 million was received at the end, the ARA money is being spent this year; federal money was used to pay salaries. The state deferred in 2008 about 15% and then 2009 about 22% and is holding the money from the ADA money and they were hitting the categorical money, leaving less money for the district to receive interest. There is also interest being accrued on the money that is being borrowed by the district. The state was allowing deferred money to be used for revenue although the money is not in-hand. The state knew that the federal money was arriving; therefore the state knew that they did not have to pay up to keep up with their end of their funds and allow for the federal money to help the state out. There were accounting individuals that went up against the state to not allow the money to be used as revenue since it is false – the MONEY IS NOT IN-HAND.

Information Technology (IT) – Bob Greiger

The goal for E-rate is to replace older electronics that will allow us to pay for the service at a lower price, some additional pieces that may be needed for the implementation of the system may involve some funding that will need to come out of the general funds. FCC monitors the programs and determines the level of need based on free and reduced lunch. Any school district will receive 20%, now in 2010 MUSD is at 90% free lunch that will qualify for a discount at the highest level. E-rate: over 13 years there is a dollar amount associated with the bars. Money that you do not need to spend the full price on upgrades for internet, telephone, data networks etc. The district is using other ways to fund projects from the general funds, now using more E-rate funds to replace current electronic systems that need to be upgraded. During 2008 ITS applied for the computer network systems to be upgraded, which would be a fiber optic network that allows the network to be much faster. A new telephone system has been funded with E-rate funds to save 88% after installed and fully operating district-wide. The hand-sets will not be replaced now since it is very costly, the replacement of the handset is currently in a replacement phase based on need. The operating infrastructure will be enhanced. Universal fund/California connect and nationwide \$2.25 billion is how we are getting the funds/money. Essentially the amounts that are being paid to the phone company by the general population are a “tax” that is being paid into and the E-rate applications are competitive and have very specific deadlines and the money does go away. The money used does come out of the general fund or categorical but at the end the district will benefit from the “new” costs generated. Private grants can be used to “match” funds.

Facilities Update

Funds for the ATC were being held by the state; \$15 million has been released to continue the building of the site. In fact the foundation at ATC is currently being poured. A video camera is being installed at the construction site to view the progress of the building. Projected date to open ATC is September 2012. Joe Gascon is on schedule, due to be completed January/February 2012. The funding was placed on hold by the state for the completion of the project; \$6.1 million is now released towards the project for completion. Cesar Chavez/Garfield has had some portables removed. Various portables at other sites have been taken away for free. SHS pool bid was rejected because the specs in the bid were not written well. New bids will be submitted and voted. SHS air conditioning in the auditorium and music room has been completed. There has been an adjustment regarding summer projects and plans since movement is occurring with the elementary school housing K-5.