

Montebello Teachers Association/California Teachers Association/National Education Association



Law Gives Teachers Final Word on Grades

The California Education Code protects teachers' rights to grade students. When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupils grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final.

§ 49066: if a parent, student, or administrator challenges a grade the teacher has the right to defend the grade. An Association representative should always be present at such a challenge.

Teachers are Responsible for *Failure Notices*

Classroom teachers are directly responsible for notifying parents of possible failing grades. Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course (D or F grade), the teacher must arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report (failure notice). In all cases the notification must come prior to the assignment of the grade.

The teacher's responsibility for failure notices is stated in California Education Code 49067 and Montebello Unified School District Administrative Regulation 5121 (a).

Slevin Receives Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award



John Slevin (BGH) received the 2011 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award at Council Tuesday, May 17. He is pictured at left with the 2010 recipient Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE). John received a plaque and his name is added to the perpetual plaque at the MTA office.

May Election Results

votes
<u>President</u>
Julian De La Torre*532
<u>Vice President</u>
Gilbert Gomez*543
<u>Treasurer</u>
Guillermo Sandoval*540
Elementary Director
Alma Orta*556
Intermediate Director
Linda Camacho*330
Ed Guzman265
Support Staff Director
Sandra Morales*314
Carmen Patlan253
CTA State Council
Margie Granado*377
Ed Guzman131
Guillermo Sandoval100
*indicates elected



MTA Retirement Banquet 2011

Sal Sarmiento—RPS Julie Seeker—GWE Wendy Takahashi—GWE

Friday, June 10, 2011

Social 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Salvatore's Italian Restaurant Montebello, CA

\$25 per person before May 27 \$30 per person after May 27

Please return this portion to the MTA Office 918 W. Whittier Blvd	., Montebello CA 90640 - or fax to (323) 722-0543. Please reserve per person if received after May 27 (check enclosed). Thank you.
Please indicate which retiree you would like to sit close to:	
NOTE: There are 10 per table. Return before May 27, 2011 Please	list names of guests:

