

## MUSD Alumnus Elected to Lead the California Teachers Association



Newly elected CTA officers: Secretary Treasurer David Goldberg, Vice President Theresa Montaño, and President Eric Heins.

Schurr High School graduate Eric C. Heins has been elected as the 55th president of the 325,000-member California Teachers Association. The 56-year-old Heins was elected April 11 at the quarterly meeting of the CTA State Council of Education, the union's top governing body comprised of more than 700 educators democratically elected across the state. State Council delegates also elected Theresa Montaño, a Chicano Studies and Education Professor at the California State University, Northridge, as Vice President, and Los Angeles elementary school teacher David Goldberg as Secretary-Treasurer. The new leadership team will take office on June 26<sup>th</sup>. They were elected to serve a two-year term.

### Information Available for Temporary Contract Released at the End of the School Year

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, May 26 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.

### Law Gives Teachers the 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 pupil's 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).

MTA Retirement Banquet 2015

# DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

*Friday, May 29, 2015*

*Social 6:00 pm*

*Dinner 7:00 pm*

*The Reef Restaurant  
Long Beach, CA*

*\$45 per person before May 9*

*\$60 per person after May 9*

*RSVP online at  
[montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org)*

*or to the MTA Office*

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$45 per person if received before May 9 or \$60 per person if received after May 9 (Seats are limited. Your payment is required to secure your reservations).

Please indicate which retiree you would like to sit close to: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** There are 10 per table. While supplies last. Preference will be given to retirees and their guests. Please list names of guests:

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