

CTA Offers Conferences: CTA and MTA Offer Grants and Scholarships

The California Teachers Association (CTA) offers Statewide Conferences each year. Our local Association offers up to six scholarships for up to \$500 each to attend one of the CTA Conferences.



Information regarding each conference is on montbelloteachers.org. If you are a member of the Montebello Teachers Association and wish to apply for a scholarship email your intent to MTA@montbelloteachers.org. Include your name, site, and contact telephone number no later than Monday, November 2.

The CTA Board of Directors will award Minority Incentive Grants for each conference in order to encourage new minority leadership and participation within the Association. CTA members are encouraged to apply for these grants. More information is available at CTA.org/conferences.

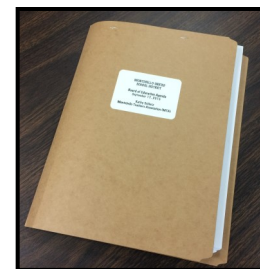
- **GLBT Conference - November 13-15 in San Jose**
- **Issues Conference - January 15-17 in Las Vegas**
- **Good Teaching Conference South – February 26-28 in Garden Grove**
- **Equity and Human Rights Conference - March 4-6 in Torrance**
- **Region 3 Conference - March 11-13 in Woodland**

How Do I Find Out If the Board of Education Approved My Additional Pay?

As many members volunteer for additional trainings, earn stipends for additional students, and advance on the salary schedule, the question becomes when do I actually get paid. And, the answer often is "it has to go to Board (BOE) before you can be paid."

The BOE packet is sent to each school site prior to the meeting. All Bargaining Unit members should have access to the packet which includes the names and rate for all additional pay, stipends, and advancement on the salary schedule. If you can't find the packet at your site, contact your principal.

Following BOE approval, the action is recorded on the district **Phone Info line: 323.887.7921**. If something important to you is on the agenda, you can call the evening of the BOE meeting or the following morning to see if has been approved. Additionally the BOE minutes are posted following the next BOE meeting. So, it takes about 2-3 weeks for the information to be posted at Montebello.k12.ca.us/boe_agenda_minutes.



TK/K Teachers Recover Support Lost in First Month

Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten (TK/K) students began full day programs throughout the District this school year. In order to support TK/K teachers in the addition of instructional minutes for their students, the District and the Association entered into an agreement for the first year of the program. The memorandum of understanding included the following:

- Class size maximums conforming with the State goal of 24:1.
- Kindergarten and transitional kindergarten planning time.
- Outdoor learning opportunities including appropriate storage, play equipment, and supervision.
- Starting the school year with a shorter day for students and transitioning into a longer day.
- The option for any kindergarten or transitional kindergarten teacher to be re-assigned or transferred if preferred not to work the longer kindergarten day.

Schedule for Required Support

The District did not provide the agreed upon support to TK/K teachers during the first school month. Therefore, the District will hire substitute teachers to make up the 4 hours per TK/K teacher.

TK/K teachers are encouraged to discuss the best plan for the recovered support at your site. Contact your site principal to schedule the substitutes.

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Edgar Cisneros & David Vela

MUSD Board of Education

mta Phone Bank Schedule

Tuesday, October 20.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 22.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 28.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 29.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.
GOTV Halloween Morning	9 a.m. - noon
Monday, November 2.....	3:30-7:30 p.m.

*Join us! Bring your colleagues, family, and friends!
Food, prizes, and more...*

Phone Banking and GOTV at the MTA Office

**918 W. Whittier Blvd
Parking in the back!**

*For more information contact the MTA Office at (323) 722-5005 or
MTA@montebelloteachers.org*