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## Members Unite to Support Students in California

### YES on Proposition 55

Proposition 55 will **maintain the current tax rate on the wealthiest Californians to prevent billions of dollars in funding cuts for public education** and other vital services, like children's health care. The initiative requires strict accountability and requires funds to be spent in the classroom—not administrative costs. **The passage of Proposition 55 will positively affect our salary formula in 2017-2018.**

*Phone banking for Proposition 55 begin at the MTA office on October 3.*

### YES on Proposition 58

Parents should have the choice to provide their child with the best educational opportunities to learn the English language. The California Education for Global Economy Initiative, (Proposition 58) will expand opportunities for California's students to become proficient in English as their primary language while also having the chance to learn in other languages. The Proposition **reverses Proposition 227** which passed in 1998 and requires nearly all students to be taught in English.

### YES on Proposition 52

Proposition 52 helps maintain billions of dollars in federal funding to support health for low-income children and seniors. Through a partnership between the state of California and local hospitals, California has received more than \$18 billion in federal funding to improve health care for children, seniors and working families. This arrangement, which involves hospital fees based on Medi-CAL utilization, will end in 2017 unless Proposition 52 is passed.

### **New District Head Lice Policy**

If a student is found with active head lice, s/he will be allowed to stay in school through the end of the school day. However, the parent/guardian of any such student shall be given information about the treatment of head lice, directly encouraged to begin treatment immediately, and to check all other family members. The parent/guardian will also be advised that their child, upon returning to school shall be examined and allowed to remain if no active head lice are detected.

The California Department of Health opposed "no-nit" policies citing common misdiagnosis by nonmedical personnel, lack of evidence that such policies prevent or shorten outbreaks, and the belief that the benefits of school attendance outweigh the risks.

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## Review Class Size Limitations in Our Contract

This year the fifteenth day of school was **Thursday, September 8**, thus the 20 day counting begins **Friday, September 9** and concludes **Thursday, October 6**. **Complete the “Class Size Violation Form” at [MontebelloTeachers.org](http://MontebelloTeachers.org) on the “Forms” tab. Send the letter to your site principal and copy it to MTA Executive Director Kathy Schlotz.**

If the stipend is not agreed upon by both the Bargaining Unit member and the principal, Bargaining Unit members may initiate the grievance process **October 6**.

### Article VIII. Class Size

#### Grades K-5

The administration shall create classes with thirty-three (33) students or less Grades K-4. The administration shall create classes with thirty-four (34) students or less Grade 5.

#### Grades 6-8

The administration shall create classes with an average of thirty-four (34) students or less, with not more than one class in excess of thirty-four (34) students, except in keyboarding/typing, performing arts and physical education subject to the following limitations:

- all keyboarding/typing classes shall have a maximum of forty (40) students;
- all performing arts classes shall have a reasonable number of students; and,
- all physical education classes shall have an average of forty (40) students or less for each Bargaining Unit member, with not more than one class in excess of forty (40) students.

#### Grades 9-12

The administration shall create classes with an average of thirty-six (36) students or less, with not more than one class in excess of thirty-six (36) students, except in keyboarding/typing, performing arts and physical education subject to the following limitations:

- all keyboarding/typing classes shall have a maximum of forty-two (42) students;
- all performing arts classes shall have a reasonable number of students; and
- all physical education classes shall have an average of forty-four (44) students or less for each Bargaining Unit member. The District and Association will monitor jointly the physical education class sizes at each comprehensive high school by October 15.

