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- The Blanche Chester Award  
For Teacher Advocacy*
- Paul McKernan..... 1992
  - Patricia Knapp..... 1993
  - Robin GrayBallard ..... 1994
  - Karen van der Baan..... 1995
  - Linda Moran..... 1996
  - Maria Cortes ..... 1997
  - David Lebow ..... 1998
  - Frank van der Baan ..... 1999
  - Mary Dupuis ..... 2000
  - Juan Gastelum ..... 2001
  - JoAnn Barro ..... 2001
  - Lois Wankovsky ..... 2002
  - Pat Tonelli..... 2003

### *Voluntary Transfer Date Is Friday, April 15*

If you are considering a voluntary transfer from one site to another, you must complete the forms from Human Resources. Applications for the 2004-2005 school year are due **Friday, April 15**. (Article XIII. D.1.a.) A tentative vacancy list should be available through Human Resources no later than April 7.

### *Trust Fund Looking to Improve Data and Records*

Allied Administrators are contracted by the MTA Trust Fund to manage the Retiree Supplemental Health Plan. In coordination with the Association, Allied has sent letters to members to verify data. Complete information aids the actuaries in projecting the financial needs of the Trust in years to come.

### *Revenue and Expense Open Hearing Tuesday, February 15*

The Revenue and Expense Open Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15 3:30 p.m. at La Merced Intermediate. All are welcome.



### *Nominations Are Open for the Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award*



Simply complete the form below and return it to the MTA office by Friday, March 4. This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. All nominees will be asked to complete an application and statement. In addition, the nominator will be asked to gather individual testimonials from colleagues on behalf of the nominee.

The Executive Committee will select three Blanche Chester finalists, who will be announced at the April 19 Council meeting. There will be one finalist each from the three levels: pre K-grade 4, grade 5-grade 8, and grade 9-adult. A committee of former Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner among the finalists. The announcement will be made at the May 17 Council meeting. *So take a moment and complete the form below and recognize an outstanding advocate.*

**NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER ADVOCATE FOR THE  
BLANCHE CHESTER AWARD  
RETURN TO THE MTA OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

**I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Site \_\_\_\_\_ for the Blanche Chester Award.  
(Members of the 2004-2005 Executive Committee and previous winners are not eligible.)**

Name

Site

Extension

You may mail, fax, email, or phone in the nominee

over, please...