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bargaining update

The Bargaining Teams met for the first time in the New Year Tuesday, January 8. The District reported that the Board had approved substantial budget reductions for the current year and the two subsequent years at the December 20 Board meeting. The Board contin-

ues to respond to the District's declining enrollment. The District also requested time to analyze the Governor's State of the State education funding issues.

The Association and the District are still working to agree on wages. Bargaining dates are set for January 22-24. The Board of Education will meet and consider Wage issues January 17.



Bargaining Chairperson Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) and Team Member Andy Shinn (BGI) review issues in caucus.

Consider Becoming A Consulting Teacher!

The Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Joint Panel has distributed Rules and Procedures for the program. The Consulting Teacher Application and the Voluntary Participating Teachers Application are included in the packet.

Consulting Teachers

- Earn \$500 for being selected and participating in the initial training.

- Will be selected by the Joint Panel to work with permanent teachers who received an unsatisfactory on a Stull Evaluation.
- Will also work with those teachers who volunteer for assistance in the PAR program.
- Applications are due Friday, February 22.
- For more information please call ext. 2455 and make an appointment.

Consider Requesting Peer Assistance

If you are a permanent contract classroom teacher and would benefit from assistance in instructional practices, you may consider participation in the Voluntary Teacher Support and Assistance (VTSA) program. All communications in the VTSA program are confidential. These communications shall not be shared with others, including the site administrator without the written consent of the VTSA. Teachers may apply for participation as a VTSA any time assistance is desired.

The amounts shown below are the annual amount for the calendar year 2007, which covers parts of two different membership years. Please note that your Trust Fund contribution is included since it is collected as "dues" under Category 1. Trust Fund contributions are also included with dues if you are a Category 2 employee and have elected to participate in the MTA Trust Fund.

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2007 MEMBERS

Cat. 1	Full Time	\$1,863.20 (Rep Fee \$953.20)
2	30-60%	\$1,388.70 (w/o TF \$478.70)
3	30% or less	\$ 241.00

Retired 6/07 \$1,077.60 (Rep Fee \$567.60)

NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

Cat. 1	Full Time	\$ 785.60 (Rep Fee \$385.60)
2	30-60%	\$ 592.80 (w/o TF \$192.80)
3	30% or less	\$ 96.40

Political contributions are as follows: MTA-ABC \$25/year.
FACT \$10/year, NEA-PAC \$10/year (or what you have designated).