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Summer Informational Meeting Tuesday, August 19

The annual Summer Informational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 at Suva Intermediate School. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. President Dianne GarciaStevens will update those in attendance on the status of the State budget adoption. The MTA raise will be calculated from the final State budget based on the calculation ratified this past March.

Insurance Costs Will Increase

The Insurance Committee will work through the summer to finalize premium costs for the October 1 Open Enrollment. The District's brokers are currently negotiating with Blue Cross. The goal is to have as small an increase in premiums as possible. The District's portion of the costs is increased based on a formula derived from the State budget. At this time it appears that the District contribution will not be increased in 2008-2009. Therefore, all increases in cost will be borne by the Bargaining Unit members. The Insurance Committee is committed to publishing all the member contributions costs prior to September when members must make Open

It's Time to Think about 2008-2009 Staff Development

Bargaining Unit members have rights regarding staff development identified in Article IV. Hours and Assignments, Section D-E in the MUSD-MTA contract. Section D.6. refers to Staff Development Days.

- a. Staff development for each of these days will focus on instructional methods, including teaching strategies, classroom management and other training designed to improve pupil performance and academic content in the core curriculum.
- b. The Staff Inservice Committee will be encouraged to use staff development days within the contractual year. These days shall include, but not be limited to:
 1. Planning and preparing the instructional program.
 - (2) Keeping records.
 - (3) Researching curriculum needs.
 - (4) Conferring with administrators, support personnel and/or colleagues.
 - (5) Meeting in Committees.
 - (6) Any and all other activities that would help in improving the instructional program.

Section E. refers to the Staff Inservice Committee which must be consulted prior to all staff development at the site.

In order to assure effective use of time ... each site's Bargaining Unit members shall establish a Staff Inservice Committee which shall include staff-elected Bargaining Unit members. The Staff Inservice Committee shall advise and be consulted prior to all site inservice/staff development activities and the selection of all staff development days which are not specified in this Agreement.



The MTA bids farewell to two Executive Committee members: Immediate Past President Margie Granado (BAE) and High School Director Lorraine Richards. (MHS.) The 2008-2009 Executive Committee will be installed Tuesday, June 10.