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New CTA Radio Ad Spotlights ESEA Reauthorization Issues & Concerns

Alicia Diaz Is the Voice of MTA

California educators join CTA President David A. Sanchez in a new statewide radio ad launched by the California Teachers Association this week that shows how President Bush's "No Child Left Behind Act" is forcing teachers to teach to the test and robbing our children of a well-rounded education.

Elementary Director Alicia Diaz (MPE) speaks on one of the English and one of the Spanish ads. You can hear the ads at cta.org.

CTA President David Sanchez drives home classroom teachers' concerns in the 60-second radio ad airing in every media market in the state, and warns about the repercussions of a destructive idea in the NCLB reauthorization proposal: paying teachers based on test scores.

"This law forces us to teach to the test, rather than help students learn," one teacher warns in the spot. Another cautions, "Its focus on testing is destroying art, music and vocational education." And those are the very classes that give kids a "well-rounded education," a third educator says.

Escalating its efforts to urge members of Congress to stop more federal attacks on our students, educators and public schools, the 340,000-member CTA is airing the ad as part of a statewide campaign calling on Congress to vote no on the current NCLB reauthorization proposal. CTA's campaign also includes video and written testimony from California teachers about how NCLB hurts their students. These "NCLB: Stories From the Frontline" testimonies, as well as the new radio and blog ads, can be found at www.cta.org.



Sanchez concludes by urging the public to call their representatives in Congress to tell them to vote no on the NCLB reauthorization proposal under consideration now in the U.S. House of Representatives. The CTA Take Action hotline number is (888) 268-4334.

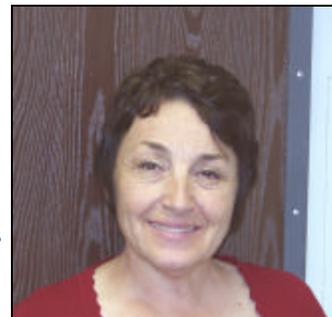
Elementary Director Alicia Diaz (MPE) stars in CTA radio ads!

MUSD Reorganizes Business Services Division

With the recent retirement of Business Manager Glenn Sheppard, Superintendent Edward Velasquez has temporarily reorganized the business division. Effective October 11 the following assignments were made.

- Risk Management - Eugene Kerr, Human Resources
- Nutrition Services & Finance - Peter Wong, Business Services
- Procurement - Pam Johnson, Facilities
- Transportation - Robert Henke, Pupil and Community Services
- Information Technology Services, Edward Velasquez

Congratulations to Dolores Rego (BGH) who was awarded the **2007 Educator of the Year** by the Rio Hondo Boys and Girls Club. Dolores was honored at a dinner on



Wednesday, October 24 at Stevens Steak House. Dolores currently serves on the MTA Bargaining Team.



Scholarship Applications Are Available

CTA has recently announced that applications are now being accepted for 2006 scholarships for members and their children. There are three categories of scholarships.

1. CTA Scholarships for Members - Five \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded.
2. CTA Scholarships for Dependent Children (includes one *D. A. Weber Scholarship* for students attending continuation and alternative education high schools that plan to continue their education in a higher education institution) - Twenty-six \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded.
3. L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship - Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to Student CTA members.

Each scholarship requires a separate application, letters of recommendation and verification of membership. In order to be eligible for consideration, all forms must be postmarked by **Friday, February 8**. Applications and additional information are available at montbelloteachers.org or cta.org.