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## Education Community Unites for State-wide Day of Action Not Just a Drill...It's a DISASTER...Site Rallies

Parents, students, educators will unite early the morning of March 4 and rally against the unconscionable cuts in the proposed State education budget. Each site will provide information for the local rally! Add your events to [StandUpForSchools.org](http://StandUpForSchools.org) by emailing information and pictures to [Montebello\\_teachers@earthlink.net](mailto:Montebello_teachers@earthlink.net)

### Not Just a Drill...It's a DISASTER

Thursday, March 4 is the day of the District wide disaster drill. As we prepare for earthquakes, fires, lockdowns, we will also be aware of the Governor's proposal to dismantle public education!

### Not Just a Drill...It's a DISASTER...Funeral March at Montebello Park

The Board of Education along with employees and community members will join together at 3:30 p.m. at Montebello City

Park for a funeral march to mourn the death of public education. Wear black! The park is located at 1300 W. Whittier Blvd. President of the Board of Education David Vela and MTA President Di-  
anne GarciaStevens will speak at the rally.



## BARGAINING UPDATE

### Bargaining Begins Friday, March 5

Bargaining Chairperson Andy Shinn (BGI) announced that negotiations will be with the District Friday, March 5. The traditional negotiations start time of early May has been moved up in appreciation of the March 15 lay-off deadline.

The Association has not opened any items for negotiations at this time. The District is the "moving party" in terms of opening articles of the contract. The members of the Bargaining Team will have the first opportunity to hear the District's proposals and determine next steps. The members of the MTA team are prepared to negotiate through the week of March 8.

### March 15 RIF Meeting Planned

If any Bargaining Unit members receive RIF notices, the Association is prepared to conduct a meeting

**Monday, March 15  
3:30 p.m.**

**La Merced Intermediate School Library**

In preparation for the meeting, the *Lay-Off Survival Guide* is available at [montbelloteachers.org](http://montbelloteachers.org).

## Petitions Are Circulating for the Repeal Tax Loopholes Act

The California Teachers Association (CTA) is circulating petitions to add a proposition to the June 2010 ballot. Petition 09-0058 proposes to eliminate corporate tax breaks.

The targeted tax breaks include:

- ◆ The "single-sales factor". This allows multi-state corporations to choose whether they will be taxed on property, payroll or sales.
- ◆ Loss carry-backs. This allows corporations that are experiencing losses in California's current economy to get refunds for taxes paid up to two years previously.
- ◆ Tax credit-sharing. This allows companies with more tax credits than they can use to distribute the tax credits to affiliates.

Petitions have been distributed to sites. Additional petitions are available through Kaufman Campaign Consultants at (916) 443-7817.

Petitions are due to the MTA Office no later than **Friday, March 19** at 3:30 p.m.