

CTA's Institute for Teaching Offers Mini-Grants for Educators

The CTA Institute for Teaching has established a competitive grant program for CTA members and chapters to support strength-based, teacher-driven reform for students and public schools.

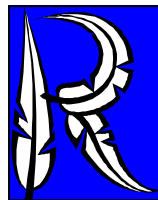
The application process for the initial round of mini-grants are due **Friday April 30** and will be open to individual CTA members and small teams of educators.

Applicants can download grant applications by going to the IFT website at teacherdriven-change.org and clicking on the mini-grant link.

Competitive educator grants will be awarded in amounts up to \$5,000.

All applications must reflect innovative efforts to achieve school and district reform and be strength-based and teacher-driven.

Applications must specify how the proposal would improve teaching and learning conditions, how student outcomes will be improved and what the overall benefit of the proposal is for educators.



RATIFICATION REPORT 2010

The Board and the Association ratified the 2010-2013 contract Tuesday, March 30. The package passed by 79 percent

695 - yes

182 - no

The five members of the Board of Education voted to ratify the agreement Thursday, April 1.

CALENDAR INPUT IS DUE APRIL 19

The Calendar Committee will continue to accept input for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 calendars through **Monday, April 19**.

Calendar Committee representatives Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) and Lorraine Richards (MHS) will meet with District representatives Tuesday, April 20. The proposed traditional, modified, and adult education calendars are expected to be posted on montebelloteachers.org **Wednesday, April 21**.

The Council will be asked to approve the calendars at the Tuesday, April 27 meeting. Similarly, the Board of Education will be asked to act on the calendars at the Thursday, May 6 meeting.

MOU APPLICATIONS DUE IN MAY

The District and the Association will consider site specific waivers for sites wishing to bank minutes following the adoption of the 2010-2011 calendars.

You May Consider Selling Back Sick Days

1. Members may sell back current sick leave for the year at the end of the school year.
2. Members who were first employed by the District subsequent to July 1, 1980 may sell back current sick leave plus 10 additional accrued sick days upon resignation from the District.
3. Payment will be made at the current rate of substitute pay. Requests for the selling back of sick leave must be made at the end of the school year to the payroll office.
4. Unused sick leave may be used for STRS retirement calculations. Contact a STRS counselor for information on how your unused sick leave may best be utilized. STRS may be contacted at CalSTRS.com.



Lorraine Richards (MHS) and Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) accept calendar input at the Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, March 30.