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Are You Considering Advancement on the Salary Schedule?

October 1 is the deadline to file a request for a change in your salary schedule classification (move columns based on additional units). The paperwork must be received by the deadline to be implemented (retroactively: August 1 for those paid with 12 checks and October 1 for those paid with 10 checks). Coursework must be completed by October 1 in order to qualify for advancement. **Don't wait for transcripts in order to apply for the change in classification. The request paperwork must be completed on time in order to comply with Contract language.** The next opportunity for advancement on the salary schedule will be **January 31**.

Board of Education Candidate Forum Scheduled

Two seats on the Montebello Unified School District Board of Education will be on the November 8 ballot. The Board seats are currently held by Marcela Calderon and David Vela.



All candidates must file for the election no later than August 7. The MTA Political Action Committee will set up interviews for each candidate.

An Open Forum for those wishing to hear the candidates will be held **Thursday, September 15**, 3:30 p.m. at a location to be determined later. Council will decide on endorsements **Tuesday, September 20**.

Let's Brag!

2011 César E. Chávez Award Recipients

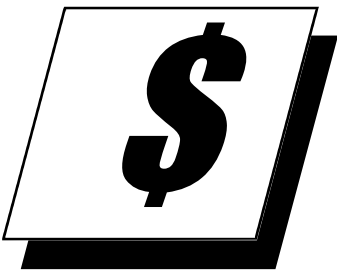
CTA's César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program provides recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César E. Chávez lived his life. This year three members of the Montebello Teachers Association have been selected to receive recognition plus \$1,000 for both students and CTA members. The winners were featured in May 2011 *California Educator* magazine.



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Clockwise: Stephany Torrejon and Silvia Liggins (EAI) pictured with President Elect Julian De La Torre, Diane Doris Kissas and Monserrat Leyva-Arias (CCE), and Patricia Sifuentes-Vasquez and Viviana Castillo (BAE) pictured with president Dianne GarciaStevens.

Over, please...



June 14, 2011



Revenue & Expense

Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

- Lorraine Richards (MHS)
- Alma Orta (SUE)
- Ryan Rice (SHS)
- Guillermo Sandoval (MHS)
- Julian De La Torre, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

The month of April 2011	\$27,159,538.21
The month of April 2010	\$16,581,583.81
Year to date this year.....	\$143,008,651.23
Year to date last year.....	\$136,791,556.41

Expenses

The month of April 2011	\$15,891,931.34
The month of April 2010	\$14,474,563.91
Year to date this year.....	\$117,797,121.23
Year to date last year.....	\$120,146,129.16

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

FACILITIES – Cheryl Plotkin/Don Yamagata

Applied Technology Center (ATC): 85% of the facility is done, the completion date is slightly behind the original projected date. A few enhancements to the current project were added, such as additional cables for technology and electronic door locks. Estimated completion will be the middle of July 2011. The school received over 300 applicants and will open September 2011 with approximately 270 freshmen. The Grand Opening will take place on October 6th, the Board of Education wants to have the celebration after the students have arrived for school.

SHS – The pool project is progressing, trenching for the wall and digging the hole continues. Some underground utility issues delayed the digging of the hole.

ENERGY UPDATE – Derrick Williams

The district is on track to save another \$1 million this year on utilities; currently the savings up-to-date is at \$650,000 for the year. The district is looking for a true shutdown for the summer from elementary and intermediate schools for 3-4 weeks. BGHS science department and students organized a black-out day last week where there would be a maximum amount of shutdowns in the classrooms; alternative lessons in the classrooms or to have students work outside would help support the purpose for the day.

2011-12 SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH – Cheryl Plotkin

The Superintendent Search began on April 2nd as the Board of Education interviewed the three firms that would complete the search. At a meeting in May the Board of Education (BOE) approved a firm: Dave Long and Company. Now the firm needs to meet with the BOE to determine the process of the search 1. Set the criteria. 2. Meet with different groups/associations to come up with a profile for the MUSD superintendent.

BUDGET UPDATE – Cheryl Plotkin

Board passed a resolution to ask the state to pass the extension until it can go to the public for a vote. MUSD projections for this year is showing expenditures exactly at what we are bringing in as revenue. At this point not impacting the reserves; not taking away or adding to the reserves. Enrollment: MUSD gave the five year projection at the June meeting and there was a backfill of 300 this year. The student enrollment will be dropping less than 30,000 in the next few years, which means that the district will need to prepare for a 3% percent reserve from our current 2% reserve.

STUDENT FEES - AB165: Fundraising changes have occurred due to a law suit filed by ACLU on behalf of two students against Tustin Unified School District. The decision to the case causes these changes to be in effect now. Legislation will include sanctions for those schools that are not in compliance of the law. A school cannot require a student to pay for supplies/activities that will affect their grade. Recently there have been discussions with Cheryl Plotkin and the athletic and ASB directors regarding the regulations. MUSD will clarify school policy to reflect the education code regarding student fees. For example, when fundraising happens it covers all the students participating. Also student cannot be penalized for not selling their fundraising items. These changes also apply to the parent boosters on campus too. Many new questions are arising in greater detail regarding the education code.