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All Audit Trails Explored By Ad Hoc Committee

The Board of Education named an Ad Hoc Audit Committee which had its first meeting Thursday, February 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. Stakeholders including the BOE, CSEA, AMSA, MCPTA, and DELAC were invited to participate. President Lorraine Richards and Executive Director Kathy Schlotz attended.

It was decided that the next meeting would be in the evening so those interested could attend. Also, the Financial Crisis Management Team (FCMAT, which is funded by the State for the purpose of assisting school districts with finances), and the Office of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia are being invited to share which free and State subsidized forensic audit services would be available to the District.

A Laptop for Each Classroom Teacher by the First Day of 2017-2018

According to Interim Superintendent Dr. Anthony Martinez, the District is reviewing the timeline for Wi-Fi connectivity at all our schools/classrooms. The plan is to start with the Bell Gardens cluster.

The dilemma is that if the District waits until all schools have Wi-Fi connectivity, it will be quite some time before classroom teachers have a District issued laptop. Dr. Martinez wrote to the Association:

Our intent is to purchase laptops for all classroom teachers and aim for distribution prior to the first day of school (school year 2017-2018). We will be discussing with the vendor and determining what their distribution timeline is.

Dr. Martinez invites thoughts about the rollout. **Please email concerns and thoughts to**

MTA@MontebelloTeachers.org. The Association will forward comments. The District acknowledges that the Wi-Fi would come after the laptop (depending on their school). The District is prepared to purchase the laptops quickly in the belief that a laptop with a minimum of hard wire is better than nothing at all.

NEA RA Election Is March 7-14

The State and Local NEA RA delegate election will be held March 7-14. Montebello Teachers Association **votes electronically**. **The MTA Office must have your personal email in order for a ballot to be sent.** Email additions will be accepted through **Friday, March 3**.

The Sample Ballot will be sent to the personal email you have registered with the MTA office **Monday, February 27**. **Contact the MTA Office immediately if you do not receive the sample ballot.** The official ballot will be sent via email **Tuesday, March 7** and must be **received no later than Tuesday, March 14 at 2 p.m.**

The paper ballot alternative is available at the MTA office.

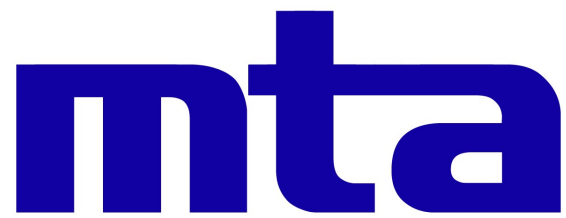
Revenue & Expense Open Hearing

Revenue and Expense Committee Chairperson Ryan Rice (ATC) will conduct the Revenue and Expense Open Hearing **Tuesday, February 21** at 3:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at the Council meeting at the MTA Conference Center: 920 W. Whittier Blvd.

Over, please...



Organizing Chairperson Doug Patzkowski (BVE) talks to members of the community Wednesday, February 1 at Bell Gardens High School. Association volunteers distributed flyers before the Town Hall Budget Meeting. The flyer is available on MontebelloTeachers.org.



You Are Cordially Invited
Learn about your Contract
Find Out Who Can Grieve and When
Practice Grievance Conferences



MTA Grievance Workshop

Earn 2 Hours District Salary Credit

Tuesday, March 21

5-7 p.m. (immediately following Council)

MTA CC - 920 W. Whittier Blvd.

RSVP by Friday, March 10 to MTA@montebelloteachers.org

Or go to MontebelloTeachers.org

Or call 323.722.5005