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### Mark Skvarna Is MUSD's Fiscal Expert Courtesy of LACOE

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has placed a Fiscal Expert at the District, with the District's concurrence, to support its fiscal recovery. The Fiscal Expert, Mark Skvarna, paid for by the County Superintendent, will monitor the fiscal stabilization plan and the Financial Crisis and Management Team (FCMAT) risk factors that might have an adverse impact on the District's ongoing financial health, including:



- Leadership breakdown as indicted by recent turnovers in key leadership positions including superintendent, chief financial officer, and controller;
- Human resource issues including lack of adequate position control and questionable hiring practices;
- Inadequate budget development and limited budget monitoring as indicated by the initially adopted budget's flawed multiyear revenue, expenditure and cash projections;
- Ineffective communication including **staff unrest and low morale** and lack of interagency cooperation.

The LACOE letter to the Board of Education dated October 19, 2017 is available on [Montebelloteachers.org](http://Montebelloteachers.org).

Skvarna was the Superintendent of Baldwin Park Unified School District for 13 years. He retired in 2014. He is currently listed as Superintendent of Residence at Capitol Advisors Group, LLC.

### Apply Now! 2018 CTA Scholarship Applications Are Available

CTA has recently announced that applications are now being accepted for 2018 scholarships for members and their children.

1. CTA Scholarships for Members - A maximum of five \$3,000 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) - A maximum of thirty-four \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded.
3. L. Gordon Bittle Memorial Scholarship - A maximum of three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to Student CTA (SCTA) members.
4. Del A. Weber Scholarship—One \$5,000 scholarship for a dependent child attending continuation high school or an alternative education program.

Each scholarship requires a separate application, letters of recommendation and verification of membership. **Applicants must request President Doug Patzkowski sign each application prior to submission.** In order to be eligible for consideration, all forms must be postmarked by **Thursday, February 2**. Applications and additional information are available at [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org) or [cta.org/scholarships](http://cta.org/scholarships).

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