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January 21, 2014

TO: Building Reps
FR: Lorraine Richards, president
Kathy Schlotz, executive director

RE: COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY
January 28 AT 3:30 P.M.
Montebello Teachers Association Conference Center (MTA CC)
920 W. Whittier Blvd. in Montebello



1. The State Testing for students in California is **transitioning from the California Standards Tests (CSTs) to the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)**. This year is a Field Test. The students, schools, nor district will be accountable for the scores. The testing schedule is much different due to the change in tests and testing conditions. Deputy Superintendent Art Revueltas and Chief Information Technology Officer Dr. Robert Geiger will be at Council to discuss the test schedule and other essential elements in the transition.
2. Gabriela Orozco Gonzalez (MGE) has been working with the California Teachers Association and the Montebello Unified School District to assist teachers in working collaboratively on Common Core curriculum. Gabby is leading "**Great Habits, Great Readers: Strategies for Using the CCSS.**" She will report to Council on her progress thus far. The first session will be Thursday, January 30.
3. The **CTA State Council of Education** meeting is planned for January 24-26. The delegates will report on the meetings. Colleen Nishikawa Alanis (BAE) is participating in the CTA Ethnic Minority Early Identification and Development (EMEID) Program. She is visiting State Council as a component of the program. Colleen will report on her first impression of the statewide proceedings.
4. The New Year brings electronic balloting to the Association. The NEA RA election will be the first electronic ballot. **The Association requires a (non-district) personal email from each member no later than Tuesday, February 25 to participate in this first electronic election.** The paper ballots will ONLY be available at the MTA office. Emails can be submitted in the ways listed below or brought to Council
 - Email your information to Montebello_teachers@earthlink.net
 - Fill out the form on montebelloteachers.org
 - Call the MTA office any time and leave a message



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Executive Director