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**Council: February 21, 2017 • 3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA CC**

1. The Association will conduct a **Revenue and Expense Open Hearing**. This is an opportunity for everyone who is interested to learn more about the **District budget** including rumors, speculation, and concerns. Chairperson Ryan Rice (ATC) will conduct the hearing. He will accept questions from the audience to take back to the committee. The Revenue and Expense Committee advises on the District's budgets, facilities, and Local Control Accountability Plan. Please encourage all those who want to know more about the District's finances to attending the Open Hearing.
2. **MTA negotiated a formula that will increase the 2016-2017 raise**. Bargaining Chairperson Larry McKiernan and Executive Director Kathy Schlotz will discuss the implementation of this adjustment. The formula resulted in \$680,707 being applied to schedules which will add less than one percent to the initial 3.25 percent.
3. As long as the **Board of Education is talking about lay-offs**, the Organizing Committee will promote activities to fight adverse actions. **Be prepared to attend the Thursday, February 16 Board of Education meeting starting at 6 p.m.** The Association will protest if a Reduction in Force (RIF) is on the agenda. In the meantime, representatives of the Association are meeting with Board members and cabinet members by participating in the Ad Hoc Fiscal Stabilization Committee and the Ad Hoc Forensic Audit Committee. More will be know and shared at Council.
4. Treasurer Ed Guzman (MOI) will update the Council on the **MTA budget**. The Association has conducted its annual audit for 2015-2016 which should be concluded in the next few weeks.
5. We have many opportunities for involvement in the Association!
  - a. Join us for the **MTA Social Tuesday, February 28 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** Bargaining Unit members will receive **2 drink tickets** for beer, wine or soft drink and appetizers. The first 50 to arrive will receive a **gift**.
  - b. For the first time, MTA will offer an **Instructional Minutes Workshop Tuesday, March 14**. This workshop will be particularly relevant for those who plan to **bank minutes in 2017-2018**. Two hours toward District Salary Credit will be offered.
  - c. The annual **Grievance Symposium** will be conducted immediately after Council Tuesday, **March 21**. A light dinner will be served and two hours toward District Salary Credit will be offered.
  - d. Each year the Association offers a workshop on **Retiree Health Benefits**. This year it is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.** Participants will hear about health insurance reimbursements by the District and the Trust. **Bargaining Unit members and their families are welcome**. No RSVP is required.