



Council: November 28, 2017 • 3:30-5 p.m. at the MTA CC

1. It's time to start thinking about the Winter Holiday New Member and Building Rep Council Dinner.
 - a. The dinner is **December 19 at Tamayo's Restaurant** from 3:30 – 6 p.m.
 - b. **RSVPs** are due no later than **Tuesday, December 5**.
 - c. **Building Reps, Alternates, and New Members are invited!** The definition is new members to the Association (not to the site).
 - d. The MTA Office sends invitations to all new members, however sometimes the office has incomplete information. ***Please personally invite new members at your site to join you at this enjoyable event.*** Call or email Alonso Ibanez if you need a list of new members or other information. MTA@MontebelloTeachers.org.
2. **President Doug Patzkowski** will update the Council on recent developments in the District. The State Audit has been published. Members have received seniority list data information sheets from Human Resources indicating a possible Reduction in Force (RIF) this March. And, the Board of Education continues in the process of appointing a Superintendent.
3. **Technology and Infrastructure issues** continue to plague the District. Elementary Director Eddie Garcia (BVE) will review the Association's work in providing adequate technology for students and employees.
4. The Association will conduct the first **Revenue and Expense Open Hearing** at Council. Chairperson Alma Orta (SUE) will lead the discussion. The Revenue and Expense Committee has been advocating for responsible reporting of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) as it relates to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Vice President Alma Orta will also report on the work of the **Calendar Committee**. The goal is to bring a calendar to Council in early 2018.
5. Treasurer Andy Shinn (BGI) will report on the **Association budget**. The 2017-2018 fiscal year began September 1.
6. The Association **endorsed three candidates for Board of Education** last spring: Miki Moreno, Marisol Uribe, and Arturo Valdez. The election was postponed by the Board of Education from November 2017 to November 2018. Candidate Arturo Valdez has dropped out of the race. Political Action Chairperson Jaime Quintero (FPA) will report on next steps for the campaign and endorsements.
7. Executive Director Kathy Schlotz will update the Council on the rehire of 35 **probationary teachers who were laid-off** and are now being rehired per a settlement agreement. Six teachers are awaiting rehire at this time.
8. The Supreme Court announced it will hear **Janus v. AFSCME**, a case that once again raises the question of whether public employees must pay dues even if they disagree with their union's position. The case, like two others that have reached the high court in recent years, pits unions, who say mandatory fees are necessary to prevent "free riders" from benefiting from union contracts, against dissenting members, who argue that being forced to pay dues violates their First Amendment rights. The case is likely to be argued in January or February, according to SCOTUSblog; cases are decided by the end of the court's term in June, and announcements on big, controversial cases usually come near the end of the term.
9. The **CTA State Council of Education** met October 20-22. State Council delegates will report on the meeting.