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Thanks for the Memories



Retirement Banquet Friday, June 3

CTA STAFF INTERN PROGRAM

The California Teachers Association (CTA) Staff Intern Program annually prepares selected candidates to successfully compete for UniServ staff positions. The program is designed to provide opportunities for all CTA members who are committed to securing UniServ staff positions in California.

More information and applications are available at the MTA office and due to CTA by Thursday, February 24.

The MTA-MUSD contract
is available
on-line at
montebelloteachers.org

Are You Or Someone You Know Considering Retirement? STRS Workshop Is Wednesday, March 2

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) will again conduct a workshop in the District describing services available to STRS members. The workshop will be held **Wednesday, March 2** from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It will be held in the Board Room at District office. No reservations are necessary for this workshop. Immediately, following the workshop, employees may sign up for individual interviews scheduled for **Thursday, March 31**.

Retirement Benefits Workshop Planned for Thursday, March 10

The MTA Trust Fund and all retiree health benefits will be explained at the Retirement Benefits Workshop **Thursday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room** at the District Office. The workshop will be presented by Dolores Gonzales from MUSD Risk Management and Sandy Muhr from Allied Administrators. All those considering retiring in the next several years should attend this very informative workshop. Friends and spouses are invited to attend as well.

Early Retirement Option Deadline Is Friday, April 15

If you are planning on early retirement at the conclusion of the current school year, you must complete and return the option form to the certificated personnel office no later than **Friday, April 15**. You must be between 55 and 60 years of age and have 15 years of experience with the District to qualify for the option. You are not obligated to include a letter of resignation at the time of completing the option form. Call Jean at extension 2329 for more information.

Educators Unite in Tsunami Relief Program

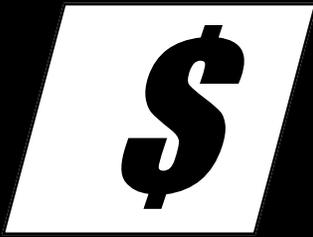
We are all aware of the earthquake in Asia and the resulting tsunamis that have devastated parts of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand and seriously impacted other countries bordering the Indian Ocean.

In the aftermath of the world's worst natural disaster, Education International (EI) has established the Tsunami Relief Program to assist teachers and their families. CTA has donated \$10,000 toward the fund. Individuals may also contribute. Checks may be sent to

NEA International Relations
1201 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington DC 20036

(write "EI Relief Program in memo line")

More information is available at www.cta.org or oir@nea.org or (202) 822-7488.



February 15, 2005

Revenue & Expense

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Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

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Dianne Garcia-Stevens (LMI)
Dorothy Chu (CCE)
Randie Hayward (SHS)
Susan Jauregui, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Kohn (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

The month of December 2004.....	\$21,105,345.00
The month of December 2003.....	\$27,676,553.00
Year to date this year	\$85,078,710.00
Year to date last year.....	\$81,763,116.00

Expenses

The month of December 2004.....	\$15,747,907.00
The month of December 2003.....	\$15,859,822.00
Year to date this year	\$63,007,975.00
Year to date last year.....	\$64,388,715.00

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

Governor's Budget: CTA and organizations representing the education coalition are mounting massive mobilization of their members. The governor's proposed budget breaks the promise of his agreement to pay schools \$2.3 billion owed to them under the constitutional guarantee. He is trying to undermine public education's school funding guarantee by changing Proposition 98. He is also proposing to eliminate the state responsibility for their contribution to the State Teacher's Retirement System. Although the Governor's propose spending plan would provide a 3.93% COLA schools would still lose \$469 million for 2005/06. He would propose that districts shift this coast to teachers through the collective bargaining process. To become law, the governor's proposals have to be approved by lawmakers.

Facilities Update: Applications for the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee are now available. The Committee will include a minimum of 7 members. The board will make the appointments on Feb 17th. This committee's main purpose will be to review expenditures and to look for cost saving measures. Measure M will meet the spirit of the critically overcrowded schools funding regulation. Pam Johnson and her department will handle this bond measure. Negotiations of the take over agreement with the bonding company for BGH is still in progress. The district has assumed the concrete and asphalt work.

Budget Status: The Auditor's finding for the year ending June 30th 2004 has been concluded. Montebello Unified continues its positive status. The First Interim Report projects financial solvency for the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

Gate: MHS GATE committee sent the superintendent a letter expressing concerns over the lack of funding for the program. A joint memo has been developed and will be sent explaining the Gate Funding Program. This memo will hopefully explain and clarify why there is a per student funding decline.