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## Our Association Is Honored on *National Philanthropy Day*

The Montebello Teachers Association received an award from the Beverly Hospital Foundation and the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Los Angeles Chapter at a luncheon Monday, November 9. **President Dianne GarciaStevens accepted the medal on behalf of the Association.**

National Philanthropy Day is a time set aside to recognize the contributions of people and organizations engaged in making our community and world a better place. Executive Director Kathy Schlotz has been a member of the Beverly Hospital Foundation Board for the past 8 years.



## State Budget Cuts Continue to Devastate Schools

- More than \$17 billion has been cut from California public schools and colleges in the last two years. This is the single largest cut to public education since the Great Depression.
- K-12 schools have suffered 60 percent of the state budget cuts. An entire generation of children will be hurt.
- California ranks 47th in the nation in per-student funding.
- Class sizes have increased state-wide at all grade levels.
- More than 29,000 layoff notices were sent to educators this year. More than 20,000 teachers and education support professionals have lost their jobs.

**CTA continues to mobilize against these horrific cuts. For more information go to [standupforschools.org](http://standupforschools.org).**

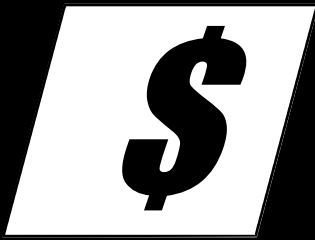
## HOW ARE DUES CALCULATED? WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Members of our Association pay a minimum of four types of dues for a total of \$198.30 per month, ten months per year. The breakdown is as follows for full-time category 1 members:

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|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>NEA</b>      | 16.20/month  | <b>CTA</b> | 62.10/month |
| <b>MTA-RSHP</b> | 100.00/month | <b>MTA</b> | 20.00/month |

Members also donate various amounts on a voluntary basis for political action MTA-ABC (Association for Better Citizenship - our local political action fund) and NEA-PAC. Members also make voluntary contributions to FACT which is a disaster relief fund. NEA and CTA set their dues apart from MTA. The MTA Retiree Supplemental Health Plan (MTA-RSHP) is also separated from MTA dues. MTA-RSHP is commonly known as the Trust Fund. These funds are used to provide health coverage beyond the age at which the District stops paying for coverage (age 67). Since 1986 all eligible retired members have had lifetime health coverage. Members who resign may receive a rebate from the Association for up to \$1500.

Over, please...



November 16, 2009

Revenue & Expense

mta 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.

MTA

- Lorraine Richards (MHS)
Ryan Rice (SHS)
Guillermo Sandoval (MOI)
Julian De La Torre, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include The month of September 2009, The month of September 2008, Year to date this year, and Year to date last year.

Expenses

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include The month of September 2009, The month of September 2008, Year to date this year, and Year to date last year.

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

FACILITIES: Measure M Completed Projects - Montebello H.S.: two-story building \$21.4 million and baseball field \$2.0 million; Greenwood Elementary: Special Education Building \$2.7 million; Joe Gascon Elementary School: Interim Housing \$2.3 million; Rosewood Park School: 7th/8th Grade Expansion \$3.1 million; Vail High School: Cafeteria/Eating Area \$1.9 million; Bell Gardens High School: Softball Field \$1.0 million. Measure M Balance: \$23.8 million; Proceeds from remaining Measure M authorization \$33.0 million. Potential state funding \$33.6 million. Potential projects for consideration: 1. Joseph Gascon Elementary School two-story building \$4.3 million. 2. Applied Technology Center \$15.3 million. 3. Schurr High School Aquatic Center \$6.4 million. The last of the Measure M bonds were sold recently and the \$33 million was obtained.

ENERGY SAVINGS UPDATE: Cost Avoidance Summary for September 2008 – August 2009

Table with 4 columns: Category, Cost without program, Actual Cost, and Cost Avoidance. Rows include Electricity, Gas, Water, Water & Sewer, and a TOTALS row.

Also consider the cost increases experienced with utilities; all variables have been reviewed to regarding the possible savings. Money saved goes into the General Fund.

SAFE SCHOOL/HEALTHY STUDENTS GRANT INITIATIVE: Michael Cobarrubias reported about the \$8.8 million grant, which is tier three funded money. MUSD's SS/HS Grant Initiative will implement and integrate a comprehensive, community-wide plan that is designed to create safe, respectful, and drug-free school environments and promote pro-social skills, and healthy childhood development. The plan focuses on activities, curricula, programs, and services in a manner that responds to the community's existing needs and gaps. The 40 Developmental Assets training provided to classified and certificated employees at the beginning of the school year was funded by this grant. Various other programs and employees are currently funded through this program such as: grant director, resources officers, district probation officer, and surveillance cameras at MHS and SHS.

2008-09 Unauditable Actuals: The unauditable actual was approved by the Board on September 3, 2009. There was a sizable jump in the ending balance, approximately \$14 million, compared to the June projections included in the Adopted Budget. It was a result of: 1. The delay to pass a re-revised State Budget, a reduce of revenue limits by approximately \$253 per ADA was adjusted in 2009-10. 2. The recent enacted trailer bill, ABX42, allowed the local education agency to sweep 100% of ending balances from any state categorical programs and redirected funding to any educational purposes.