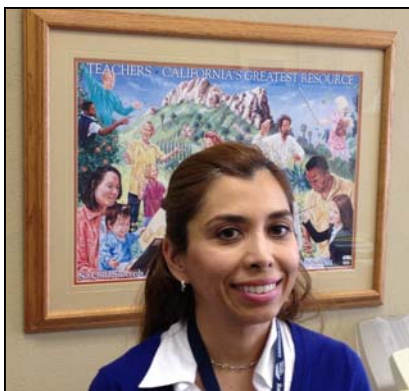


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Calendar Committee Chair Alma Orta

## Calendar Committee Begins Surveys on 2014-2015

The Calendar Committee has begun serious consideration of the 2014-2015 calendars. The first step is to offer each bargaining unit member an opportunity to complete a survey and contribute input on calendar preferences.

The Calendar Survey is available at [montebelloteachers.org](http://montebelloteachers.org). Only one survey will be accepted per member. Anonymous surveys will not be considered.

Surveys are due **Monday, May 6**.

## Political Action Committee Interviews Board of Education Candidates

This November four seats on the Board of Education will be on the ballot. Two seats are currently held by incumbents: Hector Chacon and Gerri Guzman. And two seats are held by appointed members: Ben Cardenas and Paul Montoya. Additionally, Board of Education David Vela may be elected to Los Angeles Board of Trustees, Community College District May 21. If that were to happen, five out of five seats will be on the November 5 Board of Education ballot.

Any eligible candidate interested in being interviewed May 6, may contact the MTA office no later than Friday, April 26.

The Political Action Committee has placed ads in the Eastern Group Publication and the Montebello Chamber of Commerce "Spotlight" asking candidates to identify themselves to the Association.

### **MTA Candidates Forum**

**Monday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m.**  
**MTA CC: 920 W. Whittier Blvd.**  
**All Members Are Invited!**  
**All candidates who interviewed**  
**with the Committee are invited!**

## Law Gives Teachers the Final Word on Students' Grades

The California Education Code protects teachers' rights to grade students. When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a school district, the grade given to each pupil shall be the grade determined by the teacher of the course and the determination of the pupils grade by the teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final.

§ 49066: if a parent, student, or administrator challenges a grade the teacher has the right to defend the grade. An Association representative should always be present at such a challenge.

## Teachers are Responsible for *Failure Notices*

Classroom teachers are directly responsible for notifying parents of possible failing grades. Whenever it becomes evident to a teacher that a student is in danger of failing a course (D or F grade), the teacher must arrange a conference with the student's parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report (failure notice). In all cases the notification must come prior to the assignment of the grade.

The teacher's responsibility for failure notices is stated in California Education Code 49067 and Montebello Unified School District Administrative Regulation 5121 (a).

Over, please...

# California Teachers Association and Southeastern Service Center Council Present...

Presented by

Norma Sanchez, Regional UniServ  
Staff – Instruction & Professional  
Development (IPD)



## *Common Core State Standards “Action” Group*

Date: April 30, 2013

Time: 4:00–5:30pm

Place: CTA

11745 E. Telegraph Rd.,

Santa Fe Springs, CA

90670



New CA Math Framework is here! Plus, English Language Development (ELD) standards and more SBAC Sample Tasks in ELA and Math.

We will review a draft of the CA Mathematics Framework, the ELD standards, and more SBAC sample tasks.

\* Bring your laptop or ipad to explore several websites that already have common core standards, lessons and sample items.

As always, this group is open to all so bring a fellow educator!

- **RSVP by April 29<sup>th</sup> to Tina Martinez at (562) 478-1346**
- **Refreshments will be served.**
- **Please be reminded that space is limited.**