

# mta CONTACT

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## Edgar And Lani Volunteers Work Overtime On Campaign



Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who have spent their evenings talking to voters about the upcoming Board of Education election **Tuesday, November 5**. Members have initiated conversations with members of the community regarding our endorsed candidates: **Edgar Cisneros (special election) and Lani Cupchoy (regular election)**.

The MTA Association for Better Citizenship has sent out a mailer to likely voters outlining the strengths of the two candidates.

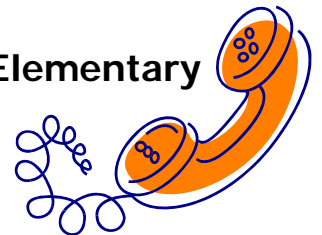
*Special thanks to Bell Gardens Elementary, Bell Gardens High School, Suva Elementary, and Rosewood Park School for volunteering this past week.*

The schedule for this week includes:

**Monday - Macy Intermediate School & Montebello Gardens Elementary**

**Tuesday - La Merced Intermediate School**

**Thursday - Suva Elementary & Winter Gardens Elementary**



## How Are My Dues Calculated? Where Does the Money Go?

Members of our Association pay a minimum of four types of dues for a total of \$226.60 per month, ten months per year. The breakdown is as follows for fulltime category 1 members:

<b>NEA</b> .....	18.20/month
<b>CTA</b> .....	64.40 /month
<b>MTA-RSHP</b> .....	125.00/month
<b>MTA</b> .....	19.00/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 MTA for up to \$1500.

## 30-Minute Duty-Free Lunch Required by Law & Contract

A minimum of thirty minutes duty-free lunch shall be provided each day including rainy day schedule (MUSD-MTA Contract Article IV. Section H.) This contractual right is for all Bargaining Unit members. The 30 minutes is included in the Bargaining Unit member's 7 hour & 15 minute or 8 hour day.

No meetings or activities may be scheduled during bargaining unit members' thirty-minute duty-free lunch time. If a meeting is scheduled during lunch and following the thirty-minute duty-free time, that time is considered meeting minutes within the board day.

Contact a Building Rep or the MTA office if you believe the thirty-minute duty-free lunch right and law is being violated.



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