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Employee Contributions Decrease for 2015 Health Benefits

Employees can learn about the 2015 insurance options **Monday August 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Montebello High School** in the courtyard. The Benefits Department will repeat short presentations at the fair to discuss the following items:

- **Plan Changes**
- **2015 Insurance Rates**
- **Open Enrollment**
- **Section 125 Plans**

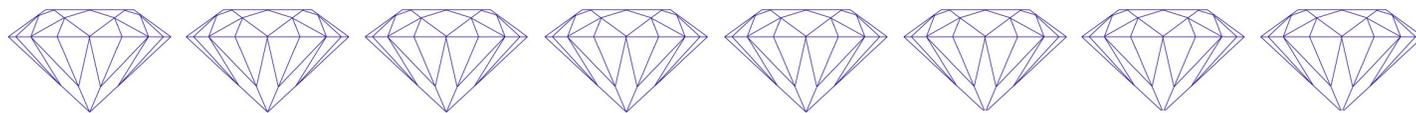
<u>PLAN</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>2-PARTY</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>
BLUE SHIELD ACCESS+	\$41	\$109	\$195
BLUE SHIELD NetValue	\$8	\$32	\$63
KAISER CA	\$44	\$118	\$207
Anthem HMO Traditional	\$55	\$140	\$240
Anthem HMO Select	\$48	\$126	\$216
Health Net Salud y Más	\$29	\$83	\$102
Health Net Salud SmartCare	\$51	\$136	\$237
United Healthcare	\$43	\$109	\$186
PERS Choice	\$42	\$133	\$209
PERS Select	\$44	\$140	\$210
PERSCare	\$75	\$200	\$322

There will be time for questions and answers between each presentation.

Box lunches will be provided starting at 10:00 a.m. Due to limited parking at MHS, the District will again offer shuttle service from the Applied Technology Center (ATC) parking lot.

Employee contributions are collected once per pay warrant in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, October, November, and December.

Special rates apply for Bargaining Unit members who share 2-party or family coverage with either certificated or classified MUSD employees. Visit montebelloteachers.org for details.



Help Us Celebrate Our 75th Anniversary February 20

Unbelievable! We are celebrating our 75th Diamond Anniversary this February and you are invited! The Association will host an Open House at the Conference Center from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 20. Let's take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments of the Montebello Teachers Association since our beginnings in 1939.



The Association will unveil a History Wall which will honor the people and events that have brought our Association along throughout the years. Enjoy friends, treats, and music from the forties!



Bargaining Team Negotiates through Summer

The District and the Association negotiators met most recently Monday, August 11 at the MTA office. Article XII Wages is opened by both teams. In addition the Association has opened Article XIV. Health and Welfare Benefits and the District has opened Article XVI. Leave Policy.

The teams includes Bargaining Chairperson Gilbert Gomez (MHS), Paul Chavez (SHS), Larry McKiernan (SUI), David Navar (WGE), and Alma Orta (SUE). Executive Director Kathy Schlotz serves as an advisor.

The Calendar Committee will also begin negotiations on the 2015-2016 calendars.

Master Educators Lead the Profession Through Online Collaboration

Local educator selected as a facilitator for NEA GPS Network

The National Education Association (NEA), which represents nearly 3 million teachers, administrators, and education support professionals, is pleased to announce that it has selected **Gabriela Orozco Gonzalez**, a teacher in the Montebello Unified School District in Montebello, California, as a facilitator for the NEA Great Public Schools (GPS) Network. The GPS Network is an online community where teachers, parents, education support professionals, and other community stakeholders can share ideas and resources aimed at improving student success.



Currently, the Network consists of more than 120 groups, managed by facilitators like Gonzalez, that participants can join to address common interests in specific topics and issues that impact educator and student success. Topics are diverse, ranging from bullying to state learning standards, from teacher evaluation to teaching English language learners.

Over 1,000 individuals applied to be the inaugural leaders of this new online network. Ms. Gonzalez and 60 others were selected for their knowledge and understanding of their topic; their ability to facilitate a national discussion presenting a range of differing viewpoints; their technology skills, necessary for facilitating an online community; and, above all, their commitment to helping fellow educators improve their skills to foster student success.

"It is an honor and a high responsibility to be selected for this position," said Becky Pringle, NEA's newly-elected vice-president. "This is an important role that helps NEA change the way we operate, connecting the entire country in a professional online community that will focus on student success. We will make a difference for students and educators in their professional roles."

A K-6th Grade Teacher and Common Core Standards Expert, Gonzalez is a member of the California Teachers Association and the NEA. She has this to say about student success and the importance of providing teachers with ongoing opportunities to hone their professional skills:

"As a teacher leader, I authored the Common Core Café, a forum structured as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) that gives teachers an opportunity to discuss the strategies they currently use in their classroom with other educators in the district. This new opportunity aligns with my belief that we must work together to develop Common Core State Standards expertise and utilize technological resources to enhance instruction."

The NEA GPS Network

The NEA GPS Network was created to bring together people who want to collaborate on education - and student-centered issues and topics. It is open to participation to anyone interested in improving schools and promoting student success. Basic components include collaboration tools, virtual events on topics of high interest, and a resource bank of lesson plans and professional learning topics. Gonzalez' group, on applying Common Core to 3rd grade English language arts, can be located at NEA GPS Network Common Core ELA 3rd Grade. Please join her in discussing and sharing resources on this topic.