

## Head Lice Have Caused Severe Problems Including Loss of ADA

Head lice is a major nuisance that affects millions of school aged children worldwide, and are mainly transmitted in schools, where children study, eat and play together all day long. Recently the Montebello Unified School District dealt with absences due to lice. Here are a few facts about lice.



- Lice can live for up to 30 days.
- Nits (the eggs) are affixed to the hair shaft with a "glue" making them difficult to pull off.
- Once a louse (singular for lice) it will not start laying eggs until it is 10 days old.
- Lice actually prefer clean heads.
- Lice suck your blood, they can't live off of the host (person) for more than a day or so.

### Everything and Anything That Touches Hair Should be Stowed Separately

Headgear, scarves, and other outer clothing that comes into contact with the hair should be stored separately and not shared. **Outdoor hooks are the best place for outdoorwear.** Remove upholstered furniture and pillows from the classroom.

The Administrative Regulation 5141.33 outlines the District's policy on lice containment. Students must be excluded and parents/guardians must be informed about recommended treatment procedures, ways to check the hair, and sources of further information. The student must be excluded until the pest and nits have been removed. The student's siblings must also be checked.

The administrative regulation will be reviewed by the District. At this time the regulation requires a note to go home to all students in the class if four or more students are found to have lice. It has been recommended to send a note to all families from the class at the first sign of lice.

### Are You Thinking You May Transfer To a Different School Site?

Voluntary Transfers - The deadline for voluntary transfers is **Friday, April 15**. Those wishing to volunteer to transfer from one site to another must submit an application to the Human Resources Department. The revised form allows Bargaining Unit members to include preferences other than three priority schools. For example one can write, "any elementary school", "any site south of 5 Fwy", or other pertinent preferences.

Assignments—Whenever possible, reassignments from one position to another at the same site are announced no later than **Monday, May 16**.

Involuntary Transfers - The District retains the responsibility to determine program needs and to establish the necessary staffing to implement the educational program. Primary consideration for voluntary transfers includes: credentialing requirements, experience in teaching specific subject areas, and teacher in-District seniority. Those Bargaining Unit members that are involuntarily transferred because the current position is eliminated by the District have priority status over those who seek voluntary transfers.

**2016 NEA RA  
Election TimeLine**

February 29  
Sample Ballots Is Emailed

March 5  
Last day to submit or change  
email address for this election  
Submit to:  
MTA@montebelloteachers.org

March 8  
Official Electronic Ballot Emailed  
Paper Ballot Available  
At the MTA Office

March 15  
Ballot Due by 2 p.m.

