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What You Need to Know About the District's Finances

Chief Business Officer Ruben Rojas announced that the District needs to make cuts to be solvent in the following two years. However, review of the District documents reveals that the District IS SOLVENT. If anyone asks you about the budget crisis, you can respond:

1. There is no \$16 million deficit. MUSD ended last year with a \$22 million unrestricted ending balance, and they plan to end this year with \$19 million.
2. The \$16 million *is a projected shortfall* for three years from now, in 2018-2019. It is based on guesses, bad assumptions, and misapplied law regarding the Local Control Funding Formula.
3. The projected shortfall is not caused by having too many teachers; therefore it should not be corrected on teachers' backs.
4. The projected shortfall was caused by a 26% increase in the budget for consultants since 2014-2015. If you cut the budget for consultants back to the 2014-15 level, the projected deficits disappear completely.

Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Nominations Are On-Line

Honor A Special Person who Supports Our Members

You can submit a Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award Nomination on-line. Simply go to MontebelloTeachers.org and nominate yourself or a colleague by **Tuesday, February 28**. This honor is

awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. Nominees and supporters of nominees will be invited to submit testimonial thoughts on-line in March and April.

A committee of past Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner based on input from members. The announcement will be made at the May 19 Council meeting. **The winner will receive a plaque and \$100 toward instructional supplies.**

Members of the 2016-2017 Executive Committee and past recipients are not eligible.

Over, please...

Blanche Chester Award Recipients

Paul McKernan 1992	Betty Kirschner..... 2004
Patricia Knapp..... 1993	Sharon Ramirez..... 2005
Robin GrayBallard 1994	Marcia Ugalde..... 2006
Karen van der Baan 1995	Walt Lowery 2007
Linda Moran 1996	Horacio Perez..... 2008
Maria Cortes 1997	Elizabeth Gasca 2009
David Lebow 1998	Terry SalasOrtiz..... 2010
Frank van der Baan..... 1999	John Slevin..... 2011
Mary Dupuis 2000	Rita Galvan 2012
Juan Gastelum 2001	Margie Granado..... 2013
JoAnn Barro 2001	Julian De La Torre..... 2014
Lois Wankovsky..... 2002	Leticia Ornelas 2015
Pat Tonelli..... 2003	Cathie Reed 2016



Understanding Instructional Minutes and Banking Minutes

Board Day, Instructional Day, Professional Day! It can all be pretty confusing.

- * If your site is considering Banking Minutes in the 2017-2018 school year, most of the answers and many of the questions will be addressed at this workshop.

Tuesday, March 14 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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