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### Distance Learning Continues through First Semester

The Board of Education adopted distance learning through December 2020. The action was a unanimous vote at the July 15 meeting. The Board also approved the Distance Learning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Montebello Unified School District and the Montebello Unified School District dated July 10, 2020.

The Association ratified the MOU in a ballot due today, Monday, July 20. The result was 89 percent yes and 11 percent no.

**Yes 616**

**No 73**

Questions were raised during the July 13 informational meeting. The [Distance Learning Q&A](#) answers many of the concerns.

The ratification included overage stipends for designated instruction service providers which was negotiated in June.

### SPI Thurmond Endorses Distance Learning for Safety Sake

State Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond remarked on the purpose of distance learning.



*Everyone shares the desire to reopen schools and agrees that the best place for children to learn and thrive is in the classroom connected with caring teachers and staff. We also understand that schools are more than a place of learning: They provide critical necessities like meals, relationships with caring adults, and support for working parents," said Thurmond. "But we can only open schools if it is safe to do so. As the largest educational agency in the country, our stance has been consistent during this pandemic: Science, data, and safety must guide any decision about reopening a school. The health and safety of our students and staff is too important to risk."*

### Governor Newsom Takes Action on Los Angeles County

At his Friday news conference Governor Gavin Newsom ordered counties on the state's coronavirus watch list to shut down school campuses this fall, at least to begin the school year. The 32 counties on the list, which include Los Angeles and most of Southern California, must switch to virtual instruction only.

The Montebello USD's distance learning plan is consistent with the Governor's order.

