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Hurtado Reports on June Run-Off Election

Elections Committee Chairperson Jan Hurtado (CalSafe) reported on the June State Council Run-Off Election. She stated, a big "thank you" to Rosie Rueda (MGE), Andy Shinn (BGI) and Lizette Sukkar (BGI) for helping to count ballots for the CTA State Council Rep run-off election on June 12th.

CTA State Council Election Run-Off Results

Kathy Reyes..... 237
 * Susan Jauregui 343

* Indicates Elected

MTA reps from 5 sites were notified in person or by e-mail that their ballots were not counted because they did not have enough signatures on their sign-in sheets.

Incumbent Richard Adams Will Not Run in Board Election Political Action Committee Holds Endorsement Interviews

Last April the Association endorsed both friendly incumbents, Richard Adams and Marcella Calderon, for the November Board of Education election. This July Richard Adams announced his intentions not to run for another term on the Board.

The Association now must decide whether or not to endorse one of the other two candidates: David Manuel or David Vela. The Political Action Committee has scheduled interviews and will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The final decision regarding an additional endorsement will be brought to Council Tuesday, September 18. The election will be held Tuesday, November 6.

bargaining update

The State finally passed a budget Tuesday, August 21. CTA President David A. Sanchez released this statement. "Teachers across California are pleased that the Senate finally reached agreement today on a state budget that protects public education. Teachers, administrators, school employees and parents are all breathing a collective sigh of relief that this budget protects the minimum funding requirements of Proposition 98, provides cost-of-living adjustments for all school programs, and is just in time for the new fall semester. We appreciate Senators Abel Maldonado and Dick Ackerman showing leadership and voting for the budget. It was the right thing to do for our schools, students and the people of California.

"We are extremely disappointed that the budget will reinstate funding for standardized testing of second graders which ended July 1. We will continue our efforts to create a testing system that is more appropriate for young learners."

The budget is expected to be signed by the Governor soon. Bargaining dates will be set early this fall.



Secretary Elizabeth Gasca (RPS) and Elementary Director Yvonne Andrade (BAE) participate in the Executive Committee Retreat Monday, August 20 in Santa Fe Springs. The Executive Committee spent the day reviewing Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Procedures. The Committee developed goals for 2007-2008.