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TO: Building Reps

FR: Dianne GarciaStevens, president and Kathy Kohn, executive director

RE: COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 20 AT 3:30 P.M.

- President Dianne GarciaStevens will be lobbying the legislature in Sacramento Tuesday, May 20. Vice President Julian De La Torre (EAI) will preside at the Council meeting. He will review the work of the Association concerning the State budget. *Please bring any and all Cuts Hurt petitions to Council*. The petitions are used to further the Association's lobby efforts.
- 2. **The Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate** finalists will be revealed. The 2006 winner, Marcia Ugalde (FPA) will name three finalists.
- 3. The **\$5,000** retirement incentive declaration deadline is extended through June 2. Thus far the District has received about 45 of the 53 retirements required. *You Served and the District Scored* is the theme for the June 13 retirement dinner. Vice President Julian De La Torre and Social Committee Chairperson Robin Ponce Edgington (BAE) are busy making plans for this special event.
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 4. Once again the District is in **negotiations for insurance premium rates**. Blue Cross Prudent Provider is once again demanding large increases.

 The Insurance Committee is joining with neighboring districts to learn about health care reform. The committee will participate in a three-hour training Wednesday, May 21.
 - The Association has met with the District concerning the implementation of the **GENESEA** program for IEPs. President Dianne GarciaStevens has advocated for Bargaining Unit members to learn the program. More information will be available at Council.
 - Treasurer Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) will deliver the first reading of the MTA budget. The final budget will be adopted at the June 10 meeting.
 - 7. It's time to run **elections for Building Reps at the sites**. Let the MTA office know the results.
 - 8. Election Chairperson Wendy Perez (BVE) will announce the election results.



