

Is Your Site Considering MOUs? Start Thinking About It Now!

The District and the Association have developed joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) forms banking minutes and staff development day site specific waivers.

2008-2010 MUSD Calendars have been approved by the Association and are expected to be approved by the Board of Education in early April. The calendars are available at montebelloteachers.org.

There is one form for both the Faculty Club Chairperson and the site Principal to complete and return to District office. The form will then be forwarded to the MTA office.

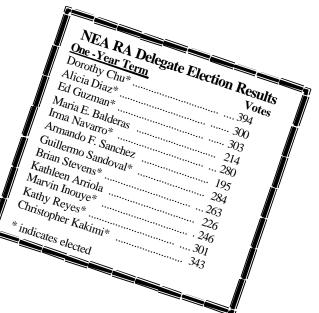
MOU requests are due Friday, May 1. Forms are available at montebelloteachers.org, the MTA office, and the Instructional Division @ ext. 7924.



Board of Education President Gerri Guzman *Stands Up for Schools* at Cesar Chavez Elementary with teacher Sal Salas and President Dianne GarciaStevens.



La Merced Intermediate teachers Marlene Gonzalez, Lourdes Pereida, and Ruby Izquierdo *Stand Up for Schools.*



MTA Office Closes During Spring & Summer Break

The MTA office will be closed from **Monday**, **April 6 through Friday**, **April 10**. The office will also be closed for two weeks this summer from **Monday July**, **27 through Friday**, **August 7**.

The MTA office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office closes at 4 p.m. Fridays and the day before a holiday.

The office extensions are as follows:

President Dianne GarciaStevens Executive Director Kathy Schlotz Administrative Assistant Alonso Ibanez Administrative Assistant Diana Madrid Extension 108 Extension 107 Extension 106 Extension 100



Treasurer Terry SalasOrtiz (Sal's sister) Stand s Up for Schools Friday, March 13.

Vital Budget Bills Will Be Decided in May 19 Special Election

The state budget passed this past February is dependent on the passage of six initiatives in the **May 19 special election.** Proposition 1A creates a *Budget Stabilization* Found (BSF). If the BSF is approved by voters, then the revenues will stay in effect through the 2012-13 fiscal year. If the BSF is not approved by voters, then the revenue will stay in effect for only two years after enactment. It's important to note that these initiatives are dependent upon each other. If any of them fail, the approved state budget falls apart and public education will certainly face additional cuts.

- Prop 1A Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF): Imposes a limit on the amount the state can spend each year based on state revenue over the previous 10-year period. Money above that amount would be saved in a rainy day fund. It is intended to smooth out peaks and valleys in state revenues. Money from the rainy day fund is used to repay the \$9.3 billion owed to schools. The BSF does not change Prop 98, downsize government, or give the Governor the authority to make midyear budget cuts.
- Prop 1B Education Repayment/Proposition 98 Maintenance Factor: Asks voters to approve repayment of \$9.3 billion owed to local school districts and community colleges to restore recent budget cuts. (Payment is contingent upon passage of the BSF. If the BSF fails, the state will have no mechanism in place to expedite the repayment.)
- Prop 1C California State Lottery Modernization: Asks voters to approve a \$10 billion plan to borrow against the lottery's future revenues over the next two fiscal years.
- Prop 1D Children's Services Funding (Prop 10): Allows state to divert use of First 5 money to other children's programs.
- Prop 1E Mental Health Funding (Prop 63): Allows state to divert use of some mental health moneys to pay for low-income child development programs.
- **Prop 1F Elected Official Salaries/Restricting Legislative Pay:** Prevents legislators from getting pay raises in years when the state ran a budget deficit.