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## **District Has 20 Days to Correct Class Size**

Beginning **October 1** the District has 20 days to correct any overages in class size. It is always a good idea to notify the principal (and the Association) in writing immediately when an additional student is added to the class. The letter notifies administration that you are not requesting additional students.

Following the 20 days, the classroom teacher may initiate the grievance process.

## Teachers Supervise Classroom Volunteers

Teachers often request parent volunteers in their classrooms. It is the decision of the teacher whether or not parent volunteers fit the instructional program. Additionally, teachers decide how and when to utilize volunteer requests. Education Code 51101 states that parents may:

...volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, **providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher**. Although volunteer parents may assist with instruction, primary instructional responsibility shall remain with the teacher.

# **Teachers May Suspend a Student from Class**

Education Code 48910 states that a teacher may suspend any pupil from the teacher's class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, for the day of the suspension and the day following. The teacher shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and send the pupil to the principal or the principal's designee for appropriate action. If that action requires the continued presence of the pupil at the school site, the pupil shall be under appropriate supervision, as defined in policies and related regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parentteacher conference regarding the suspension. Whenever practicable, a school counselor or a school psychologist shall attend the conference. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the teacher or the parent or guardian so requests.

The pupil shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was suspended, during the period of the suspension, without the concurrence of the teacher of the class and the principal.

A pupil suspended from a class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, if the pupil is assigned to more than one class per day this subdivision shall apply only to other regular classes scheduled at the same time as the class from which the pupil was suspended.

A teacher may also refer a pupil, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, to the principal or the principal's designee for consideration of a suspension from the school. Over, please...

# Canvass Card Winners

Members of the Montebello Teachers Association joined with members of the California Teachers Association from all across the State to elect education friendly officials and approve education friendly laws. Members signed and collected canvass cards which indicated participation in the <u>November 2 election</u>.

## First Place (in each of three categories)

#### One ream of paper per card!

Washington & Wilcox Elementary Schools	100%
Schurr High School	90%
Cal Safe	83%

# Second Place (in each of three categories)

#### One ream of paper per every 2 cards!

Fremont Elementary School 90%	6
Macy Intermediate School 56%	6
Independent Study 53%	6

## Third Place (in each of three categories)

#### One ream of paper per every 3 cards!

La Merced Elementary School	87%
Montebello & Suva Intermediate School	50%
Psychologists	25%