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Council to Set 2016-2017 Calendars March 15

The 2016-2017 calendars recommended by both the Calendar Committee and the Executive Committee will be available for review on the MTA Mobile app at montebelloteachers.org Wednesday, February 24.

The Council will be asked to approve the calendars at the Tuesday, March 15 Council meeting. Bargaining Unit members are encouraged to review the calendars and offer input to Building Reps at the sites. The calendars are based on input from surveys last fall.



Coalition Working to Secure Education Funding Petitions Due March 23

Four years ago, CTA worked with Governor Brown to put forward Proposition 30 to increase funding for public education by temporarily raising income taxes on California's highest wage earners and a small sales tax increase. Passing that initiative in 2012 has been a life saver for our students as money is being restored to our schools and colleges after years of budget cuts, layoffs, tuition hikes and furlough days.

Unfortunately, the additional revenues from Proposition 30 are coming to an end. It's why CTA has been working with a coalition of education, labor, health care and community organizations to plan ahead and ensure our state stays on the road of economic recovery and doesn't fall back to more budget cuts. State economic projections show a \$5 billion hole for public education in just two years.

The Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act extends the income tax on the wealthiest Californians for 12 years. The sales tax increase of Prop. 30 expires as planned this year. The new measure is expected to raise \$8-11 billion a year. Like Prop. 30, that money will go directly into a special fund to support education. By helping the state maintain education resources, the state has additional funding for other critical programs like health care for low-income children.

We are circulating petitions to get this Proposition on the November ballot and protect our funding. Petitions are available through the MTA office.

MTA Elections Are in May: Nominations Open March 15

Nominations are open for:

Vice President
Secretary
Elementary Director
High School Director
Adult Education Director
CTA State Council & Alternate

The nominations for the Executive Committee and State Council will close at the Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 19**. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC. Eligible members may be nominated in one of three ways: (1) complete the petition posted on montebelloteachers.org, (2) nomination on the floor of Council, or (3) via the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee can be contacted through the MTA office.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Rey Vogel (MHS), Donna Drayman (EAI), and Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE). More information regarding the offices can be found in the Bylaws. The MTA bylaws are available on our website at montebelloteachers.org.

Over, please...



February 23, 2016



Revenue and Expense Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

Filiberto Arizmendi (MOA)

Ryan Rice (ATC)

Lorie Autenrieth (MAI)

Alma Orta (SUE), alternate

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

The month of November 2015	\$21,858,835.27
The month of November 2014	\$20,676,256.13
Year to date this year	\$91,158,823.62
Year to date last year.....	\$81,446,729.65

Expenses

The month of November 2015	\$16,146,478.47
The month of November 2014	\$17,185,013.92
Year to date this year	\$72,072,454.09
Year to date last year.....	\$63,197,033.02

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

The Revenue Expense Committee is a contractual District oversight committee. On Feb. 10, 2016, the Revenue and Expense Committee adjourned early due to issues of procedures and the altering of agenda items.

Budget

The Governor's proposed budget for California is favorable for public education. As of 10/31/15, MUSD revenues have increased \$9.9 million. Through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) the District receives extra funding to serve the needs of our low income, English learners, and foster students.

LCAP

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is intended to provide flexible spending options to improve student achievement. From LCAP, sites have budgets of \$50 per student to address student needs. The procedure for disbursement of site budgets has not been provided. The LCAP process will again include surveys, town hall discussions, and committee meetings to address the needs of our students. MTA has created an online link to provide LCAP comments and concerns.

Enrollment

The District continues to suffer from declining enrollment. In 2004, MUSD served nearly 35,000 students. Today, our enrollment is 28,449. Enrollment figures are beginning to stabilize in TK and kindergarten.

PE Clothing

A new state law requires school districts to provide free PE clothes to students. PE teachers have met with MUSD Procurement to determine PE clothing styles, fabrics, and colors for the District. PE equipment will also be purchased in bulk similar to the clothing policy. MTA continues to assist with facilitating the new process.

Information Technology

The District is in the process of addressing IT needs and shortcomings. Issues with emails, hardware, staffing and Internet access have been discussed. Third grade computers have been purchased and lacking hardware items are being ordered.

Facilities

MOI teacher reimbursement on lost items due asbestos disturbance continues. The asbestos incident at MOI and MGE has cost the District more than \$3.5M.

Bond Process

The District is investigating a possible bond process to help our facilities with needed improvements. Many of our school sites are over 30 years old with required infrastructure upgrades in technology, energy and space accommodations. A MUSD Facilities assessment resulted in \$700M of improvement needs.