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## Mosquitos Invade School Sites and Bring Misery



According to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, beginning in 2011, the first large population of Asian tiger mosquitoes (*Aedes albopictus*) was discovered in the city of El Monte. Aggressive biting during the day and its ability to transmit a variety of tropical diseases make this species a significant public health threat to local communities. Despite an intense eradication effort by vector control agencies, *Aedes albopictus* has steadily expanded and today the infestation area includes 17 cities in San Gabriel Valley. **East Los Angeles and Commerce have been heavily affected.** Last summer two additional invasive mosquito species were discovered, adding to the complexity of the management efforts. The Australian backyard mosquito (*Aedes notoscriptus*) and the yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) are the latest to arrive. Both, like *Aedes albopictus*, are daytime biters and considered a threat to public health.

Vector Control has reported that the infestation area has become so widespread that it will be difficult for vector control agencies to sustain previous levels of dedicated resources focused on eradication. Invasive mosquito populations cannot be sufficiently suppressed without public agencies and private property owners working in concert.

The district has the responsibility of attempting to eliminate the pests at the school sites. The site principal has the most current information on when the site is scheduled to be sprayed, and where efforts are focused. Standing water is the enemy. All standing water should be removed. Pesticide usage at schools is controlled by state law. The Healthy Schools Act (Education Code §17610) governs pesticides usage at school sites. Efforts to eradicate generally takes several applications over a period of time. **Please notify the site principal of any standing water or other concerns related to the mosquitos.** More information is available [sgvmosquito.org](http://sgvmosquito.org) and [glavcd.org](http://glavcd.org).



## Heavy Rains from El Niño Cause Concerns for School Sites

The Maintenance and Operations Department reports that rain gutters have been checked and roofs repaired for the upcoming rainy season. All employees are asked to report maintenance issues that arise from heavy rains to the site principal and/or plant supervisor. In addition, the Site Safety Committee Chairperson can review work orders on line via School Dude. Bargaining Unit members may also report mosquito, water, and maintenance issues on the MTA Site Safety Incident Report available at [Montebelloteachers.org](http://Montebelloteachers.org).

## California Adopts EL Materials Aligned to the Common Core

California has taken the next step in implementing its groundbreaking approach to teaching English learners. According to CTA, the State Board of Education voted to approve instructional materials for kindergarten through grade eight that are aligned to the California Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in Science, History-Social Studies and Technical Subjects, that were based on the Common Core, and the California English Language Development Standards.

The adopted programs are on display for public review at Learning Resources Display Centers across the state. For more information about the 2015 ELA/ELD Adoption process, visit the California Department of Education English Language Arts Instructional Materials web page.

## Retirement Readiness! SESCO Retirement Breakfast

Save the date: The CTA Southeastern Service Center will sponsor at Retirement Workshop **Saturday, January 23** at the Holiday Inn Select in La Mirada. A STRS Counselor will review the retirement process. Reservations are required. More information will be available in December.

### Retirement Benefits Workshop March 8

The MTA Trust Fund and all retiree health benefits will be explained at the Retirement Benefits Workshop **Tuesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m.** MTA Conference Center: 920 W. Whittier Blvd. No reservation is necessary.

### Retirement Dinner Is May 20 at the Reef

The Association will honor retirees at a dinner in Long Beach **Friday, May 20**. If you plan to retiree, please contact the MTA office.



# CALIFORNIA READS

TEACHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS

The more children read, the better they read. And the more they read outside of school, the better they do in school. Therefore, the Read Across America committee has launched "California Reads" to expand CTA's current day of reading celebration to a yearlong promotion of reading for all ages. Rather than just one day and just one book, California Reads offers teacher-approved quarterly book recommendations for four age groups. Teacher recommended books for Winter 2015-2016 are available at [cta.org](http://cta.org).

Over, please...



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# 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

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## REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

### Revenues

The month of September 2015.....	\$28,674,438.71
The month of September 2014.....	\$24,808,414.50
Year to date this year .....	\$50,595,097.70
Year to date last year.....	\$44,331,635.91

### Expenses

The month of September 2015.....	\$20,846,336.17
The month of September 2014.....	\$15,732,438.34
Year to date this year .....	\$35,059,693.40
Year to date last year.....	\$27,632,334.39

## TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

### Budget

Controller Kim Tran presented the MUSD unaudited actual budget report on 9/17/15 to School Board. The report presented that our projected and actual budget figures showed a difference of less than ½ of a percent. MUSD revenues have increased \$6M year to date.

### LCAP

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) committee met on 10/12/15. Stakeholders in attendance included representatives from District divisions, MTA, CSEA and parent groups. The LCAP process will again include surveys, town hall discussions and committee meetings. MTA has created an online link to provide LCAP comments and concerns. Schools have been allocated \$50 per student for site budgets.

### Full Day Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

The implantation of full day Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten MOU has been discussed. The agreement with the Association and MUSD includes class size agreements, preparation time for teachers, grade specific teaching materials, and facilities. The association is holding the MOU agreement accountable.

### PE Clothing

PE teachers met with MUSD Procurement on 10/28/15 to determine PE clothing styles, fabrics, and colors for the District. A new state law requires school districts to provide free PE clothes to students. A second meeting is scheduled for 12/9/15 to discuss PE equipment and District clothing policy.

### Information Technology

The District is in the process of addressing IT needs and shortcomings. Issues with emails, hardware, staffing and internet access have been all discussed.

### Facilities

MOI and MGE were affected by asbestos disturbance. MTA and CSEA have worked with the district to hold various public meetings with contractors, facilities and Cabinet to explain the process and safeguards. Teacher reimbursement on lost items continues and is current.

### Report Cards

The District has created a teacher/parent friendly document that reflects California Common Core Standards. The committee that created the report card includes two Association appointed teachers from each grade level.

### 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.