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### Trust Fund Contribution Will Be Raised in September 2017

The Montebello Teachers Association Retiree Supplemental Health Plan (the Trust) has paid premiums for retirees' health insurance since 1987. One must retire from the District to be eligible for the Trust. Once a retiree reaches the age of 67, *the District contributes nothing toward health insurance*. The Trust currently pays premium for nearly 500 retirees at approximately \$225,000 per month.

The contribution has been \$150 per month since the 2014-2015 school year. The contribution is paid to the Trust by MTA members, administrators who belong to the Trust, and retirees less than an age 67. In order to keep up with rising costs, the Council raised the contribution to \$175 per month (\$1750 per year at 10 deductions per year) beginning in September 2017 (to be deducted for the first time in the October 1, 2017 warrant.)

The Contribution will continue to increase at \$5 per month increments for each year through 2022-2023 at which time the tenthly contribution will be \$200 or \$2000 per year.

A slide show with more information regarding the history and financials of the Trust is on [Montebelloteachers.org](http://Montebelloteachers.org).

Most retirees who benefit from the Trust Fund receive far more in benefits than is contributed.

Beginning January 1, 2017 retirees are reimbursed up to \$500 per month 12 months per year or \$6000 per year. Therefore, in less than five years a retiree receives up to \$30,000 in reimbursed premiums. The most any member has contributed to date is \$23,725. Further, the beneficiary of those who pass away prior to benefiting from the Trust, are repaid all contributions from the member.

The Trust Committee includes President Lorraine Richards, Gilbert Gomez (MHS), Andy Shinn (BGI), Brenda Wade (Retiree), and Roshan Shah (MHS & MOA) Executive Director Kathy Schlotz also serves as an ex officio non voting member of the Trust.

#### Trust Fund Contribution Scheduled Increases

<b>\$175</b> .....	<b>2017-2018</b>
<b>\$180</b> .....	<b>2018-2019</b>
<b>\$185</b> .....	<b>2019-2020</b>
<b>\$190</b> .....	<b>2020-2021</b>
<b>\$195</b> .....	<b>2021-2022</b>
<b>\$200</b> .....	<b>2022-2023</b>

Per month 10 months per year.

### How Are My Dues Calculated? Where Does the Money Go?

Members of our Association pay a minimum of four types of dues for a total of \$256.30 per month, ten months per year. The breakdown is as follows for fulltime category 1 members:

<b>NEA</b> .....	<b>\$18.70/month</b>
<b>CTA</b> .....	<b>\$65.60 /month</b>
<b>MTA-RSHP</b> .....	<b>\$150.00/month</b>
<b>MTA</b> .....	<b>\$22.00/month</b>

Members also donate various amounts on a voluntary basis for political action MTA-ABC (Association for Better Citizenship - our local political action fund) and NEA-PAC. Members also make voluntary contributions to FACT which is a disaster relief fund. NEA and CTA set their dues apart from MTA. The MTA Retiree Supplemental Health Plan (MTA-RSHP) is also separated from MTA dues. MTA-RSHP is commonly known as the Trust Fund. These funds are used to provide health coverage beyond the age at which the District stops paying for coverage (age 67). Since 1986 all eligible retired members have had lifetime health coverage. Members who resign may receive a rebate from MTA for up to \$1500.



# *Join us for the Winter Social!*

**Tuesday, February 28**

**3:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

**At the Hilton Gardens Inn in Montebello**

**801 Via San Clemente**

*Bargaining Unit members will receive 2 drink tickets*

*(valid for soft drink, beer or wine)*

*Appetizers will be served*



As this special month of love & friendship comes to an end, let's take a moment to enjoy one another...

**First 50 Bargaining Unit members to arrive beginning at 3:30 p.m. will receive a gift!**

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