

# CONTACT

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### What Are My Contractual Rights Concerning Parent Conferences?

Bargaining Unit members are encouraged to conference with parents or guardians of their students regarding individual progress during the school year. Article IV. Hours and Assignments Section J outlines the requirements for parent conferences.

To meet the needs of parent conferences, the instructional day must be reduced by no less than 650 minutes in K-5 settings and 560 minutes in 6-8 settings. Bargaining Unit members will provide the site administrator with reports on the conferences scheduled and conferences held. Each Bargaining Unit member is required to attend four evening meetings each year. The meetings may not begin before 5 p.m. nor end after 8 p.m. A site administrator may require a Bargaining Unit member to attend evening conferences as one of the evening meetings.

<u>Head Start</u> - Bargaining Unit members will conduct home visits and inform the administrator of the date, time, and location of home visits. And administrator shall be available during these home visits for immediate telephone contact.

<u>K-3 Settings</u> - Bargaining Unit member shall schedule and attempt to conference with parents/guardians of all students who are assigned to their classrooms during fall conferences. During the second conference period Bargaining Unit members shall schedule and attempt to conference with parents/guardians of students with whom they have not had contact since the fall conferences and whose academic or behavioral progress may require intervention.

<u>4-8 Settings</u> - Bargaining Unit member shall schedule and attempt to conference with a minimum of 30 parents or guardians of students assigned to their classrooms during the fall conference period. During the second conference period, Bargaining Unit members shall schedule and attempt to conference with parents/guardians of students whose progress they deem at risk with whom they have not had contact since the fall.

<u>9-12 Settings</u> - Through instructional technology, Bargaining Unit members will generate communications to parents/guardians regarding students who receive a grade of "D" or lower or who are in danger of failing at the end of the grading period.

## **Explore Grant Opportunities for CTA Conferences**

CTA is offering incentive grants for the following statewide conferences. To apply for an incentive grant online visit www.CTAGo.org/grants. For more about Montebello Teachers Association participation in CTA Conferences contact President Doug Patzkowski at DougPatzkowski@MontebelloTeachers.org.

#### **GLBT Issues Conference**

Application Deadline: October 8, 2018

Location: Riviera, Palm Springs

Conference Date: December 7-9, 2018

#### **Issues Conference**

Application Deadline: November 5, 2018 Location: Tropicana, Las Vegas, NV Conference Date: February 1-3, 2019

#### **Good Teaching Conference - North**

Application Deadline: November 5, 2018 Location: Fairmont Hotel, San Jose Conference Date: February 1-3, 2019

#### **Equity & Human Rights Conference**

Application Deadline: January 7, 2019 Location: Fairmont Hotel, San Jose Conference Date: March 1-3, 2019

#### **Good Teaching Conference - South**

Application Deadline: January 7, 2019

Location: Hyatt Regency Orange County, San Jose

Conference Date: March 22-24, 2019





# **NO ON PROP 5**

# STOP THE \$1 BILLION DRAIN FROM SCHOOLS AND SERVICES FROM FIRE TO HEALTH CARE

Prop 5 takes upwards of \$1 billion each year from schools and local services – from fire and emergency response to health care – in order to give new tax breaks to a select few Californians. Prop 5 means:

- People over 55 who can afford to buy bigger, more expensive houses get a new tax break. There are no limits to how many times a wealthy person can get a new tax break when they buy a bigger, more expensive house.
- Realtors, the only sponsors of Prop 5, make more money every time these expensive new houses are bought or sold.
- School children and communities are the ones who pay the price, with upwards of \$1 billion cut from funding for schools and local services such as fire and emergency response and health care.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst says under Prop 5, "Schools and local governments each would lose over \$100 million in annual property taxes early on, growing over time to about \$1 billion per year (in today's dollars)." That's why teachers, firefighters, health care workers, seniors, housing and homelessness advocates, local governments and middleclass taxpayers all say vote NO on Prop 5.

# NO HELP FOR SENIORS, FAMILIES STRUGGLING IN SEVERE HOUSING CRISIS

Low-income seniors and people with disabilities who live on fixed incomes are struggling to hold onto their housing -- and Prop 5 does nothing to help them. Families with children are crowding into smaller apartments because incomes won't keep up with soaring rents. Homelessness has reached crisis levels in cities across California. But Prop 5 won't help the people who are hurting the most because of housing costs. That's why advocates for the homeless and affordable housing say:

"Prop 5 does nothing for affordable housing and will even make the current situation worse."

#### **Shamus Roller**

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