

## CONTACT

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## Ratification Update 2023

## **Contract Amendments Ratified by Members**

The Association approved the settlement with a **98% yes vote.** The result was:

855 YES

17 NO

The ratification package is expected to be approved by the Board of Education at the regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, February 16. The 9 percent raise will be in the May 1 pay checks. The retros will be paid no later than June 1, 2023.



The MTA bargaining team is pictured from left to right: Gabriela Orozco-Gonzalez (MGE), Lisa Quemada (MHS), Chairperson Paul Chavez (SHS), Myra Pasquier (SUI), and Jennifer Gonzalez (CDS).

## **Teachers May Suspend Students 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. This includes "willful defiance" as a reason to suspend from the class. AB 420 Dickinson excludes "willful defiance" as a reason to expel a student; however it does not exclude the reason for suspension by the teacher or by the district.

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 parent-teacher 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.