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Paul Chavez Receives WHO Award





Congratulations to Paul Chavez (SHS), who is our 2023 CTA Southeastern Service Center We Honor Ours (WHO) award winner. He will be honored at a dinner Wednesday, April 26 at the Double Tree Hotel in Commerce. For more information about attending the dinner, contact President David Navar.

Paul has chaired the Bargaining Team for the past two years negotiating a total of 15 percent increases to salary schedules.

He represents the Association on the Revenue and Expense Committee. Paul's resume includes Vice President of the Association in 2016-2017 and Director of Support Staff in 2015-2016. He has been a Schurr High School Building Rep since 2003 and Faculty Club Chairperson from 2008-2022, in addition to serving on the Faculty Steering Committee, School Site Council, and the Site In-Service Committee. represents the Association on the Revenue and Expense Committee. Paul was named the 2019 Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate of the Year.

Site Applications for MOUs Are Due April 28!

The District and the Association have developed a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) form for banking minutes.

District and Association Submit One Form One Time

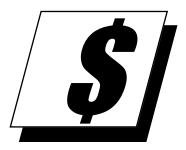
There is one form for both the Faculty Club Chairperson and the site Principal to complete and return to District office or the MTA Office. *The form will be shared between the District Office and the MTA Office.*

MOU requests are due Friday, April 28. Forms and additional support materials are available at <u>MontebelloTeachers.org</u>. The Instructional Division at District Office is also available to answer questions.

County Approves and Board of Education Ratifies Salary Increase

The District submitted documentation as the fiscal consequences of the bargaining settlement to the Los Angles County Office of Education pertaining to District's ability to pay. With LACOE's approval, the Board of Education ratified the settlement including a 9 percent increase to salary schedules at the February 15 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

The increase will be included in the May 1 pay warrants. The retroactive payments are expected no later than June 1.



February 21, 2023

ven 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.

<u>MTA</u> Alma Orta (SUE), Paul Chavez (SHS) Richard Franco (MAI) David Navar (MTA) alternate

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

Topics of Interest This Quarter

The Local Accountability Formula (LCAP) and The Trial Balance by Fund

Every month the Revenue and Expense Committee reviews the LCAP. As of February 8, 2023 the total Base, Supplemental, and Concentration grand totals of the adopted revised budget are \$308,324 million with expenditures of \$159,641 million and a balance of \$123,200 million.

In December 2022, there was concern that many Alternate Income Applications (also known as Free and Reduced Lunch Applications) were not submitted by parents to the MUSD. The total application response fell below the threshold set by the state. Twenty-two percent of family households did not complete these applications. Seventy eight percent of families were eligible to complete the applications. These applications greatly impact the grant funding in the Supplemental and Concentration portion of the LCAP. Due to the low level of response, this can perhaps hurt the District monetarily, especially with Title 1 funds and Supplemental and Concentration grants. The district may not be able to receive adequate funding if they are not turned in. Nutrition Services did receive about 600 new applications in January 2023.

The 2nd Interim budget report will be presented at the February 15 MUSD Board meeting taking into account the 9% increase given to employees from their represented unions (MTA, AMSA, CSEA, and MUSD Police). A multi-year projection will be included. A Trial Balance by fund is also reported monthly.

Facilities

The following open projects are: working on fire alarms at 2 sites, roofing at 8 sites, and asphalt at 4 sites. There were roofing leaks at MGE and BAE and contractors were sent to the sites. There will be a restroom conversion at MPE and HSO. Maintenance and Operations also received DSA final approval for the (3) story building HVAC at BGHS. They will be adding electrical charging stations at BGH and MHS.

Technology

The I.T. Department is working with the vendors of radio (walkie/talkies). IT received 500 staff radios/Walkie Talkies. If there are new teachers, please inform Jonathan Chen in the I.T. Department. There was some interference noticed from an elementary school with radio (walkie-talkies) receiving high school channels. There was a total of 74 security cameras installed at BGHS.

E-Rate will update the district band-width from 10GB to 40GB. The E-Rate is based on the **Alternate Income Applications** submitted by parents to the MUSD. I.T. is also working on a Chromebook buy-out. May 31st is the date set for the next lease. Lease is a better choice for the MUSD. The Chromebook 3100 series is in good shape but the 5990 model is an older model.

Enrollment Report and Attendance Recovery

MUSD enrollment shows a grand total of 21,071 as of February 7, 2023. MUSD will reinstate ADA Recovery or Saturday School. Total district attendance rates from January 30 to February 3rd are 90.84%. The amount has been holding steady and is comparable to other neighboring districts. The dates proposed for Saturday School that will go to the Board are the following: March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, April 22, May 5, May 13 and May 20. MUSD will look into providing additional planning time for teachers to get ready for Saturday School.

MUSD is also starting to work on the 2023 enrollment. They are looking into linking the Alternate Income Applications with the Power School enrollment registration applications so that they do not run into the problems of parents not turning them in. They would also only require family households to fill out one application if there are multiple family members enrolled in MUSD.