



# In Between...

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## MVEA Welcomes New Educators

On Thursday, August 7, MVEA Executive Board members met with new educators at the districtwide orientation. They welcomed the new certificated employees and shared membership information with them. MVEA wishes them a successful first year and stands ready to assist. Please make an effort to meet and support our new educators.

## RIFFed Employees Return to MVUSD

Last year, districts including Moreno Valley, issued "reduction in force" notices. Notices basically stated that due to a loss of a service, employees would not be rehired the following year. Eleven people: 7 counselors and 4 PE teachers were threatened with losing their jobs due to the budget crisis. MVEA worked with the "noticed" counselors and PE teachers and supplied a lawyer for the RIF hearing. All the RIFFed employees have been brought back into positions and will be here for the 08-09 school year. MVEA has also made it clear that the Contract sets a minimum of 5 elementary counselors, and the District needs to plan for how that will happen since the grants end in June 09. MVEA had said all along that a "reduction in force" had been unnecessary given what we knew about the budget.

## MVEA Recommends 2 Candidates for School Board: Employee Groups United

The Association leadership during the May and June Rep Councils made two very important recommendations for the '08 School Board election. The names may sound familiar to you because both candidates were instrumental in assuring a balanced budget, in working to assure quality educational programs, and in helping to improve working conditions including salary and benefits in Moreno Valley. INCUMBENT RICK SAYRE and PAST BOARD MEMBER TRACEY VACKAR were voted as the official MVEA candidates by the MVEA representatives. Both of these people have pushed for better comparability in compensation for employees and listened to educators' views. MVEA will be asking you to assist in electing our education-friendly Board members, both proven advocates for students and educators. CSEA has also endorsed Sayre and Vackar. Employees are united!

## Voter Registration-It's Not Too Late

In November, there is a presidential election, school board elections in many districts including Moreno Valley, and a state ballot that includes critical propositions. If you are not registered, you cannot vote! Call MVEA for a form now at 951-485-0545 or go to [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections).

## No State Budget Is Bad For Kids! Cuts Hurt! Call 1-888-268-4334 NOW!

Over the summer you may have read about the state budget. The bottom line is this. **There still is NO state budget.** All governmental agencies have no idea of what their budgets will be or if they will continue to receive state money. Public schools are no exception! Take one minute and **make a call** to lobby your legislator. Dial 1-888-268-4334. If you are on a landline phone, the toll-free number will connect you automatically with your Assembly member or State Senator. If the hotline cannot read your number, it will ask you to enter your zip code. Then you will be connected to your legislator's office. Make a difference. Tell your legislators, "Our kids are our future, please preserve a partial COLA for schools, fund class size reduction, and continue to target efforts for our low income students to succeed!"

## Class Size-Grieve if it is Wrong!

The Contract has specific class size provisions under Article XIII, page 26 and the Class Size Sideletter at the back of the Contract. If you are over, you should grieve immediately while your administrator and the District attempt to meet the Contract limits. They have 20 days to do so. The District can shorten the twenty days if it feels the situation is "untenable" and move the grievance on to the Superintendent's level. Grieving immediately also assists the administration by giving them the information that you are indeed over and this helps them in their staffing discussions with the District. Tell your Site Rep immediately and let MVEA know so we can also work to meet Contract limits.

“Meet and Greet” the School Board Candidates  
TGIF at the Same Time

Friday - August 15, 2008



*MEET, GREET, and EAT with*

**RICK SAYRE**  
&  
**TRACEY VACKAR**  
The MVEA School Board Candidates

And relax with colleagues after week #1

Where: Margarita's, \_\_\_\_\_ Perris Blvd.

When: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

