



# In Between...BUDGET ALERT



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## **District Considers RIFS As Safety Net MVEA and CSEA Members Pack Board Meeting**

A sea of blue decorated the Boardroom at the District Office as nearly 200 MVEA and CSEA members came together to protest possible layoff notices due to the budget crisis. Both MVEA and CSEA are saying, "Enough until we have more data from the state." MVEA, CSEA and administrative leaders have been working diligently to find available funds to get through the 08-09 school year. MVEA believes that the \$10 million in proposed and enacted reductions by the District (including taking some reserves), buys the time until the May Revise and state budget so that decisions are based on real data, not supposition and gubernatorial proposals. Both MVEA and CSEA have said they will step up to the plate if the state really follows through on the Governor's proposals or if it gets worse as long as there is true data. Speakers asked the Board not to issue layoff notices. At the Board meeting, President MacMillan said to the School Board in her speech, "MVEA asks you to reject the idea that these notices are just a precaution and are 'no big deal'. We ask you to put yourself in the place of the individuals who would receive these notices." Originally the District recommendation was for 253 RIFs. Since the last meeting the District's recommended number has dropped to 54. **The final RIF decision will be made by the School Board at the March 4, 2008 School Board meeting.**



## **CAMM Finds \$10 Million Worth of Reductions and Reserves**

CAMM which is composed of the top leaders of CSEA, MVEA, the administrator group and the District office has recommended that the District use \$5 million from its undesignated appropriations, \$1.5 million the District is estimated to save by the reductions we are all making this year and \$3.9 million the CAMM has projected to save by continuing those reductions for next year for a total of a little over \$10 million. The committee recommends that the state mandated 2% reserve be left alone so the District will not have to immediately turn around and replace those funds when the state proposals do not indicate monetary increases for next year.

## **District Does a "Demand To Bargain" MVEA's Theme: Hold that Line!**

In the midst of all of this, the District has given MVEA a "Demand to Bargain" letter asking to negotiate the impact of the budget situation. MVEA is set to go to the table on March 11 and will ask the District for any new data. Since there is no real budget or even the May Revise from which to work, it is hard to believe that there would be any data-driven justification at this point in time to negatively modify any financial working conditions. MVEA asks you to wear blue on March 11, 2008 in support of your team and Association. Together we are strong!

## **Budget Explanation: Come Understand the Situation Everyone Welcome!!!**

3/3	Canyon Springs High School Theater	4 PM
3/6	Valley View High School Commons	4 PM
3/10	Vista Del Lago High School Theater	6:30 PM
3/11	PTA	7 PM
3/19	DELAC at the CEC Board room	6 PM (Spanish)

### **What Can You Do? Show Solidarity!**

Come attend the March 4, 2008 School Board meeting at the District Office. **WEAR BLUE!** See your friends and colleagues. Hear speeches and support your peers.

6:15 PM in the parking lot for pizza and drinks

6:40 PM to get a seat

7:00 PM the meeting starts (Usually speeches, etc. are over by 8:15 PM)



### **What Can You Do?**

#### **Write or email your Legislator**

Share your ideas with your site reps or call or email MVEA at 485-0545 and [www.moval2@aol.com](mailto:www.moval2@aol.com). ALL the ideas generated so far have been brought to the committees and discussed. Your ideas are important!

**For Email: Contact your Legislator at [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org).** Go to "Budget Crisis" and click on "Tell your lawmaker..." Type in your zip code and your legislator will pop up. Then email your legislator using the canned message or your own message about not devastating our schools. **Your voice** will make a difference.

**REMEMBER:**

**Don't Panic!**

**Know MVEA is in YOUR Court!**

**Report Rumors!**