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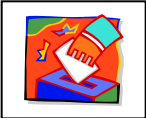
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## STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Governor Brown proposed his 2011-2012 State Budget on January 10, 2011. His K-12 "flat" budget reflects his intentions to "protect public education." Below are the most critical and pertinent provisions of the Governor's proposal as they relate to K-12 public schools, as well as the estimated effect on the District.

- NO FUNDING for the Prop 98 1.67% COLA for 2011-2012 = flat funding for education. Flat funding is calculated by the Department of Finance as a loss of \$19/average daily attendance (ADA). CTA disagrees.
- **The voters to extend current income, vehicle license taxes and reduced deduction for minors for a five (5) year period in a June 2011 election. Without the extension, K – 12 alone loses \$330 per ADA in 2011-2012, approximately \$11 million loss to MVUSD.**
- No mid-year cuts in 2010-2011.
- Budget NOT built on the assumption of additional or extended federal monies.
- Adds a 7<sup>th</sup> monetary deferral. With 28% of money coming in a future year, districts are having cash flow issues.



### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE DISTRICT?

MVUSD will develop two (2) budget scenarios. One will have to be based on the "flat funding" formula where 2011-2012 funding equates to -\$19/ADA or a **\$600,000 loss** for 2011-12 and beyond. The second, which would happen if taxes are not extended on a June ballot, will have to be based on the reduction in funding of approximately \$330 per ADA in addition to the -\$19. This is equal to about an **\$11 million loss for 2011-12 and beyond.** Districts must adopt a balanced budget prior to June 30, 2011. The State Budget may not be in place by the deadline. The District must plan for 2011-12 without knowing all the information. Once a State Budget is adopted, a district must make adjustments to its budget within 45 days.

### WHY THE TWO SCENARIOS?

MVUSD has a June budget adoption which means the Board adopts the Budget for 2011-2012 in June 2011. All the budget planning is completed in advance of June 2011 because the District is required to submit its preliminary budget to Riverside County in accordance with AB 1200 rules. The purpose of this submission is to ensure that the District can meet its financial obligations for three years. The outcome of the election for extending the taxes will not be known until June.

### WHAT WOULD A DISTRICT HAVE TO CONSIDER?

Faced with the unpredictability, districts **could** be forced to AGAIN consider major cuts: i.e. RIFs/layoffs, pay cuts, elimination of programs. MVEA will closely monitor and work to influence where MVUSD turns in this budget development/reduction process.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US in MVEA?

1. NOT PANICKING!
2. **Working hard to make sure the tax extension passes.** Scenario 1(-\$600,000) is the goal if we are to prevent more massive reductions.
3. Educating family, friends, and neighbors why passage of the extension in June is so critical.
4. Preparing for the worst but hoping for the better scenario.
5. Call MVEA to report rumors.

MVEA has already requested to begin meeting with the MVUSD Cabinet. We also initiated an Attendance group to push for slightly higher revenue in that area. Your Exec Board is adopting a plan. Stay tuned.

## **Federal Funds Also in Jeopardy: LOBBY BEFORE FEBRUARY 14**

**Two minutes of your time may save public education \$2 billion!** Congress is threatening to make cuts to Title 1, special education and more. Go to [www.educationvotes.nea.org](http://www.educationvotes.nea.org). Click on Contact your legislator. Type in your state and zip code and choose from the messages. Takes less than two minutes and makes a difference!!!

## **School Board Votes to Hire New Superintendent/CBO in Business**

On Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at a MVUSD School Board meeting, all five school board members voted to approve the hiring of Judy White, Ed.D., as the next MVUSD Superintendent of Schools. She was given a two year contract by a four to one vote; Holguin, Johnson, Sayre, Vackar: yes and Rios: no. Dr. White comes to us from the San Bernardino City School District where she graduated as a student and is currently serving as the Deputy Superintendent. Dr. White has been very involved in curriculum and is very respected in her position in San Bernardino. Our San Bernardino friends have told us that they are very sad to see her go, and that we are receiving a real gem. She started as a teacher and has served in various administrative positions. She is also active in her community and her church. MVEA welcomes Dr. White who begins February 14, 2011!

By a vote of 4 to 0, with President Vackar absent, the Board of Education approved the employment of Mays Kakish as Chief Business Official starting on March 1, 2011. Ms. Kakish comes to us from the Beaumont Unified School District where she is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

## **MVEA/MVUSD Tentative Agreement Approved by School Board Administrators Also Will Take the Days**

By a vote of 4 to 0, with President Vackar absent, the MVUSD School Board ratified the MVEA/MVUSD tentative agreement of December 9, 2010. This contract provides for 2 budget cut days (furloughs) in 2011 scheduled for May 27 and 31. Further it directs the Calendar Committee to recommend two specific dates for budget cut days in 2011-12 and 2012-13 which will then be bargained. The Agreement also allows for either MVEA or the District to request to return to the table depending on state funding.

Administrators will also take the same two days each year as approved by the School Board. Classified is still bargaining. MVEA unit members and administrators will begin seeing the effect of these two days on their salaries beginning with the February paycheck.



## **Attendance Improvement Mission (AIM High!)**

The District Attendance Committee, composed of Administration, MVEA, and CSEA reps, is encouraging employees at all sites to work together to improve student attendance between February and June 2011. The purpose is multifaceted: to improve student learning and to provide rewards while building students' self-esteem and sense of responsibility. Revenue would also increase if attendance is up. There will be prizes donated from local businesses, civic and service organizations for sites with Attendance Plans. We thank all employees for your participation in the AIM Program: **AIM HIGH in Achievement and Attendance. It benefits everyone.**

## **The Standard Visits Sites**

Please welcome the representative from The Standard in your faculty rooms. He is providing information on disability and life Insurances. Disability insurance is something to think about. If you are ever absent for an extended period of time, the disability insurance pays an amount to you while out due to extended illness or recovery from medical issues. The Standard also offers Life Insurance. This is an open enrollment period lasts through February 28, 2011.

## **Scholarship Applications' Deadline Drawing to a Close**

MVEA and CTA Scholarship applications are due on Friday, March 4, 2011. Do not wait until the last minute. Ask your child to meet with his or her counselor or call MVEA for more details now.