



## In Between...



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### An Agreement Should Mean Something

Despite the fact that MVEA membership ratified the April 21, 2009 Agreement by an 87.6% yes vote and the MVUSD School Board approved the same Agreement 5-0, the District apparently remains paralyzed in its inability to implement the new working conditions. MVEA leaders have met with Human Resources a number of times and the Cabinet once. There are no answers by the District to the questions: When will the District bring back the **rified** bargaining unit members promised at the bargaining table? When will the District bring back people because of the retirements? When will the District staff for next year? MVEA tires of this lack of transparency and is investigating recourses to force the District to honor its agreements. If you are frustrated, we encourage you to speak up to your administrator and contact a School Board member.

### RIF Hearing: Is the District Following Through?

MVEA has met with Human Resources to review the judge's report from the hearings. The report was scrutinized item by item to make sure that the District is following through in checking dates of seniority, units, etc. It was stipulated at the hearings, although not reflected in the report, that the District would take 2 counselors off the RIF list because of noticing 22 counselors of possible lay off instead of the 20 listed in the resolution approved by the School Board. This was said by Human Resources UNDER OATH. When Human Resources was asked about this, there was silence. MVEA expects the two most senior counselors to be called back NOW!

### When Will RIF Notices Be Rescinded?

At this point the Association can provide **no definite answer**. The District has indicated in meetings that it will not be soon. The Association continues to pressure the District administration and School Board to move forward with the agreed upon Contract settlement. In the meantime principals have been advised not to begin making changes in staffing at the sites.

### District " Demands to Bargain" ... Again

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009, even before the election results, Human Resources sent over what is called a "Demand to Bargain" to MVEA. The Agreement states, *If the District's projected revenue exceeds or is reduced from the 2009 Second Interim Report, either the District or the Association may request to bargain the impact of the revenue changes and both parties shall meet.* MVEA will respond, however it is critical to understand that there really is no state budget change at this point in time, and there is no data from which to make educated decisions. MVEA will continue to look for money to address a potential increase in the deficit.



## May 19 Election Results Disastrous to Educators

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009, voters overwhelmingly rejected the Governor's attempt to move closer to balancing the state budget. Even before the election, the state was again experiencing a growing deficit of \$8 billion. After the election, with the rejection of the borrowing plan, the state now has a \$23 billion deficit over two years. This is disastrous for all state services including public schools as their will be more cuts. As you will recall, **MVEA has worked with the District to reduce the budget by \$23 million already.**

## Governor Releases State May Revise Budget

Governor Schwarzenegger has released the **PROPOSED** budget for **08-09** AND 09-10 which is called the May Revise. The Legislature then adopts a final budget, legally, by June 30. In his May Revise Governor Schwarzenegger **PROPOSES** to reduce the **08-09** amounts immediately by approximately another 3% and the 09-10 district revenues by an additional 3% built on a lower base form 08-09. He is also **PROPOSING** up to 7 furlough days for districts which would take further legislation to implement. Keep in mind that **ALL** of this is only **PROPOSED**. **Currently there is a budget in place, and until the legislature enacts something different, there ARE NO NEW FACTS!** There will be more information when the Governor releases details on May 28, 2009.

## State Threatens More Woes For Districts-Including MVUSD

**If** the Governor's May Revise is adopted as is, the District Business Department is projecting an increased **08-09** deficit of \$7,733,000. This is in addition to the \$23 million previously cut through a collaborative effort between MVEA, CSEA and administration. For 09-10, Business Services is projecting a deficit of \$8,392,000. Remember this is based on proposals that have not been passed. No one really knows what the final outcome will be until there is action by the Legislature.

## District Receiving Other Funds in Time of Need!

The District is expecting to receive 50 to 67% of the Stimulus Title 1 and IDEA (special education) money this month. In addition, MVUSD expects to receive stimulus stabilization money by October 2009. While the Title 1 money is very specific to Title 1 programs, the regulations do not require all IDEA funds be allocated for special education. In fact, about half can be used in the general fund to assist in offsetting the budget deficit. The stabilization money is supposed to be used to improve education AND SAVE JOBS. The District is set to receive at least \$5 million for Title 1, \$7.2 million for IDEA and \$10-12 million in Stabilization monies.

## Association Demands Explanation of Fund Expenditures

### Ed Services Proposes Expanding Programs While Laying Off Educators?!

It is unconscionable to MVEA that while the District is receiving stimulus package money that could help save positions for the essential education program, Education Services continues to discuss expanding intervention programs. Their mantra: "We are a program improvement district, don't you know!" How will it improve learning to cut counselors, OCS and drag your feet on implementing a class size of 22:1?! Counselors assist our students by giving them the tools to succeed in school. OCS teachers provide an environment for students to continue in an educational setting while accepting the consequences for misbehavior. Our primary class size teachers are able to reach more students because of smaller class size. *This is why MVEA will continue to advocate for options to address the basic program in a fiscally responsible way rather than add more components while taking away the very essential stepping stones to student achievement.* **Let's keep the BASICS before we add more!**

## **How can you help?**

**Start by asking every parent you talk to and every District administrator,  
"How can the District expand programs while cutting the basics?!"**