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## A MBUTA NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN TO TEACHERS

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Dear Members:

Last week, we received word that the District was interested in moving up the scheduled negotiations from March 19 to March 12. Given the relatively amicable meeting in February, we agreed, believing that a deal was possible. However, at the last minute we received word that the District no longer wishes to meet on the 12th. Instead, they have requested that we meet again on the 19th.

Make no mistake about it, they are testing the commitment of our members. They believe that you will settle for 2% over two years because you actually believe that is all they can afford. We will say it again. If that IS all they can afford, given their outrageous discretionary spending, they should be held accountable for failing in their fiduciary duty to the community. If they CAN afford more than 2% over 2 years, then they are lying to the community and lying to you. Those are the choices...incompetence or dishonesty.

We need YOU to take action NOW. What you are currently doing IS making a difference. They want to see of what more we are capable. Middle School and Costa teachers, we NEED YOU to volunteer 1.5 hours of time from 5:30 to 7:00 on Thursday, March 14 to hand out informational flyers at one of the elementary school sites during their Open House. Nobody LIKES to do this. Sometimes we have to do things that make us uncomfortable in order to achieve the results we deserve. NOW is that time. There are very few viable excuses available. We need AT LEAST 25 teachers from Costa and MBMS to sign up online TODAY! You should have an email from Shawn in your email box. Use the online form to sign up. If you didn't receive an email, call the SBUT office NOW (310-921-2500 or [etubbs@sbut.org](mailto:etubbs@sbut.org)) and give them your correct email and sign up to work!

Your efforts now enhances the possibility for success on the 19th!!

Your Bargaining Team,  
Adam Geczi, Chair  
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