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A MBUTA NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN TO TEACHERS

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MBUTA AND MBUSD CONTRACT TALKS CONTINUE

Your MBUTA Bargaining Team met with the MBUSD Bargaining Team at the district office in an all-day session on Fri., March 12, and a half-day session on Wed., March 17. The negotiations focused on issues that had been raised during previous sessions, as part of an effort to reach tentative agreement before moving on to new business.

The District presented amended language for their summer school proposal. This new verbiage is meant to clearly delineate between the summer school classes offered by the District and those offered by the Manhattan Beach Athletic Foundation. Progress was made but no tentative agreement was reached.

Your Bargaining Team continued to push for adequate weekly prep time for elementary school teachers, but we were unable to reach a tentative agreement.

Tentative agreement was reached on:

- Expanded compensation options for teachers who are involuntarily transferred or reassigned
- Providing an early retirement incentive

The early retirement incentive was presented to the School Board at its last meeting, but must be approved by the board in open session before the particulars are announced. In anticipation that this proposal will be adopted, the Bargaining Team urges all members who are considering retirement to make an appointment with a STRS Rep so they will be able to make a clear and accurate assessment of how this incentive will benefit them. Go to the CalSTRS website: www.calstrs.com to make an appointment or call (800) 228-5453. The CalSTRS website has calculators there that you can use to help determine whether retirement this year is a viable option for you.

The next bargaining session is scheduled for Tues., April 6, 2010.

Your MBUTA Bargaining Team,

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