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A MBUTA NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN TO TEACHERS

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Last Thursday, October 2 2014, the MBUTA bargaining team met at the SBUT office for an all-day session with the members of the MBUSD bargaining team. The district brought Ben Dale, their lawyer Steve Andelson, Brett Geithman and Carolyn Seaton to the table under the leadership of Mike Matthews who is sitting at the table for the first time.

Our team remains the reliable and effective team of American history teacher Jed Rucker (MBMS), our SBUT Executive Director Sandra Goins, Elementary Teacher Linda Hunt (PK), and the Bargaining Chair (extraordinaire) Adam Geczi, Econ and Gov teacher (MCHS).

The two teams quickly established ground rules and moved into a full day's work focused on contractual language and the details of a possible negotiated settlement on the many issues sunshined at the September 17 board meeting. (Where \$4,000,000 was added to the budget due to "misses" in the budgeting process).

We are cautiously optimistic that these talks will move quickly to a satisfactory conclusion. Your participation in the bargaining survey will help us to ascertain your interests relative to the work we are doing on behalf of all members. If you have not yet done so, watch the livestream of the September 17 board meeting or read the attached document which details the contract areas open for discussion during this round of negotiations.

Preparation for these meetings requires hours of time from the bargaining team--we all benefit from their expertise and the time they take from their families to help us and ours. The two teams will meet again on October 14. As soon as we have details which we can share with you, we will send an email to all bargaining unit members for whom we have a personal email address.

As always, please contact your site reps or members of the Executive Board with any questions you may have about bargaining or other contractual issues throughout the year.

In Unity,

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Lauri Gonalons, MBUTA Vice-President
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