

Dear Members,

MTA President Chuck Smith sent out an e-mail today describing the present state of affairs in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District. The e-mail lists the facts as we know them. There is no extra secret information to give you.

Facts:

- The MTA Negotiations Team met with the District on Monday, January 25th, 2010.
- The district made a presentation depicting a \$9 million shortfall for next year, with an additional \$5 million shortfall based on the Governor's *proposed budget*. This budget has not been passed.
- The MTA Negotiations Team evoked the contract clause calling for the ad-hoc committee to review the district's budget and determine the reasons for the return of the \$9 million shortfall. The ad hoc committee had previously determined solutions that saved the district \$5.4 million in October.
- The District requested a Joint Communication, which has been put on hold.
- The District sent the presentation to administrators, who may have shared that information with our members.
- The District made a presentation to school employees, the public, and our school board on Thursday, January 28th, 2010. The District showed \$5.3 million in solutions, which was not included in October during the ad hoc committee.
- The local newspaper reported the contents of the presentation, on January 29, 2010.
- The ad hoc committee meets tomorrow February 2, 2010.
- The Bargaining Team is meeting February 5, 2010.
- Negotiations resume on February 8, 2010.

The District has made no proposals. We are waiting for their proposals.

The rumors surrounding layoffs, cutting programs, and salary cuts are not even proposals. Many of you have over-reacted and heard it was the MTA that suggested these cuts, or suggested that we layoff teachers. Let us pose a question - For whom does it serve to start rumors?; your employer or your representative.

There will be more rumors. Please check the MTA website and look under the Bargaining Update link to find the latest information.

The MTA Executive Board and Bargaining Team