

This End of the Calendar Message comes to you from my home computer as I am recovering from a severe food allergy. So, I will keep it short.

We have had a unique half year in California and your MTA leadership is preparing in the best ways possible to represent you at the negotiations table with our wonderful Bargaining Team in place on on pace for meeting with the District in the coming months.

The Retirement Committee has worked hard with the District to craft a decent SERP offering that looks like it will fly for those members who took advantage of the offering. We will be learning more about how this will effect our situations in the future when we return from break.

In early January, I will be attending the Governor's Budget Workshop with new CSEA President, Craig Frame and we will be learning together what the future budget will bring us as both our organizations will need to work together in the coming year.

On a quick note to clear up any confusion, MTA Committee Chairpersons, like Greg Lumsden (CTA Alternatives Committee Chair), may from time to time be asked to put out information to all members. Greg is chairing a committee set up at the MTA Representative Council in response to members who wanted MTA to consider alternatives to CTA/NEA membership. So please understand that he is is not violating District Policy as he was directed to send out information to all members concerning the results of our last MTA Representative Council meeting.

I want to wish each and every one of my fellow teachers the Happiest of Holidays and a further wish to keep safe and healthy during the break. I look forward to seeing you all when we return in January.

And, GO CHARGERS!!