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Dear Members,

Starting Monday, we have 9 days left in the K-8 school year, if anyone is counting. Three schools have already closed down for the year and construction has begun at those sites.

This was a busy week. If you were unable to attend Darin's Fiscal Services Zoom meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., you are able to watch the Business Services presentation on the MVSD website. This morning, Ray Andry sent out an update describing year-end tasks that need to be completed. Please respond to his survey if you have questions for Ed Services. As of today, we have not gotten an update regarding student CUMs. Also today, you should have gotten an email about the Task Force informational Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this meeting. The most important concern of this Task Force will be the safety and health of our members, students and families as we consider the status of our return to school in the fall. This Task Force will be an opportunity for everyone to give their input on policies and procedures, but will not take the place of negotiations and Bargaining the Impact of our return.

Today, we got an update from John Lovato about a COVID-19 case at Mountain View School District:

*"The purpose of this email is to ensure that we continue to keep all employees updated on any news related to COVID-19. Unfortunately, The Mountain View School District was notified by Think Together that one of its staff members tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member was on the Twin Lakes campus on May 20, 2020 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. I want to assure you that the district is following the CDC guidelines and is taking every precaution necessary to keep our employees safe. We are also reaching out to individuals who may have come into contact with the staff member. Please contact me at 626-652-4046 or by email at [jllovato@mtviewschools.net](mailto:jllovato@mtviewschools.net) if you were on campus on that day during that time period."*

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to hear from your principal regarding staffing for your site next year. Just to remind everyone, if your site is going to have displacements, **the first step will be to ask for volunteers to be displaced**. BUT, no one can be asked to volunteer until they have a list of open vacancies available throughout the District for their consideration. So, schools with displacements are going to be making their placement decisions AFTER schools that have openings. **Schools with displacements have to WAIT to ask for volunteers and wait to make their placements until that LIST of VACANCIES is posted.**

We join the District in expressing a great concern regarding our extremely low enrollment in our Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs. This low enrollment will lead to a second round of displacements at the end of July, if numbers don't improve. Watch for balloons, banners, and other forms of communication and engagement with our families. We are asking all teachers to take this time to reach out to their families in these last two weeks to encourage them to enroll as soon as possible so that we can prepare for the fall.

Finally, we have been getting questions about the potential for Summer Layoffs. Yes, there is legislation that allows for August Layoffs in times of economic hardship. However, the District has stated that they are doing everything possible to avoid layoffs. For example, in an effort to expand the options for our current members, the District has proposed our participation in a Special Education Internship program through LACOE. This would allow **current** General Education teachers to teach in a Special Education classroom next year, while getting their Special Education Credential. This would be an on the job training, while you complete your course work. Look for more information to follow. In the meantime, you can go to the Beginning Teacher Program at LACOE [www.BTPLACOE.com](http://www.BTPLACOE.com) for more information.

We are all in this together, stay strong and be safe.

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