

SCTA NEWS MESSENGER #27 – JUNE 16, 2011

CALENDAR

The District and SCTA agreed on a two year calendar that would start after Labor Day and take Thanksgiving week off on June 10th 2010 as part of last year's agreement. This is the same two year agreement where SCTA members agreed to give back around \$4.6 million dollars to the district. As part of that agreement SCTA agreed to:

Meet and establish the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 calendars as soon as possible. (SCTA and the district met soon after and established a two year calendar)

A calendar that starts after Labor Day, takes Thanksgiving week off and eliminates Lincoln's Holiday.

Calls for the shortened day schedules for report and records, parent conferences, finals to follow the contract expectations (Just like this year's calendar) including the last teaching day of the school year that will continue to be a short day for the purposes of reports and records.

SCTA was under the impression that they had a calendar in place and that the district would honor their agreements. It is regrettable that the district agreed to calendars with the other bargaining units without acknowledging their agreement with SCTA. We will continue to support our agreement regarding the calendar using the legal processes set forth in the contract and in state law.

HIRAM JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

SCTA continues to monitor the situation at Hiram Johnson with more issues involving our members coming up since our last report. The district is attempting to go forward and allow the current administration to remain at the school trying a collaborative model after the fact. We have several grievances filled on behalf of members at Hiram Johnson with more to come. We are also looking into other legal options to remedy the situation. At the June 2nd board meeting there was a call for a public hearing on the issues brought before the board that night. We are still waiting for our board members to schedule something and take action on this issue. We will continue to keep you informed on the struggle of our members at Hiram Johnson.

KINDERGARTEN

There has been some confusion around Section 5.7.4.1 of the contract says "The MAXIMUM regularly scheduled kindergarten teachers' instructional day shall be 200 minutes". On April 5th 2011 the district and SCTA in an MOU concerning possible increases in the Kindergarten 200 minute teaching day agreed "not to change the teaching schedules without the completion of the negotiations process with SCTA". There has been no change in the contract language to allow Kindergarten teachers to do differently. Hope this clears up any confusion about all day Kindergarten. SCTA plans on meeting with Kindergarten teachers the first of next school year to discuss this issue and other issues facing Kindergarten teachers but there has been no change in the contract language.