

BHUSD/BHEA JOINT COMMUNICATION
for the Certificated Bargaining Session on March 2, 2010

The group discussed the budget. The second interim budget is due on March 15. At that time, the district's budget projections will be much clearer. The district hopes that it will receive Basic Aid certification within the next few weeks; after that point there will need to be an exchange of funds, with the district returning Revenue Limit funding to the state and the state providing Basic Aid funds to the district. The district will provide a detailed budget presentation at the next negotiating session.

The early retirement program is currently being rolled out. The program will need to have enough participation to make it financially viable for the district in order for it to move forward.

The negotiating team reached tentative agreement on the 2012-2013 calendar.

There was discussion of a possible furlough program for the 2010-2011 school year. This issue will be taken through the full interest based bargaining process at a future negotiations session.

The team continued to work on contract language related to class size, focusing on middle school PE and pre-K-12 special education class sizes and caseloads. The group also began discussions to clarify the meaning of the term "period equivalent" as well as the reference to Education Code 44955 currently included in contract language. Additional information will be gathered, and the group will continue these discussions at the next negotiations session.

The next scheduled negotiations session will be held on April 6, 2010.