

BHEA/BHUSD JOINT COMMUNICATION
for the Certificated Bargaining Session on April 6, 2010

The group reviewed the second interim budget. The district anticipates a positive certification from the county, has uncovered and corrected some budget anomalies, and continues to see the need to incorporate \$1.5 million in reductions in both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. There is still some budget uncertainty as the district awaits the May revision of the state budget and greater assurances on our local property tax revenue estimates.

The team worked to clarify language in the hours article and will be proposing the removal of references to the term “period equivalent” in order to simplify this section. This change in language will not affect the student contact minutes cap, which will remain at 1250 to 1350 minutes per week. The group will continue discussions of this article at its next session, focusing on the language related to hours and assignments for special education teachers.

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. 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 May 4, 2010.