

BHUSD/BHEA JOINT COMMUNICATION
for the Certificated Bargaining Session on May 4, 2010

The group reviewed updated budget information. Tax collections statewide are lower than anticipated, but collections for the Beverly Hills area are progressing slightly ahead of projections. Total tax revenues will not be certain until July. The district continues to see the need to incorporate \$1.5 million in reductions in both 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The Los Angeles County Office of Education has affirmed the district's positive certification of its second interim budget and concurs that the district is now a Basic Aid district. The district is in the process of compiling a third interim budget report which will be presented to the Board in mid-May.

The team continued to work on contract language related to class size. The group reached consensus on language for physical education classes. K-5 PE would be staffed at a 30:1 student-to-adult average, with at least one certificated PE teacher assigned to work with each grade level group at a school site, with the other adults being teachers or aides. Special provisions would apply to Kindergarten. Middle School PE would be staffed at a 30:1 student-to-adult average and a 45:1 student-to-certificated PE teacher average. The group will continue discussions of this article at its next session, focusing on special education class sizes.

Also at its next session, the group will return to discussions of the hours article, focusing on the language related to hours and assignments for special education teachers.

The group continued discussions focusing on Occupational Therapists' positions and how their inclusion in the certificated unit would affect their job structure. More information will be gathered and this conversation will continue at the next negotiating session.

The insurance committee will be meeting on Monday, May 10, and information from this meeting will be shared with the negotiating team at its next session.

The team will also discuss the distinction between certificated hourly work and salary hourly work, stipends not currently addressed in the contract, and compensation for Speech and Language providers.

The next scheduled negotiations session will be held on June 1, 2010.