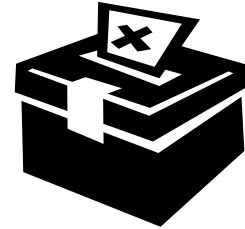




UTLA members approve tentative agreement



UTLA members voted to approve the tentative agreement reached this month with LAUSD, with 83.2% of the members voting yes on the agreement and 16.8% voting no. A total of 24,556 ballots were cast. Votes were counted at UTLA headquarters and posted on the website today, June 4. The School Board will vote on the agreement on Tuesday, June 14.

The one-year agreement will save an initial 3,400 positions and an estimated 1,700 more for the 2011-12 school year. It will also maintain class sizes and counselor loads, which will stabilize our schools and help protect our students' learning environment. Not all jobs were able to be saved because of declining student enrollment, the loss of federal stimulus funds, and the School Board's giveaway of District schools.

Under the approved agreement, employees will take four furlough days (three instructional days and one pupil-free day) in 2011-12 or fewer if the District receives anticipated state revenues.

Supported by thousands of UTLA members rallying and protesting since the RIF notices were issued, UTLA's bargaining team saved more positions and fought off LAUSD's initial proposal for 12 furlough days.

New matrixes must be done and school budgets must be reopened

For more information, see the links on utla.net to Superintendent Deasy's email to principals on the matrix and the memo requiring budgets to be reopened.

RIF RESCISSIONS

LAUSD says that rescission letters for the initial 3,400 saved positions will be mailed out after approval of the TA by the School Board on June 14. **LAUSD has posted a list of employee numbers for employees scheduled to receive one of the first wave of rescission letters at www.teachinla.com (look under "announcements.")**

The second wave of rescissions will follow once School Site Councils reallocate monies (the deadline is June 10) they had intended to use to buy back those teacher and health and human services positions covered by the TA and as schools fill openings generated through retirements and resignations.