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Modified Traditional Calendar

On July 21, 2009, the School Board of Education passed a Modified Traditional Calendar for 2010-2011 school year. This will be in place for all schools currently on the Traditional and Single D track schedules. If any schools are removed from the 4-track schedule, they will be placed on Modified Traditional. (At this time, SBTA does not know of any 4-track schools changing to Modified Traditional.)

The first day of the Modified Traditional school year for students will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010. The teacher workdays will be Friday, July 30 and Monday, August 2. The last student day will be Wednesday, June 2, 2011. The Modified Traditional schedule contains one week off for Thanksgiving, three weeks off for Winter Break, and two weeks off for Spring Break. All teachers on both the 4-track schedule and the Modified Traditional schedule will receive 12 month pay for the school year.

Official calendars will be available soon. SBCUSD wants to make sure that all persons, both student and faculty, have sufficient time to plan their schedules accordingly. There is no change to the 2009-2010 calendar!

EL Authorization

Federal law - Title I, California Education Code and Williams Case require that all K-12 teachers be certified to teach English Language Learners. Because SBCUSD is a Program Improvement District and the state budget is unstable, the district is requiring all Certificated Personnel obtain an EL Authorization. Remember, SBCUSD is a DAIT district and we have a growing student population of English Learners.

The district recently sent out letters to all certificated bargaining unit members who don't have an EL Authorization on file. In the letter, the district stated that they will be proposing to use 'skipping' criteria for the next round of possible layoffs that would 'skip' over anyone possessing their EL Authorization. This would mean that very experienced teachers could be laid off over less experienced teachers who have their EL Authorization. Using 'skipping' criteria in the lay off process is permissible in accordance with California Education Code. However, using 'skipping' criteria would need approval of the School Board of Education. SBTA will make sure that the members of the School Board of Education have all the facts before they make their decision.

If you took the class SB1969 when it was offered at the SBTA office several years ago, this would satisfy the EL Authorization. You need to take your Certificate of Completion to Human Resources so that they can process it for you. SBTA has kept copies of many certificates and may have yours! Call our office for verification!

Even non-classroom certificated staff members are being asked to obtain their EL Authorization (music, PE, resource, RSP, etc). Many of these have never been told that they need it. Only Pre-K and Adult Education teachers are exempt from this requirement as the law pertains to K-12 teachers only. The district and SBTA will make attempts to help teachers obtain their EL Authorization.

Bottom line - if you don't already have it, get it! The students deserve teachers who are authorized to teach them!