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The VTA/CTA/NEA 08-09 Bargaining Update
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Bargaining Update

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Members of the District Bargaining Team: Burton Crinklaw, John Niederkorn, Randy Henry, Tom Davis.

Members of the VTA Bargaining Team: Tim Yearnshaw, Gary Masterson, Joanne Baker, Kent Puddy,
and President Brenda Hensley.

The VTA Bargaining Team continued its discussions with the District concerning the Federal Stimulus Package and passage of the State Budget and the implications to the Vacaville Unified School District. The team also asked the District what their intent was concerning Class Size Reduction because of the relaxation of Categorical funding rules. Due to the proximity of the State Budget passage the District was unable to be specific with its projections. They said it would be sometime after next week before any preliminary details would be known. They also indicated that the continuing uncertainty of the State economy and the potential changes that might happen with the Governor's May revise and the 2009-10 budget possibly could impact their decisions concerning staffing for next year.

The VTA Bargaining Team continued to encourage the District to pursue a Retirement Incentive Plan to save jobs of VTA members. The District and the Association spent a great deal of time discussing potential parameters that might go into some sort of incentive plan for this year. The District, due to uncertain future years' budget monies, indicated that it could only talk about a possible incentive for this year and not the 3 years that VTA proposed. The District and Association agreed that any incentive must not be a drain on the District budget. It was agreed to continue discussions at the next session.