

Good evening,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Moira McSweeney. I teach second grade at Cooper School and have been active in the Vacaville Teachers Association for the past several years. Yesterday I began my term as President of the Association. We have faced a great many challenges recently and have made progress on a couple of fronts.

The displaced teacher's pool process has been completed and hopefully the transition to the new placements will go smoothly.

Members have ratified the Tentative Agreement that was the result of much hard work and effort on the part of the District's and Association's bargaining teams and we await the Board's final vote on this.

We still have a lot of work ahead.

We have yet to finalize an agreement on Elementary Preparation Time for the coming year. Representatives from the Association and Administration have been working to create a plan that meets the needs of both sides, and hopefully this will be resolved soon.

Laid off teachers need to be placed back in classrooms as the budget situation permits.

And we need to continue to take action to encourage state legislators to move forward on a solution to the budget crisis.

I look forward to working with District leaders and the School Board to tackle these and the new challenges we will undoubtedly face in the future. I believe if we work collaboratively, with a sense of common purpose, we can achieve a great deal.