

Note from Moira August 2011

Hi everyone, I signed the final MOU on Elementary Prep last Friday afternoon and we are rescinding the "Work to Rule" order. The final document is named "Final_Prep_MOU-7-25-2011.pdf" (and can be found in the Bargaining Updates folder), and will also be posted on the vacateachers.org website.

Our committee, Sylvia Aquino, Cathy Dacanay, and I will do our best to answer any questions you have through email. We will also set up a meeting to present the plan to Elementary teachers during our three work days on Aug. 15-17. We will announce the time and location soon.

The openings for the P.E. positions should be posted on the vacavilleusd.org website today (July 25th). They will be filled according to the procedures outlined in the Vacancies section (Article 7) of the contract. Anyone interested in applying needs to have a Voluntary Transfer request on file with Human Resources. There are some conditions of the job that vary from the existing contract. Applicants will be given full notice of these and other details of the job when they apply. We believe we got the best plan possible and welcome your feedback on how it is working in the coming year.

I would like to thank Sylvia Aquino and Cathy Dacanay for their time and hard work on this MOU. They spent countless hours of their own time over the summer and I greatly appreciate their dedication. I would also like to thank the Executive Board for their flexibility in working around summer schedules and vacations to get the job done. And, I'd like to thank the District Team, Randy Henry, David Robertson, Val Rogers, Christie Cochran, and Manolo Garcia for their willingness to work collaboratively to come to a resolution on this issue. Again, thanks to all of you for your patience during this process.

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