

# Union Notes

## **SAN DIEGO UNIFIED "FIRST INTERIM" BUDGET REPORT**

The District presented a draft overview of their first interim budget report at the November 27 School Board Meeting. Chief Business Officer Wayne Oetken stated that although we are in an "uncertain budget setting," there is optimism and encouragement ahead. While the district is still "projecting" a deficit, the reality is new revenue is on the horizon, which will create financial stability for the District.

The first interim report is statutorily required and is a detailed summary of expenditures and revenues up to October 31, 2012. By law, the District is required to file this report with the County Office of Education by December 15, 2012. The accuracy of the projection is questionable because the Governor doesn't announce his proposed state budget for 2013-14 until January. Early indications look promising for increases to K-12 funding (base revenue limit per average daily attendance). However, the District is budgeting conservatively, as if there will be no increase to K-12 funding.

Voters showed their opposition to school cuts and layoffs by approving Prop 30 and Prop Z to put more money into our schools. With increased revenue, SDUSD does not have reason to issue any layoff notices this spring. Further, issuing layoff notices would mean losing public trust and voter support for any future tax increase for education. SDEA members will be vigilant in protecting jobs and ensuring that SDUSD makes decisions based on facts, not projections.

## **VISION/DENTAL FOR DEPENDENT ADULT STUDENTS REQUIRES TRANSCRIPT EVERY SEPTEMBER & JANUARY**

SDEA members who have dependent, full-time students between the ages of 19 and 25 are normally required to submit a transcript for their student in both September and January of each year in order to continue their student's vision and dental coverage. This year SDUSD failed to notify plan participants of the requirement to submit transcripts in September. Those who didn't submit transcripts were later notified by SDUSD that their student's coverage would be dropped! SDEA leaders intervened, and the District agreed that due to their failure to notify plan participants of the requirement to submit a transcript, coverage for eligible dependent students would not be terminated and would continue through January 2013. Please consider making a note in your personal calendar to submit your student's transcript each September and January.

## **NEW UNION CONTRACT DELIVERY STARTS TODAY!**

Delivery of union contracts to school and other worksites across SDUSD starts today, and continues through the week. If you don't receive a contract, check in with your site's AR (Association Representative).