

## **Pre-Rep Council Informational Items – 10.04.05**

### **• Summary of Health Care Committee Meeting – Terry Mastrantonio**

The Health Care Committee met on Monday, September 26, 2005. We reviewed our goals and objectives for the year, and revisited the work that was done last year. Protocols and meeting dates for the year were set. Our new goals for the year include: review and discuss members comments, investigate other district's benefit packages with regard to health care, review current plan choices and recommend new plan choices, survey the quality of plans and services, educate members about ways to control expenses, and revisit Disease Management programs and Wellness Care. Subcommittees were established to concentrate on specific areas of our plan.

Members are invited to join our committee and serve on a subcommittee. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 24 at 3:30. We meet at Rancho Elementary School, Room 22.

### **• Campaign 2005 Update for Rep Council Meeting – Cate Sarraille**

On Thursday, September 29, the CTA Member to Member phone banking ended. Our participation was excellent. I've heard from folks in Dublin, Pleasanton and San Ramon and they were really impressed by our turnout and by the abilities of our phone bankers.

The next phase of the campaign begins on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This part of the campaign has been designated an Alliance effort since all of the members of the Alliance, their family and friends will join together to educate targeted voters about the effects of Propositions 74, 75 and 76 and why Alliance members are opposed to those propositions. You can learn more about the many organizations who have united against Propositions 74, 75, and 76 by going to [www.betterca.org](http://www.betterca.org). Briefly, its members include police officers, fire fighters, nurses, health care workers, CSEA, SEIU, and, of course, teachers.

Site Reps have received information about the dates assigned to their particular site, sign up sheets and all relevant information. The final date, November 7<sup>th</sup> is an "All Call" date. We need 30 phone bankers from the district for one last effort to make sure our allies vote the next day.

Keith and I will be visiting sites over the next five weeks to help explain how important it is to vote against 74, 75 and 76 and why we absolutely have to be actively involved in defeating these measures. All of these propositions, if passed, will have a negative effect on every teacher in the state. All of these propositions, if passed, will have a negative effect on student learning.

Keith and I will be visiting schools throughout the month of October to talk about the campaign. I'll be visiting schools on October 10<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, on October 24<sup>th</sup> and on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thus far I'm planning on visiting Granada, Phoenix, Del Valle, Altamont and Mitchell. If you would like Keith or I to visit your school, please let us know.