

UPDATE

Week of July 6, 2009

“YOU PICKED A GREAT TIME TO RUN FOR AALA PRESIDENT”

“You picked a great time to run for AALA President,” chuckled a good friend of mine right after the election. Despite the fact that our District is facing unprecedented budget cuts for the next two years and our State legislature and governor seem unable to resolve the current financial crisis, I am proud to have been elected. **I promised to work tirelessly to ensure recognition of and support for the pivotal role administrators play in achieving our District’s core mission, and I will do just that.**

For months, AALA has been fighting the piecemeal cuts in administrative positions, pay levels and basis imposed by the District. These efforts will continue via AALA’s communication efforts with District senior staff as well as the initiation of grievances and PERB complaints. We, as administrators, are accountable for student safety and well-being, academic performance, parent involvement and the smooth operation of schools and District offices—accountabilities we, as administrators, have embraced. Of course, our responsibilities have never decreased to match the cuts we have endured. Our Superintendent and Board continue to tell us to do more and better with less. In his last week as AALA President, **Mike O’Sullivan** said, “No more! Meet us at the bargaining table.”

During this critical year, we will negotiate a new three-year AALA/LAUSD contract, and it will be tough because working conditions will be a major topic. A professional union negotiator, **Tom Beatty**, will work with our negotiating team to give us the best possible edge. We plan to start negotiations quickly, and you will have a voice in the issues we negotiate.

The Executive Board is helping me to design a survey in which all members will comment on and prioritize current concerns. We will base our contract proposals upon your input. Additionally, I will keep you regularly informed about how negotiations are going. We face turbulent times, the likes of which we've never seen before. I will ask you to speak up, increase your participation in AALA activities and remain unified—more about this soon.

Finally, I would like to thank **Dr. Mike O’Sullivan** for six outstanding years of service as President of AALA. Thanks, also, to **Dan Basalone** for his exemplary support for all of our members. Together they established a level of excellence to which I aspire.

Judy

DISTRICT SUSPENDS EFFORTS TO IMPOSE CHANGE OF BASIS FROM A TO B/FLEX

Implementation of the change in nonschool-based administrator assignment basis from "A" to "B/flex" is suspended for the 2009-2010 school year.* This information has also been provided to Local District Superintendents and other supervisory staff.

*This agreement **does not apply** to the Division of Adult and Career Education.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR AALA MEMBERS

You may be aware that the District decided to eliminate a seniority-based class of Pupil Service and Attendance Coordinators. AALA filed a grievance on behalf of the members of this class.

Following considerable negotiations involving AALA and District staff, the District suspended its decision to eliminate this seniority class.

All existing P.S.A. Coordinators will retain their seniority-based positions.

AALA thanks Human Resources and Staff Relations personnel for their efforts to bring a resolution consistent with the AALA-District contract.

BEGINNING ASSIGNMENT DATES FOR E, B, AND D BASIS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION –

E Basis assignments begin on Friday, July 31; **B Basis assignments** begin on Wednesday, August 19; and **D Basis assignments** begin on Wednesday, August 12.

RETIREES CORNER

HEALTH BENEFITS FOR AALA RETIREES

Retirees eligible for lifetime health benefits will see seamless coverage as they transition from "Active" to "Retiree" status. Retirement dates of June 30 should see retirement benefits effective July 1. All retirees received COBRA packets even though many are eligible for lifetime medical. When there is a termination action, a COBRA notification is required by federal law to ensure continuous coverage for all.

Letters will be sent out to the recent retirees to confirm their eligibility for lifetime medical. In the past, Award Letters from PERS and STRS were required to complete the retirement process. However, the District in collaboration with STRS and PERS are exchanging information to ease the pressure on new retirees to obtain and submit Award Letters.

Many retirements were effective July 1 and the various health providers have received the information via tape. Vendors have been contacted and they have confirmed receipt. It may take a couple of days for the vendors to process the large amount of information.

Should any retiree have any problems with coverage and need immediate medical attention, they may call the call center at 213.241.4262 and staff in the call center will notify the plans immediately. E-mails can be sent to <http://benefits.lausd.net>.

OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

AALA has been informed of a special employment opportunity for a retired principal who is looking for something different to do with some of that wonderful spare time...

Superintendent Cortines is looking for a retired LAUSD principal to work with educators in China for one to two years "to explore Chinese culture and contribute to education in China." If you have any interest in this opportunity and would like further details, please e-mail us at the AALA office, rsvp@aala.us. In your e-mail include your name, e-mail address, home address, phone number and last LAUSD assignment. We will forward the information to Superintendent Cortines on your behalf.

ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATORS OF LOS ANGELES
 MASTER CALENDAR - JULY—DECEMBER 2009

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July

Monday 13 *Executive Board Meeting*
 Friday 31 E Basis begins

August

Wednesday 12 D Basis begins
 Wednesday 19 B Basis begins
 Wednesday 26 LAUSD Superintendent's Opening Meeting - Hollywood High School
 Thursday 27 Organization Presidents - Breakfast Meeting - AALA (3rd Floor)
 Monday 31 Admissions Day Observance
 Monday 31 First Day of Instruction - Track A (Three-Track Schools)

September

Thursday 3 Administrative Interest Groups Presidents - Breakfast Meeting - AALA
 Monday 7 Labor Day
 Tuesday 8 Pupil Free Day - Single-Track Schools
 Wednesday 9 First Day of Instruction - Single-Track Schools
Monday 14 *Executive Board Meeting*
 Friday 18 Eve of Rosh Hashanah
 Sat./Sun. 19/20 Rosh Hashanah
 Wednesday 23 COBA Opening Meeting
 Sunday 27 Eve of Yom Kippur
 Monday 28 Yom Kippur
 (Unassigned Day - Single-Track Schools)

October

Thursday 1 AALA Fall Reception (tentative)
Thursday 15 **Representative Assembly**
 Fri./Sat. 16/17 CAUSA - Northern California
 Thursday 22 AALA Retirees Luncheon (tentative)

November

Wednesday 11 Veterans Day
Monday 16 *Executive Board Meeting*
 Wednesday 18 AAPA Bring Your Boss to Dinner - Empress Pavilion
 Thurs./Fri. 26/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

Tues. - Fri. 1 - 4 AALA Scholarship Applications to schools
 Saturday 5 COBA Winter Social
 Monday 21 Winter Recess begins - Single-Track Schools (to 1/8/10)
 Wednesday 23 Winter Recess begins - Three-Track Schools (to 1/1/10)
 Thursday 24 Christmas Eve
 Friday 25 Christmas Day

RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Name	Date, Time	Location	Contact
Richard Alonzo	Saturday, July 18, 2009 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Grapevine Arbor 324 S. Mission Dr. San Gabriel	Danny Palma 323.326.3834
Joan Mezori	Saturday, July 18, 2009 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Almanzor Court 700 S. Almanzor Street Alhambra	Joel Carter 213.2412.3061 joel.carter@lausd.net
Martha Young-Jones	Saturday, July 18, 2009 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Odyssey Restaurant 15600 Odyssey Drive Granada Hills	Bea Zavala/ Carlos Santoyo 818.394.3950
George Gonzalez Carol Weiner	Saturday, July 25, 2009 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Café Santorini 64 West Union Street Pasadena	Denise Robert 213.241.5300 Ext. 29390 denise.robert@lausd.net Vicki Shenkman 213.241.5300 Ext. 29180 vicki.shenkman@lausd.net
Lloyd Houske	Saturday, July 25, 2009 11:30 a.m.	Wilshire Country Club 301 N. Rossmore Avenue Los Angeles	Sam Corral 213.386.6303 scorral@lausd.net or Peggy Presley 323.932.4690 peggy.presley@lausd.net
Richard Wormus	Saturday, August 1, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	94 th Aero Squadron 16320 Raymer Street Van Nuys	Don Kihara 818.346.3540 Ext. 213 dkih1@lausd.net
Marsha Easterday	Saturday, August 8, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Skirball Cultural Center 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles	Lisa Baskin 818.366.9171
Mary Jane Collier	Friday, August 14, 2009 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Pickwick Gardens 1001 W. Riverside Dr. Burbank	SooJoon Choi soojoon.choi@lausd.net
Annetta Lawrence	Saturday, August 15, 2009 11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Ayres Hotel 14400 Hindry Avenue Hawthorne	Rosamy Gross 310.762.6775 forheislord@sbcglobal.net
Robbi Bertz	Sunday, August 16, 2009 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Beverly Hilton Hotel Stardust Room 9876 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills	Pam Sasada/Lainey Rogers 310.253.7100

**ADMINISTRATORS' INPUT REQUESTED ON
SCHOOL LIBRARY ISSUES**

Instructional Media Services, the UTLA Library Professionals Committee, and the Los Angeles School Library Association are collaborating on the development of a short presentation to secondary school principals that focuses on the contribution of Teacher Librarians (TLs) to academic achievement. The perspective of administrators is vital to the success of this project.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at this link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=NbGyjB2tHEkIbf1ayXU2Jw_3d_3d

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Esther Sinofsky, Director, Instructional Media Services, at 213.207.2271 or esther.sinofsky@lausd.net.

SAVE THE DATES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009 – ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS – BREAKFAST MEETING to be held at the AALA Offices 3rd floor conference room, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. For information contact the AALA office at 213.484.2226.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009 – TEAM HEAL presents the 5th Annual **Afternoon of Jazz** at the Wilshire Country Club, 301 N. Rossmore Avenue, Los Angeles. For information, contact teamheal@rr.com or call 310.645.8347.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 – ADMINISTRATIVE INTEREST GROUPS – BREAKFAST MEETING to be held at the AALA Offices, Suite 510 conference room, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. For information contact the AALA office at 213.484.2226.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009 – 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF STUDENTS RUN LA
Join in the celebration at Gladstone's Restaurant of Malibu, 17300 Pacific Coast Highway, Los Angeles, 90272. Enjoy an evening on the beach, a delicious three-course dinner, great music & dancing and a special fireworks extravaganza! For reservations, sponsorship opportunities and information, contact SRLA at 818.654.1620.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009 – AAPA FALL SOCIAL
to be held at the Empress Pavilion (Chinatown), 988 Hill Street, Los Angeles, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009 – REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY MEETING to be held at the AALA Offices, 1910 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, 90026.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. HELEN HALE – Former Director of Student Medical Services and Coordinator of Integrated Health and Human Services. Dr. Hale retired June 1996, and passed away on July 2, 2009. A donation on behalf of Dr. Hale can be made to the Kathryn L. Kurka Children's Health Fund, a LAUSD charitable organization, at P.O. Box 39531, Los Angeles, CA 90039-0531.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates are responsible for making sure all the District requirements have been met. Do not contact AALA for information regarding positions. Use the listed contact phone number.

PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY

Daniel Pearl Magnet High School (1) MST 40, located on campus of Birmingham High School, 17000 Haynes Street, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Daniel Pearl is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Kathy Rattay**, Director, Local District 1, at 818.654.3673. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 17, 2009.**

West Adams Preparatory High School (7) MST 45, 1500 West Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

West Adams is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Elsa Chagolla**, Chief Operating Officer, MLA Partner Schools, at 213.745.4928. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 24, 2009.**

PRINCIPAL, CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

Leonis High School (1) MST 38, 5445 Manton Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Leonis is a D Basis School. For information and application procedures contact **Larry Rubin**, Director, High School Services at 818.654.3672. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 17, 2009.**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Continued)

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY GOING TO THE AALA WEBSITE, <http://www.aalausd.com>. BY CLICKING ON POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO THE LEFT OF THE SCREEN, YOU CAN SELECT NONSCHOOL-BASED POSITIONS AND CLICK ON ANY POSITION TO VIEW THE SPECIFIC FLYER.

POSITION	FILING DEADLINE
Coordinator, Dropout Prevention & Attendance MST 39, (Temp Advisor) B Basis. Contact Jean Brown, Superintendent, Local District 1, at 818.654.3600.	5:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2009
Coordinator, Pre-K—12 Mathematics Programs MST 41, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact Sandra Winchell, Administrator, Instructional Services, Local District 2, at 818.755.5300	4:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009
Director, Secondary School Support Services MST 45, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact Jean Brown, Superintendent, Local District 1, at 818.654.3600.	5:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2009
Director, Instructional & Operational Oversight, Charter Schools Division, MST 45, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact Aaron Fairleywine, Central Business Advisor, at 213.241.2656.	4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2009
Director, Secondary School Support Services -<u>TWO POSITIONS</u> MST 45, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact Roberto Martinez, Interim Superintendent, Local District 5, at 323.224.3100.	5:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009
Specialist, Student Information Systems Branch, Planning and Assessment Division, MST 38, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact Dan Cruz, Director, at 213.241.2450.	5:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2009
Specialist, Gifted/Talented Programs, Student Integration Services, MST 37, (Temp Advisor) A Basis. Contact LaRoyce Bell, District Coordinator, at 213.241.6500.	5:00 p.m., Monday, July 13, 2009
Specialist, Los Angeles Apprentice Teacher Program, Human Resources Division, MST 38, (Temp Advisor) B Basis. Contact Steve Brandick, Director, Career Ladder Office, at 213.241.4571.	4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2009
Specialist, Least Restrictive Environment, K-12, Support Unit South, MST 38, (Temp Advisor) B Basis. Contact Don Macintosh, Secondary Administrator/Sharon Jarrett, Elementary Administrator, at 310.354.3431.	4:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2009
Specialist, Secondary Learning Teams MST 38 (Temp Advisor) B Basis. Contact Patricia Pernin, Coordinator, Learning Teams, at 213.241.2097	5:00 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009