

Contract Talks - Progress Made

Your educational assistant bargaining team met with the School Board's team on March 17 and made significant progress. For example, as a result of the talks, the Board completely dropped proposals that would have allowed MPS to cut the hours and change the ending time of currently employed school safety assistants to after 5:00 p.m.

Down to Two Issues

In fact, only two issues remain on the bargaining table - salary and posting EA vacancies on the MPS Portal.

On March 25, the teams met again and some progress was made on both issues.

Next Meeting - March 30

The next bargaining session will take place late in the day on Monday, March 30. We plan to have an update at mtea.org by 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Calendar Survey Online Now!

Your bargaining team is preparing to propose calendars for the next two school years: 2009-10 and 2010-11. You can help shape the proposals and set your union's priorities in bargaining the calendar with the School Board's team by taking the brief survey at mtea.org.

This online survey is for members on the traditional calendar. (We are working with the Building Representatives in year-round and IB schools on separate surveys.)

The survey deadline is Friday, April 3.

Tailgate Party and Brewers Game

All MPS employees and retirees, as well as guests, are invited to the Thirteenth Annual Tailgate Party/Brewer Game on Friday, **May 1**, at Miller Park. The tailgate party starts at 4:00 p.m. The Milwaukee Brewers will play the Arizona Diamondbacks at 7:05 p.m.

The MTEA is again sponsoring this fun, social event. The \$11 cost of the tailgate party includes: beer, wine, and soda; hamburgers, brats, hot dogs; salads; chips/snacks; and cookies.

The package cost for the tailgate party and Brewers game is \$25 for loge bleacher seats (with contoured backs) and \$21 for terrace box seats. Ticket prices are at a group discount.

Form and Payment Due April 10

To join in the fun, please return the form below with your check to Sue Dean at Marshall Campus (4141 North 64th St. 53216) by **April 10**. You will receive confirmation after spring break, preferably via e-mail.

Game tickets will be distributed at the tailgate party. To pick up your tickets in advance, please call Sue Dean at 393-2370 or e-mail her at sdean3@wi.rr.com. Seats are limited, so sign up now!

Thirteenth Annual MTEA/MPS Tailgate Party and Brewer Game

Name _____ School _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Please attach your check, **made payable to Sue Dean**, and note how many packages (or tailgates-only) you are purchasing:

____ Tailgate/Loge Bleachers (\$25)

(No game tickets are available without tailgate participation.)

____ Tailgate/Terrace Box (\$21)

____ Tailgate ONLY (\$11) **Send form and check to Sue Dean at Marshall by April 10.**