

March 4th Press Conference

As part of the state wide March 4th activities, there will be a press conference at 7:15am at Monte Gardens Elementary School in Concord featuring the Vice President of CTA, Dean Vogel, Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblyperson Joan Buchanan, and the new Superintendent of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Dr. Steve Lawrence,

After cutting 30 million dollars over the last two years, which included eliminating 200 teaching jobs, and cutting Library and Music services, Mt. Diablo is now looking to cut an additional 60 million over the next three years. The district is preparing to go back as far as 2004 to send out layoff notices by March 15th and is asking for major employee take-backs. Our public schools are facing a disaster.

The press conference will provide the public with examples of how Mt. Diablo's students are being affected, and how we as members of the Mt. Diablo community can do something about it. Together we can stand up for our schools and children.

Confirmed Participants

- Dean Vogel, Vice President CTA
- Senator Mark DeSaulnier
- Assembly member Joan Buchanan
- Craig Cheslog, District Staff for ASM Torlakson
- Dr. Steve Lawrence, MDUSD Superintendent
- Mike Noce, MDEA President
- Josephine Carson, Librarian

There will also be a Million Dollar Bake Sale at the Monte Gardens Elementary School to help with the MDUSD shortfall.

There will be an all district disaster drill at 9:00 am to symbolize the disastrous conditions our students face.