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From the
President's Desk

**NEGOTIATIONS 2006:
NO CONTRACT IN SIGHT**

Contract talks, although ongoing, have produced very little in the way of a settlement. There has been no progress on any of the major items - salary, medical and other benefits, early retirement and the zipper clause. Negotiating sessions have been scheduled through August 31st.

The ACT Team continues to argue strongly to keep punitive and penalty-driven anti-teacher, anti-union proposals out of the contract. At the same time, we are working extremely hard to protect existing language, quite a bit of which has been part of the Labor-Management Agreement for decades.

Because of the lack of progress thus far, I am not optimistic, at this point in time, that the ACT Team will be able to bring back an acceptable contract to the members on September 5th.

Speaking of September 5th, the starting time of the ACT General Membership Meeting has been moved to 11:00 A.M. ACT members should not be reporting to their schools on Tuesday morning. Principals have been told

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not to expect teachers in the schools until after the Ratification meeting. If there is no ratification, the members will decide at the meeting what the next course of action will be.

It is extremely important for all ACT members to be in attendance at the General Membership Meeting. You will hear firsthand from the Negotiating Team and the Executive Board. You will be voicing your feelings about the final offer from the Secondary School System. You will be voting on the terms and conditions of your employment.

The ACT Negotiating Team will be working as hard as it can to get for our teachers a contract that they deserve.

We will keep you updated on any and all progress made toward a new Labor-Management Agreement.

Please continue to keep both Teams in your prayers.

We will see you at 11:00 A.M. on September 5th at Penns Landing Caterers.



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