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** High Priority **

Good Afternoon.

Next week, Friday, December 11, MTA membership will be voting on the question of whether or not to entertain the Board request to open the contract. I've attached a sample ballot for your review. The wording of the ballot will be discussed at next week's meetings, if clarification is needed.

Voting will occur at each campus, between 6:30-8:00 AM. For those of you who arrive later, or know ahead of time that you will not be in the building on Friday, please contact your Election Judge for alternative voting arrangements. The people to contact are: South/Johannes Beer, East/Jeff Gallichio, West/Ralph Murdy, PRYC/Gioia Geruso, ARC/E. Visee.

In order to best prepare MTA members for the vote, we will again have Q&A presentations at each main campus. The sessions will be focused on presenting information and answering member questions. There will be no time on the agenda for position statements. Please join the MTA NING for those conversations. A Q&A document will also be available for membership early next week; it will be distributed via an email attachment.

The schedule for MTA presentations is as follows:

Mon. Dec. 7...South...due to Department meetings scheduled for that afternoon, the South presentation will begin at 4:00, in room C101

Wed. Dec. 9...East...3:30...LRC

Thurs. Dec. 10...West...3:30...main auditorium

FYI...the Administration also plans to host Q&A meetings next week in each building. Their schedule is as follows: (I have no information as to time and location.)

Tues. Dec. 8...South

Wed. Dec. 9...West

Thurs. Dec. 10...East

And, one last item. I received a memorandum from Ken Wallace yesterday, drafted by the Board's attorney, which addresses MTA member concerns about the vulnerability of MTA, if the contract should be opened. I have sent the memorandum to IEA legal for review, as the case law cited in the Board document reference NLRB rulings. We are bound by the statutes in the Illinois Education Labor Relations Act (IELRA), which may or may not find the NLRB findings applicable. Dr. Wallace intends to share this document with you in the next day or so. When MTA receives IEA's findings, we will share them with the membership.

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