



## **BAKERSFIELD ELEMENTARY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

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### **A Message from the Bakersfield Elementary Teachers Association**

Hello everyone! There are several important issues covered within this email, so please read the entire thing.

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#### **Academic Conference Day on November 3, 2017**

On November 3 the District held the second of extra three days added to our school year via bargaining last year. November 3 was an Academic Conference Day where teachers were to receive:

- 2 1/2 hours of personal planning and preparation time
- 2 hours with you grade level to collaborate and PLC
- 2 hours admin led and training

Please follow the provided link to complete a BETA survey on Survey Monkey. Be honest and truthful as we want these days to be as successful as possible.

[BETA Academic Conference Day Survey](#)

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#### **Bargaining**

Bargaining has concluded for the 2017-2018 school year as there were no salary or benefits to be bargained, as they were agreed to last year in a two

year deal. The two issues discussed at the table we left as they are written in the contract (Public Charges and Transfers.) Surveys will be sent out in the near future for bargaining priorities for next year as the entire contract will be up for bargaining.

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## **Student Risk Screening Scale**

There is a lot of talk and worry about this topic. The District and BETA are attempting to reach and accord on this element. The District has a completion date of November 17 for this particular "screener." This gives us some time to understand reasoning and for teacher concerns to be addressed. I understand a few sites are being directed to complete it as soon as possible; in response simply cut and paste the following response as a reply to their "insistence":

The Student Risk Screening Scale is not due until November 17 and BETA is working through teacher concerns with Dr. Fulenwider, Dr. Cox, and Mark Luque. At this time I have significant concerns about the screener and will wait until my concerns are addressed by the aforementioned. I understand your concern, but thank you for your patience.

Thank you for your understanding,

(Insert your name)