



MFT59

Bargaining Update #2



More Recess, Less Testing!



"To deny kids recess is simply unethical."

-Kristen Melby, 5th Grade Teacher Andersen

More Recess:

The MFT59 Bargaining Team made a proposal for the district to memorialize its own recess policy into our contract. We all know kids do better when they are allowed to play. It's appropriate for social emotional learning and simply just the right thing to do. We asked that all kids in Pre-K through 8th grade be guaranteed 30 minutes of recess a day.

Less Testing, More Teaching:

The MFT59 bargaining team made a proposal to eliminate all non-mandated state and federal standardized tests. Some highlights of the proposal:

- 1) A vote of 75% of a building staff would be required to administer any non-federally or state mandated tests.
- 2) The district would be obligated to inform parents, in the 5 most spoken languages of our students in writing, of their opt-out rights.
- 3) A 50% reduction in time spent on preparing and administering standardized tests.
- 4) Teachers would have the right to consciously object to administering standardized tests.

Review: MFT59 has now presented 4 proposals and our 10 Point Plan.

Upcoming:

Next bargaining date is **Tuesday, October 3rd, 5pm.**

Issues to be discussed: Testing and Recess. Issues to be proposed: Class size/Caseload limits.

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