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Parents Supporting Teachers Supports UTLA'S Rallies And Beyond Recovery Platform

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, supports United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) members in their rallies demanding fully staffed schools, smaller class sizes, adequate wages, and green, clean, and safe LAUSD campuses. LAUSD families and community members joined the rallies yesterday in an effort to amplify this message. The union's bargaining team has been trying for months to get district leadership to address these issues at the bargaining table.

"We fully support and stand with UTLA in their collective bargaining for fair pay raises to attract and retain educators, smaller class sizes, mental health support for students, adequate staffing, and safe school climates," said co-founder Nicolle Fefferman.

Rachel Wagner, LAUSD parent and PST Moderator, commented that, "The pandemic exposed and heightened the needs of our public school students and communities. We hope that yesterday's demonstrations help district leadership see that stakeholders are determined to achieve more for our city's children and the adults who care for them every day."

Jenna Schwartz, co-founder said, "We know that Superintendent Carvalho and our School Board Members have the best of intentions. Now, we need them to listen to the school staff who know what would help our students and schools. Our Parents Supporting Teachers community has long advocated for the same common sense goals to achieve what we all want- well resourced public schools from San Pedro to Sun Valley and from Boyle Heights to Playa Del Rey."

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About Parents Supporting Teachers: Parents Supporting Teachers is a parent education advocacy group in Los Angeles with nearly 28,000 followers and is the only organically created group of this size exclusively dedicated to parent communication and education support in the entire LAUSD. Visit www.parentssupportingteachers.org to learn more and support our shared vision for equitable and inclusive LAUSD schools.