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Parents Supporting Teachers Applauds LAUSD's New Testing Requirements

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, praises LAUSD's revised testing protocols, which require all individuals to test weekly regardless of vaccination status.

"I applaud the district for taking these proactive and necessary steps to ensure the safety of students, teachers, staff, and their families. While vaccination has been proven to provide substantial protection against the virus, these new protocols are important. With the highly contagious Delta variant spreading in our community, including among vaccinated individuals, renewed vigilance and extra safety measures are welcomed," said Jenna Schwartz, co-founder.

It is imperative that parents and teachers feel fully confident that the district is doing everything it can to ensure a safe return to full-time, in-person learning. "LAUSD prides itself in having the highest COVID-19 safety protocols of all school districts in the nation. These protective measures further this commitment," said Nicolle Fefferman, co-founder.

For families still deciding whether they will return to campus or participate in the district online learning option, the new testing requirements might validate or change their decisions. "The new guidelines were well received by our members," Schwartz emphasized. "Many families and educators are apprehensive," Fefferman noted. "This further layer of mitigation is important," she stressed. "It gives families the confidence that the district is doing everything to start the new school year safely."

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About Parents Supporting Teachers: Parents Supporting Teachers is a parent education advocacy group in Los Angeles with over 25,000 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.