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Parents Supporting Teachers Reacts to Hiring of Alberto Carvalho as LAUSD Superintendent

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families expressed cautious optimism on the hiring of Alberto M. Carvalho as the new LAUSD Superintendent.

In a district where the majority of School Board members support charter schools, the selection of Miami-Dade leader Alberto Carvalho is a win for Public Ed. A Portuguese born public school teacher and administrator with a track record of success in Miami, Carvalho has first hand experience with our population. Having experienced housing insecurity as an undocumented child, Carvalho will hopefully offer the much needed focus in a district where over 80% of families are living below the poverty line. Throughout the pandemic he has maintained a science based focus, and challenged his Governor in Florida when the health and safety of community members were at risk.

“The fact that our seven board members made a unanimous choice tells me this is someone who can work across the board. We are looking for him to focus on mental health, lower class sizes and streamline communication. There are too many cooks in LAUSD’s kitchen. A decision gets made at the top and by the time it makes it down to parents, it is either outdated or no longer makes sense. Let’s fix that. We look forward to working with Supt. Carvalho, as we worked with his predecessors.” said co-founder Jenna Schwartz.

The hiring of Carvalho checks off some of our most important boxes. LAUSD families advocated for a leader with classroom experience in a public school district, experience with a BIPOC and/or underrepresented community, a track record of success with school district leadership, and someone who was hired in an open process with input from LAUSD families.

“By having the support of staunch public-school defenders like Jackie Goldberg, Scott Schmerelson and Dr. George McKenna, Carvalho has our support as well, but that doesn’t mean we won’t be watching carefully. While Carvalho may have supported school choice in Florida, Los Angeles is a very different place, and we will continue to fight for our leadership to focus on a community of schools model, which we know is successful, and not a privatization model, which we know is not.” said co-founder Nicolie Fefferman.

“In a district that has had a revolving door of Superintendents, having someone with 13 years of demonstrated experience in this position feels like a positive for parents, teachers, and education stakeholders. LAUSD asked for our opinions, and then actually listened and applied them to their decision-making.” stated parent member and moderator Rachel Wagner.

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