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Parents Supporting Teachers Supports UTLA and LAUSD Tentative Agreement

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, supports the new tentative safety and student centric agreement between the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) teachers' union. The previous agreement was set to expire this month.

“The safety measures we are using in LAUSD are keeping school spread to a minimum; our kids are staying safe in school. We are still in a pandemic, it isn't over, and we need to do everything we can to keep our schools open and our communities safe. This agreement does both of those things and is an example of compromise. While it was frustrating these plans were not implemented early on, especially since it was no surprise we were still in a pandemic, we are pleased that the new agreement addresses all of these issues, while at the same time reimbursing our teachers for a fraction of the money, they spent working from home last year,” stated co-founder Jenna Schwartz. “Now we just need to see some on the ground vaccine education happening at school sites and in local communities. Parents are being inundated with misinformation, and where better to be educated than your school site? No more videos, or flyers; go into classrooms and let kids ask questions. Host town halls where parents can ask questions, not just be talked at. If LAUSD wants to avoid crippling an already overburdened City of Angels program, that information needs to happen sooner rather than later as the clock is ticking on the vaccine mandate.”

“It is good to see leadership on both sides coming to terms on these important safety and education matters. The agreement provides concrete steps that keep students learning while they stay at home to protect themselves, their families, and the rest of us. It also addresses the very real needs of teachers who have put forth a herculean effort the last two years. We are relieved to see a renewed focus on enhancing support for students in the City of Angels independent study program which should provide assistance to those facing uncertainties and lack of adequate engagement,” co-founder Nicolle Fefferman noted.

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About Parents Supporting Teachers: Parents Supporting Teachers is a parent education advocacy group in Los Angeles with over 26,000 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.