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### **Parents Supporting Teachers Denounces Lawsuit Against LAUSD and UTLA**

Parents Supporting Teachers, the largest public education advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, announces its strong opposition to a recent lawsuit filed by the Freedom Foundation against the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) union.

“As a group dedicated to supporting and uplifting public education, we at Parents Supporting Teachers are disheartened to see these latest lawsuits filed against LAUSD, which we believe to serve no purpose and will likely have the unfortunate effect of taking even more money from our critically underfunded public schools,” group co-founder Jenna Siegel Schwartz stated.

The entire country has suffered from the Covid-19 pandemic, and to try to singularly place blame on either a school district or a labor union, is both an improper indication of privilege and a complete dismissal of the trauma that communities of color have endured over the past year and continue to endure. Our schools have been providing education in a safety-conscious manner for the past year, and they will physically re-open this month in a hybrid manner that puts safety first. The real question is, “If this lawsuit in fact promotes social welfare, why weren’t these privately funded groups asking for equity and enrichment for high needs kids over the past year while we were in distanced learning?” asked co-founder Nicolle Fefferman.

We value our Parents Supporting Teachers members and appreciate when their voices are heard. If you would like to interview some members of the public school community, a list of contacts are included below:

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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.