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Good news: District pulls some offers of campus space to charter schools

LAUSD Senior Deputy Superintendent Ray Cortines yesterday rescinded the offer for charter schools to co-locate at seven District campuses. This action was in response to weeks of grass-roots organizing by teachers, parents and community members who saw the offers of co-location at 39 schools as detrimental to the educational programs at the school sites.

Co-location offers withdrawn: LAUSD withdrew offers to charters to co-locate at:
Taft HS Wadsworth ES Hughes ES Miles ES
Fairfax HS 49th Street ES Crenshaw HS
(75th Street ES, Nevin ES, Portola MS and Ascot ES had been previously taken off the list.)

Re-evaluation at 5 other schools: Cortines has also promised to reevaluate the instructional impacts of co-location at the following schools:

Atwater ES La Salle ES Sunrise ES
Braddock ES Murchison ES

UTLA praises administrators for action: This decision is a victory for sanity and reason. We praise Superintendent Brewer and Senior Deputy Superintendent Ray Cortines for their bold action to reverse decisions made by attorneys without educators in the room.

Your hard work got results: The issue of co-location and decisions that the District just made would not have occurred were it not for your hard work in quickly organizing at your school sites and planning actions to let everyone know that co-location would hurt the educational goals and environment for both the students from the charter school and the home campus.

UTLA support continues

UTLA will continue to fight and help local school sites organize on this issue.

Our next meeting on charter school co-location will be May 15 at UTLA. Check www.utla.net for further details.