

UTLA BARGAINING



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Negotiations intensify: UTLA works around the clock on budget crisis

Our negotiation team has been meeting on a stepped-up basis with LAUSD to try to reach an agreement that will stabilize schools and save jobs.

The District's current demands are for 5 furlough days this year and 7 furlough days next year. The furlough days would involve cutting the school year short and cancelling the last week of instruction. LAUSD has also posed a 12 percent pay cut in 2010-11 as a possible solution, among others.

LAUSD—due to severe state budget cuts—is facing a deficit of more than \$600 million for 2010-11. We have not received all of the budget information that we need, but LAUSD has provided documents indicating it has made some cuts to nonclassroom spending for 2010-11, including cuts to central office and local districts that will save \$66.6 million.

UTLA demands that furlough days must stop increases in class size and adult-student ratios and save jobs. LAUSD has not yet guaranteed the number of jobs that would be saved if we accept furlough days.

UTLA and LAUSD disagree on how much the furlough days would save. LAUSD says each furlough day would save \$15 million; UTLA says it is approximately \$20 million. UTLA is also pushing for Title I money to be spent centrally to maximize its impact.

There are other factors in addition to the budget deficit. LAUSD is losing ADA money because of declining enrollment and the school giveaway motion. Also, cuts to administration will move administrators back into the classroom.

If our team negotiates an agreement, every UTLA member will have the right to vote it up or down.

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