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## UTLA working to keep our schools whole

*UTLA issued the following statement on ongoing negotiations with LAUSD to rescind layoff notices for teachers and health and human services professionals.*

UTLA's negotiation team is doing all it can to quickly reach a settlement to stabilize our schools, and UTLA is prepared to negotiate around the clock because we know that time is of the essence.

Unfortunately, LAUSD officials continue to focus on furlough days as the sole solution, ignoring other financial strategies to keep our schools whole and bring back *all* our pink-slipped members. The District's current offer of six furlough days would only restore approximately 3,200 positions, which still leaves schools short of thousands of staff members.

UTLA has identified specific pots of money that we believe can be used to restore all jobs, including \$70 million in the unrestricted spending ending balance, \$60 million in workers' compensation, \$50 million (estimated) in QEIA funds, \$25 million in further cuts to local district/central office spending, and \$10 million in unspent Tier 3 textbook carryover. That is on top of the \$150 million by which the District overstated its deficit, which LAUSD officials have acknowledged under UTLA pressure. Moreover, Governor Brown's revised state budget would provide a significant increase in school funding.

"While LAUSD officials prefer to focus on furlough days, our main priority is rescinding all the pink slips, so that our students won't face higher class sizes and suffer the loss of valued teachers and programs," said UTLA President A.J. Duffy.

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