



NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Public School Choice Report

On August 30, the LAUSD School Board called for negotiations between the District and UTLA on key elements of Public School Choice (PSC). Even though negotiations continue, we want to update our members on the “big picture” issues behind the talks.

UTLA’s priority is to prevent the destabilizing school giveaways and reconstitution of campuses while also expanding the opportunities for true local control and school-driven reform.

The underlying premise behind UTLA’s proposals is that to be successful, schools need a combination of authentic autonomies, significant supports, and a collaborative school environment, not destabilizing negative options that further demoralize the school/community in these trying times.

UTLA has presented a collection of proposals to LAUSD and has advocated for the following:

- Training for PSC schools so they can select the governance model (for example, ESBMM or Pilot) that best complements their instructional plan.
- A new governance model—Local Initiative Schools—that allows for some automatic waivers (to be determined in negotiations) to Board rules and the contract to give schools the flexibilities and autonomies they may want as part of their vision for their campus.
- Access for a much larger cohort of schools to various governance models (including the traditional model) to drive school change. Schools writing a high-quality instructional plan, including current PSC 3.0 focus schools, would receive significant resources and other assistance and be exempted from Public School Choice and/or reconstitution.

As negotiations proceed, UTLA will continue to provide updates.

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