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LAUSD RE-EMPLOYS MOST ALL CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED MARCH 15 LAYOFF NOTICES—EITHER AS TEACHERS OR AS SUBSTITUTES

LOS ANGELES - - In the face of an unprecedented California budget shortfall, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has successfully re-employed all but 337 out of 8,846 certificated employees who received layoff notices in March. The vast majority of the certificated employees—teachers, administrators, counselors and other support service personnel—have been placed back into schools or classrooms while the others—1,806—have been processed as day-to-day substitutes.

“The California budget forced us to make hard decisions. I am heartened to know that we were able to re-employ the vast majority in a teaching capacity of some kind,” said LAUSD Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines. “Our substitute ranks will be largely populated with teachers who possess both their credentials and classroom experience.”

LAUSD cut \$869 million from the 2009-2010 budget by issuing layoff notices to thousands of certificated and classified employees, raising class sizes, cancelling summer school options for middle and elementary students, and making other severe reductions. LAUSD also funneled \$113.5 million in Federal Stimulus Title I funding directly to schools to allow School Site Councils to determine if, or how many, positions would be repurchased.

“We have all worked to find solutions to our budget challenges,” Cortines added. “I am glad our Human Resources office was able to place teachers through internal job fairs, as well as process teachers as day-to-day substitutes. This situation is not ideal but we did what we could to keep teachers one way or another.”

LAUSD students showed steady progress on the 2008-2009 California Standards Tests (CST) where each demographic group of students improved its proficiency and advanced rates in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

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