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LAUSD SUPERINTENDENT BREWER STATEMENT REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS

Los Angeles – Prior to a planned demonstration by the United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA), LAUSD Superintendent David L. Brewer III urged both sides to continue negotiations at the bargaining table, and issued the following comments:

“Quality teachers are the most crucial piece of any education effort. It is important to maintain an ongoing commitment to strengthen and support these professionals and to work collaboratively with our labor unions.”

“That’s why we are pleased to have recently reached an agreement with all of our unions to add \$60 million to our commitment to health and welfare benefits for our employees. The LAUSD is proud to offer one of the most competitive health benefits packages in the nation. Moving forward, the District has offered UTLA a total compensation package that results in a 4.5% increase, outpacing the state’s annual cost of living (COLA) numbers.”

“The District has also looked to fast-track negotiations and offered to narrow the issues at the bargaining table. We remain hopeful that UTLA will engage in the same process to reduce its initial proposal which contains approximately 50 broad areas encompassing hundreds of proposed contract changes.”

“We have made significant progress within our District over the past several years, and it will be crucial to work together to continue this momentum. Our teachers are this District’s most important asset to help accomplish the shared goal common to everyone involved in the LAUSD – to provide the best possible education for our children. We look forward to working with all of our valued employees to reach an overall negotiated settlement as soon as possible.”

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