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Sent via email to: JBorsos@cta.org

Mr. John Borsos Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) 5300 Elvas Avenue Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Mr. Borsos:

I am in receipt of your September 9, 2019 email requesting to invoke section 3(a) and (b) of a November 2016 Memorandum of Understanding signed by Superintendent Banda related to assessments for the 2016-17 school year. Given that the District's good faith and timely efforts to meet with SCTA relative to this issue were attempted at various points during the 2016-17 school year, and subsequently throughout 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 in an effort to continue to work with SCTA leaders on this issue, and that SCTA has consistently refused to meet with the District, identify any negotiable impacts related to assessments, or offer other proposals related to assessments, the District has determined to again implement critical District-wide assessments to ensure that *all* of our students are provided with educational programs that meet their individual needs.

While the District remains open to hearing any specific effects that SCTA leaders believe are negotiable on this matter, just as we have over the past three years, we do not agree to invoke the fact-finding process of the 2016-2017 MOU. The District cannot continue to put assessments on hold until this matter is resolved because our students should not have to wait another two or three years for comprehensive and consistent District-wide assessments that will allow the District to comply with state and federal mandates that require that our students receive educational services tailored to their individual needs.

We hope that SCTA will work with the District on this critical mission of improving student learning through enhanced educational opportunities.

Sincerely,

Jorge A. Aguilar Superintendent