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David Fisher  
President  
Sacramento City Teachers Association  
5300 Elvas Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95819

Re: Continuing Negotiations on Reopening our Schools

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter follows the third negotiations session between the District and the Sacramento City Teachers Association (“SCTA”) on July 10, 2020 to discuss the negotiable effects of the reopening of our schools on September 3, 2020, and my [letter of July 16, 2020](#), offering dates to continue these negotiations and providing SCTA with the District’s proposed distance learning plan. As previously indicated in my July 16 letter, the District would like to meet again to continue this important work of negotiating the effects of reopening schools. Given that the District will be reopening our schools with a distance learning model on September 3, 2020, as the result of the announcement last week from Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools David Gordon and Sacramento County Department of Health Services Director Dr. Peter Beilenson that the thirteen school districts in Sacramento County open schools with a distance learning model, it is critically important that such negotiations continue.

Further, given the importance of negotiating the effects of reopening schools, on July 16, 2020, the District provided SCTA with the [District’s distance learning proposal](#) that includes high-quality instruction, structures to measure student progress, and accountability to meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all students. At the next bargaining session on reopening schools, the District’s negotiations team will be prepared to review the District’s proposed distance learning plan with the SCTA negotiations team and answer any questions you have. We also look forward to receiving a response from SCTA on the District’s July 2, 2020 proposal on health and safety conditions for returning to school, as well as the District’s proposals on New Tech High School and on our early start child development programs, and development of essential standards based lessons, all of which were previously presented to SCTA.

The District’s negotiations team for reopening our schools is available to meet with SCTA’s negotiation team on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at 4:00 p.m., or Friday, July 24, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., to continue the important work of discussing our return to school on September 3, 2020. Please let me know by end of day Wednesday, July 22, 2020, which of these dates will work for the SCTA bargaining team. While we have scheduled July 28, 2020 for negotiation on successor contract negotiations, we would like to schedule another date to negotiate around reopening our schools.

As stated in my July 16 letter, we continue to hope that SCTA will join in our commitment to a robust distance learning plan that serves the needs of all of our students. The District remains hopeful that together we will achieve the shared goal of providing our students access to the highest quality education during this pandemic, whether they are learning from home, or at our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Aguilar', with a large loop and a dot above the 'i'.

Jorge A. Aguilar  
Superintendent