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**RE:** Successor Contract Negotiations

Dear Mr. Fisher:

We appreciate SCTA's negotiations team meeting with the District's negotiations team on March 3, 2020 to begin negotiations on a successor to our Collective Bargaining Agreement. We appreciate the productive conversations between the District and SCTA during this session. SCTA requested some follow up information and documents during the session and in writing the following day, and District staff provided an initial response with information on March 18, 2020. Staff is working to provide the remaining information quickly so that you have as much of it as possible before the next bargaining session.

At our session on March 3, the District's team shared copies of the District's proposals previously submitted to SCTA between August and December 2019 and responded to any questions from SCTA on those proposals. The District's team asked for, but did not receive any written responses from SCTA to these proposals and you did not provide a date on which the District could expect proposals on these articles from SCTA. You asked about the role of the Fiscal Advisor appointed by the Sacramento County Office of Education in the negotiations process and the District responded to your questions on March 5, 2020. During the March 3 session, we also discussed the importance of working toward a common understanding of the District's budget and responding to SCTA questions about the budget. We agreed that the District would provide a budget presentation and respond to questions from the SCTA negotiations team at our next bargaining session.

The District would like to offer April 3, 2020 as the date for our next negotiation session and budget presentation at the District Office. If this date is acceptable to SCTA, Rose Ramos, Chief Business Officer for the District, will attend this session for purposes of making the budget presentation and responding to questions from SCTA. Ms. Ramos will be joined by John Gray, President, and/or Matt Phillips, Director of Management Consulting Services, both with School Services of California, Inc.

We recognize that given the school closures and shelter in place orders due to COVID-19 and our shared interest in ensuring the health and well-being of our employees, we will need to take some extra precautions and look at video conferencing options for the budget presentation. We are committed to hold this presentation and demonstrate our commitment to moving forward with the negotiations process. We can discuss various options, including holding the presentation through an appropriate streaming service, etc.

During our March 3 session, Mr. Borsos indicated that he would provide a list of topics that SCTA would like to see addressed in the District's budget presentation. To date, we have not received this list of topics. If there are specific topics and/or questions related to the District's budget that you would like Ms. Ramos to address during her presentation, please send those to us as soon as possible and no less than five (5) business days before the date for this presentation.

We look forward to our continued work together through negotiations.

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Sincerely

Jorge A. Aguilar Superintendent