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Parent Advocacy Group Announces Support for Traditional LAUSD School Calendar for 2021-2022

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest public education advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, is pleased to learn that Superintendent Austin Beutner has recommended returning to a traditional school calendar for the 2021-2022 academic year, rejecting a proposal for an extended school year. PST members spent the past several months voicing their opposition to this proposal, and are gratified that Superintendent Beutner heard their voices.

“After a year filled with tremendous loss, the decision not to add additional days to next school year will give LAUSD families additional time to heal and adapt to a world slowly regrouping from the pandemic. We hope this decision allows the District and its labor partners to immediately start working on a robust schedule for the fall, providing all students an opportunity to safely learn in the classroom with their teachers and peers,” PST co-founder Jenna Schwartz stated. “We hope the Board follows the recommendation of the superintendent and the thousands of families who expressed displeasure for an extended year.”

“Six extra days of class time and four days of teacher professional development was an insufficient measure to address the trauma of the last year and a half. This is the time to address critical needs and begin prioritizing the allocation of funds towards real mitigation measures for learning inequities, increasing mental health services, and creating smaller class sizes.” said co-founder Nicolle Fefferman.

We value our Parents Supporting Teachers group and appreciate when their voices are heard. If you would like to interview some members of the public school community, a list of contacts are included below:

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About Parents Supporting Teachers: Parents Supporting Teachers is a parent education advocacy group in Los Angeles with over 25,000 followers and is the only organically created group of this size exclusively dedicated to parent communication and education support in the entire LAUSD.