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Parents Supporting Teachers Opposes Student Centered Funding in LAUSD

Parents Supporting Teachers (PST), the largest parent advocacy group supporting Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) teachers and families, voices its strong opposition to the Student Centered Funding (SCF) model on which the school board will vote to move forward on September 14. The proposed structure ties a school's funding to student enrollment, with per-pupil amounts varying based on an assessment of a student's needs. The funding follows the students if they move to another in-district school. PST opposes this approach to funding due to inequitable impacts that are likely to come from this approach, which poses a threat to neighborhood schools and communities.

"Student Centered funding is a scheme that would result in school closures and take away from the long-term investments the district has made to support high quality public schools, said Nicolle Fefferman, co-founder. "It would treat students as commodities and take away current funding and regulations underserved schools rely on. Our students, teachers, and families deserve to be a part of a district that invests in high quality public education, values teachers, and promotes our neighborhood schools."

"As the district deals with preventing the spread of Covid-19 in schools and enforcing a vaccine mandate for teachers and eligible students, the timing of the SCF vote is completely inappropriate. This shift in budgeting will have major long-term implications on our public education system and it is being rammed through as if there is something to hide," said Jenna Schwartz, co-founder.

"In what is sadly becoming the norm, the district is combining a complex concept with a race to the finish line. If there is not even a final funding formula being presented, then how will Board Members have the knowledge available to them to vote and move forward? Is LAUSD asking the board to vote based on hypotheticals? Particularly when the General Budget in 2022/23 will be markedly different than the current one." added Schwartz.

You can learn more about SCF by visiting the Frequently Asked Questions page on our website at www.parentssupportingteachers.org.

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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. Visit www.parentssupportingteachers.org or connect with us on social media to learn more and support our shared vision for equitable and inclusive LAUSD schools.