

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to, or pending before, a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is working toward re-opening its schools for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, LAUSD has adopted a safety plan and is negotiating with the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) regarding the criteria for meeting its goal of re-opening on April 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, California governor Gavin Newsom and state legislative leaders have announced a \$2 billion dollar plan to reward schools that are able to re-open in-person instruction through the second grade by April 1 and to provide an additional \$4.6 billion statewide for expenses associated with completing the current school year in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the state plan reduces the reward to districts each day after April 1 which fail to meet the opening date goal, which will reduce districts' abilities to secure safety equipment for classrooms; and

WHEREAS, two major issues are impeding LAUSD's ability to come to an agreement with UTLA regarding a reopening date, vaccination of teachers and staff and Los Angeles County's ongoing purple tier COVID-19 infection rate; and

WHEREAS, while reducing the overall infection rate is subject to a variety of influences, not the least of which is the behavior of the county's residents, the number of LAUSD staff receiving vaccinations is a matter of policy and logistics subject to the control of decision makers; and

WHEREAS, the state's plan to reserve 10% of available vaccinations for educators (with 25,000 estimated for LAUSD) in the coming weeks, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) setting aside of days at its Cal State University-Los Angeles vaccination site for educators will not meet UTLA's goal of full vaccination in time for an April 9th opening; and

WHEREAS, the state's plan currently targets LAUSD early education and elementary school staff but does not include staff for middle and high school staff who may have to wait additional weeks or months to be vaccinated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021 – 2022 State and Federal Legislative Program support for any legislation and administrative action by the Los Angeles County and FEMA to increase their allocations to educators in numbers sufficient that LAUSD can meet its goal of having all staff ready for an April 9th re-opening of in-person instruction.

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