



“Voices from the Community”

DailyNews LOS ANGELES

[A UTLA strike will accomplish nothing. LAUSD, UTLA should compromise](#)

Los Angeles Daily News – Editorial Board
December 31, 2018

“The reality is that the LAUSD’s finances are unsustainable as they currently stand. In fact, the district is on such poor fiscal footing that there’s a real possibility the district could be taken over by the state ...

“The district, for as bad a position as it’s in, is still offering LAUSD teachers a raise of 6 percent. But the United Teachers Los Angeles isn’t satisfied and has instead set a strike date of Jan.10.

“It’s not clear what a strike would accomplish beyond showing that the union is willing to disrupt the education of Los Angeles students.”

Los Angeles Times

[A report that offers a path to compromise at L.A. Unified](#)

Los Angeles Times – Editorial Board
December 20, 2018

“The bigger question, though, is what the union’s goal is, and why it was so eager to set a strike date before sitting down with the fact-finder’s report and trying to hammer out a reasonable bargain. The district has nothing to gain from a strike; parents fear it, and a walkout of even a couple of weeks could be devastating to students.”

LA SCHOOL REPORT

[Instead of striking, our energy is better used in finding consensus and building support for our public education](#)

LA School Report – Dr. Roberta Benjamin Edwards, former teacher and retired administrator, L.A. Unified
December 12, 2018

“As UTLA continues to march relentlessly toward a strike, I know the issues are real. I’ve lived them. But the only path to solve them is to collaborate. A strike will not solve

anything. UTLA should allow its members to vote again on such an important decision as they did in 1989. And they should make sure its members have all the facts of what LA Unified is offering.”

Los Angeles Times

[If Los Angeles teachers strike, poor students will lose](#)

Los Angeles Times – Fred Ali, President and CEO, Weingart Foundation; Antonia Hernandez, President and CEO, California Community Foundation; Robert K. Ross, President and CEO, California Endowment
December 28, 2018

“There is still hope that an agreement can be reached. A fact-finding report provided by a neutral third party has outlined a path forward. We urge the teachers union and the district to use it as a framework for an agreement.

Elected officials, along with civic, business and philanthropic leaders, need to put pressure on both the school district and the teachers union to resolve their differences and avert this strike.”

Los Angeles Times

[If L.A. families were at the negotiating table, they'd tell teachers not to strike](#)

Los Angeles Times – Gloria Molina, Former Los Angeles County Supervisor
September 7, 2018

“As we get closer to the possibility of a strike by the teachers of the L.A. Unified School District, I want to speak up on behalf of these working families and immigrant families — because they will feel it acutely if teachers walk out.”



[Democrats in California need to lead on education](#)

The Hill – Arne Duncan, Former Secretary of Education for President Barack Obama
December 26, 2018

“Let’s never forget the impact of a potential strike on Los Angeles’ most vulnerable students. Students who live in poverty and who are already behind will spend days or weeks not learning in the classroom.

California is a state near the bottom of when it comes to school funding and performance. Fixing this crisis is going to require great teachers and more resources. Now that Democrats are in charge in historic proportion in California, it is up to the Democratic state leaders in Sacramento to lead on education.”



[Compromise Is the Best Solution for Our Kids in Battle Between LAUSD Teachers and Administration](#)

Los Angeles Sentinel - Areva Martin, Esq., President and Co-Founder, Special Needs Network
December 27, 2018

“What’s the best course of action? Well, a state-appointed factfinding panel evaluated the union and the district’s contract proposals. It also evaluated the school districts books. Its recommendation: The teachers union should accept the district’s offer of a 6 percent pay raise. I strongly agree.”