



Bargaining Update #5



United Teachers of Pasadena

March 8, 2010

The following letter was sent by UTP to the Board President and Superintendent in yet another effort to reach a contract settlement through direct bargaining rather than through mediation. Check with your UTP Representative for small group meeting dates at your site to discuss this latest development.

March 5, 2010

Mr. Tom Selinske, Board of Education President
Mr. Edwin Diaz, Superintendent of Schools
Pasadena Unified School District
351 South Hudson Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mr. Selinske and Mr. Diaz:

As expressed in earlier communications to you, United Teachers of Pasadena strongly disagrees that the current negotiations between UTP and PUSD have reached an impasse. The union continues to believe there is an opportunity to reach a settlement without the assistance of a state mediator. Although PERB has authorized impasse, the regional attorney has recommended the parties return to the table. UTP agrees that returning to the table for direct negotiations – not mediation- is appropriate.

Although significant issues remain on the table, it is in everyone's interest (UTP members, district, students and community) to resolve the current negotiations as soon as possible.

UTP recognizes that hard bargaining is necessary to reach a settlement, but the potential for success is worth our mutual efforts. Therefore, I call upon you to authorize your bargaining team representatives to contact UTP immediately with available dates for negotiations. UTP continues to be available on the dates previously scheduled for negotiations: March 23, 25, and 30, April 20 and 30, and May 7 and 27. We are also ready to get back to the table on additional dates that are mutually agreeable.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Leming

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Acting President

cc: UTP Executive Board
UTP Bargaining Team
Roberto Gallegos, CTA UniServ Staff
PUSD Board Members

Though the District's timing in declaring impasse during the parcel tax campaign could not have been worse, our coordinated response now is absolutely critical. We must insist upon a return to the table to reach a Contract settlement and we must do everything in our power to pass Measure CC. We must put our energy into these dual goals if we want to see change! Every member in the UTP bargaining unit will be called upon in the days ahead to support the activities necessary for Contract settlement and passage of the parcel tax. Get informed- Get Organized-Get Active! Let the public know that UTP MEMBERS STAND UP FOR SCHOOLS!