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August 16, 2021

Via E-Mail: jborsos@cta.org

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Re: Reopening District Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year

Dear Mr. Borsos,

This letter responds to your [email](#) to the District's Lead Negotiator, Pam Manwiller, and In House Counsel, Raoul Bozio, on August 11, 2021. In your email, you indicated that SCTA declined to meet with the District's negotiations team on August 11th because you did not believe that bargaining would be productive.

[June 27, 2021](#)

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and as our team has repeatedly explained to you at the bargaining table, the District is legally mandated to reopen schools and to offer an independent study program. The District has not received a proposal from SCTA regarding any negotiable effects of neither our obligation to reopen our school nor the implementation of the state mandated independent study.

We have explained that the District's schools will reopen for our students on September 2, 2021, consistent with the COVID-19 safety mitigation orders and guidelines issued by the [California Department of Public Health \("CDPH"\)](#) and the [Sacramento County Public Health Department \("SCPHD"\)](#). We have shared with you the [District's Health and Safety Plan](#), and our Director of Health Services, Victoria Flores, has walked through such plan and answered questions from SCTA on the plan at two recent negotiations sessions.

On August 10, 2021, SCTA presented to the District during negotiations a [list of twenty-four "issues that need to be resolved prior to the commencement of school."](#) It appears that SCTA's list is attempting to identify the impacts of the District's plan to reopen

