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RE: Resuming Successor Contract Negotiations and Budget Presentation

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Dear Mr. Fisher:

*Leticia Garcia
Trustee Area 2*

This letter responds to the [email sent to the District on April 24, 2020](#), by the Executive Director of the Sacramento City Teachers Association (“SCTA”), John Borsos, responding to my [letter of April 17, 2020](#) where I requested that SCTA resume meetings with the District on negotiations for a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and SCTA. As you know, the District has been requesting to begin successor contract negotiations with SCTA since November 2018. Unfortunately, to date, we have only had one negotiations session with SCTA on a successor contract—March 3, 2020.

*Mai Vang
Trustee Area 5*

*Darrel Woo
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During our March 3, 2020 session, the parties discussed working toward a common understanding of the District’s budget and responding to SCTA questions about the budget. We agreed that the District would provide a budget presentation and respond to questions from the SCTA negotiations team at our next bargaining session. On [March 24, 2020](#), the District proposed to SCTA that this budget presentation occur on April 3, 2020. SCTA did not respond

*Olivia Ang-Olson
Student Board Member*

The Governor's May Revise issued on May 14, 2020 confirms our new reality that the District can expect a 10% reduction to LCFF funding. The 2019-20 Third Interim Financial Report will be presented to the Board at the May 21, 2020 Board meeting and will demonstrate in detail how these scenarios impact the District's budget.

Contrary to the recommendations by FCMAT, the guidance from the State's Department of Finance, and the reality of the Governor's May Revise released on Thursday, May 14, according to a recent SCTA Messenger, SCTA leaders appear to believe that the District's budget situation has actually improved during this pandemic and that the District has received a "\$16 million 'Gift Horse' from the federal government. Nothing could be further from the truth. The one-time dollars that we receive from the federal government are intended to help ease, for the short-term, the significant cuts to school district funding that Governor Newsom shared today.

The District's budget situation was dire before this pandemic. It is even more so now. While SCTA may continue to claim that the District's financial situation is improving, the reality is drastically different. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our budget, there was no denying that the District's budget situation is dire. That has been confirmed by 20w. While SCTA may