

UTLA: Time for Deasy Accountability as the School Board Conducts His Annual Evaluation

Every October LAUSD's Board of Education has the opportunity to evaluate the Superintendent to determine if his work is "satisfactory" in order to roll over his contract for another year. UTLA finds it curious that Deasy is publically questioning his ability to work effectively with the school board just as his annual evaluation is about to take place.

Hasn't he done this before?

John Deasy holds teachers accountable for their classroom programs, yet he cries foul when serious questions are raised by his supervisors—the school board and the community, about the multimillion dollar programs for which he is responsible. Deasy must be held accountable for the iPad fiasco and MiSiS crisis. His attempt to spread blame to the school board by filing a public records request for their emails related to the iPad program is a smoke screen.

UTLA calls on the school board to hold Deasy accountable for these unilateral decisions, just as he demands that teachers be held accountable:

- The MISIS Program - messing up the beginning of the school year (students without schedules, special needs students without classes and students without transcripts) and demonstrating no capacity for fixing the problems six weeks into the school year.
- The iPad Program – potential illegalities in bidding, using bond money inappropriately, and tying the iPads to a *testing agenda*, as opposed to a critical thinking agenda, where most students have only used them for purposes of standardized testing.
- Destabilizing schools and student programs through teacher jail and top-down reconstitutions of schools (in which he also targets union leaders).
- Delivering deceptive robocalls and e-mails to rank and file educators about bargaining, with misleading statements about district proposals. He also claimed that LAUSD provides "competitive" salaries, when we actually rank 47 out of 47 among unified school districts in LA County.
- Offering an unacceptable 2% pay increase to LAUSD educators who have not had a raise in 7 years. Deasy has received a 19% pay increase in the last 4 years, and that doesn't include other increases in his overall compensation package which have added tens of thousands of dollars to what taxpayers are shelling out to keep Deasy in Los Angeles.