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January 25, 2019

Dear TAS Community:

On behalf of the entire board, I'm writing to thank you for the patience and support you've shown for our school, our students and our teachers.

I had hoped to have a positive update today. However, as of now, our teachers are still on strike.

In the meantime, TAS is open – and will remain open -- providing students with a safe, learning environment with lesson plans that are standards-based. We have been making the best of a difficult situation to ensure every child's education is as minimally impacted as possible.

Since our founding, our mission at TAS has been to accelerate our student towards college and career. More than 90 percent of our seniors get accepted into college every year -- a credit to our small class sizes, quality teachers, and high standards of academic excellence.

Our teachers share our commitment to the long-term success of our students. That's why we presented a new proposal to UTLA this week that offers:

- A \$10,000 annual bonus for the next 3 years, totaling \$30,000 for every teacher that returns to TAS
- An increase of every teacher's health benefits coverage up to \$17,000 a year for a teacher with a family of 4
- An invitation for current teachers to return next year.
- A \$10,000 severance compensation to teachers not offered a contract in future years.

This latest offer is in addition to the salary increase agreed to back in March 2018 which resulted in a double-digit raise for most teachers.

It is our hope that this offer will put an end to the strike and encourage our teachers to return to the classroom with their students.

In closing, it is an honor to serve on the Board for TAS, and we promise to work around the clock to find a resolution that continues to put our students first.

Juli Quinn, PhD  
President, Board of Trustees  
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Estimada comunidad TAS:

En nombre de toda la junta directiva, les escribo para agradecerle la paciencia y el apoyo que ha demostrado para nuestra escuela, alumnos y maestros.

Esperaba tener una noticia actual positiva hoy. Sin embargo, nuestros maestros todavía están en huelga.

Mientras tanto, todas nuestras escuelas TAS, ACES, WAHS, y continuara abiertas, brindando a los estudiantes un entorno seguro y aprendizaje con lecciones basados en los estándares escolares. Hemos hecho lo mejor de una situación difícil para garantizar que la educación de todos nuestros estudiantes sea mínimamente impactada.

Desde nuestra fundación, nuestra misión en TAS ha sido acelerar a nuestros estudiantes hacia la universidad y sus carreras. Más del 90 por ciento de nuestros estudiantes son aceptados en la universidad cada año, esto se le acredita a clases pequeñas, maestros de calidad y a los niveles altos de excelencia académica.

Nuestros maestros comparten nuestro compromiso con el éxito a largo plazo de nuestros estudiantes. Por eso presentamos una nueva propuesta al sindicato de UTLA esta semana que ofrece:

- Un bono anual de \$10,000 para los próximos 3 años, con un total de \$30,000 por cada maestro que regresa a TAS
- Un aumento en la cobertura médica de todos los maestros hasta \$17,000 por año para un maestro con una familia de 4 miembros.
- Una invitación para los maestros actuales que regresen el próximo año escolar.
- Una indemnización por despido de \$10,000 a quienes no se le ofrezca un contrato en futuros años.

Esta última oferta se suma al aumento de salario ya acordado en marzo de 2018, que resultó en un aumento de dos dígitos para la mayoría de los maestros.

Esperamos que esta oferta ponga fin a la huelga y anime a nuestros maestros a regresar al salón de con sus estudiantes.

Para concluir, es un honor servir en la Junta para TAS, y nos comprometemos a trabajar todo el día para encontrar una resolución que siga poniendo a nuestros estudiantes en primer lugar.

Juli Quinn, PhD  
Presidente, Consejo de Administración  
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