



**THE
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SCHOOLS**

STATEMENT FROM JOHNATHAN WILLIAMS, CO-FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE ACCELERATED SCHOOLS

TAS Co-Founder and CEO Johnathan Williams released the following statement today:

The Accelerated Schools is disheartened that the United Teachers Los Angeles leadership has called for a strike, putting our students and families in the middle of contract demands.

TAS and UTLA have already agreed on salary. Back in March 2018, TAS and its teachers agreed on a three-year contract for a significant salary raise of more than 17%, which teachers now enjoy. Under TAS' pending proposal for health benefits and life insurance, teachers could receive more than \$17,000 per year in benefits coverage.

In hopes of averting a strike, TAS presented UTLA with a new offer that included a process for teachers with strong performance evaluations to receive a guaranteed two-year contract with a \$2,000 bonus upon completion. UTLA refused the offer.

Teachers who are doing a great job for students will always have a place at TAS. On behalf of our students, we implore UTLA to work with us to find a reasonable resolution that puts kids first.

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