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Dear SCUSD Families:

I am pleased to announce that the district and the Sacramento City Teachers Association have reached a tentative agreement on wages and compensation. Pending Board of Education approval, the tentative agreement provides a salary increase for our hard-working employees and gives teachers dedicated time every week to get together and develop plans to improve student achievement and outcomes.

To accommodate this collaborative time, we will be adjusting bell schedules for the fall and releasing students about 48 minutes earlier on Thursdays. Students will stay in school about 12 minutes longer all other days.

Research shows that by providing dedicated time, teachers can strengthen their practice and improve student academic performance. These weekly planning sessions are vital to helping our schools maximize their full potential to teach and support students. Teachers will be better supported, too, and students will benefit from this collective approach to learning.

The details are still being worked out for each school. Over the summer, we will be working with our after-school programs and our transportation department to ensure a seamless transition.

Please check back with your school for an exact bell schedule for the 2016-17 year.

Thank you for your support of our district. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

José L. Banda
Superintendent