

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

TO: All Principals

DATE: July 20, 2011

FROM: Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent

SUBJECT: REVISED HOMEWORK POLICY

I wanted you to be the first to know that I have decided to revise the homework policy so that we can adequately craft and vet it. I will release the following statement to the news media tomorrow:

“After careful consideration, I have decided to postpone implementation of the District’s homework policy. While well-intended, I am not confident that the initial policy received sufficient comments and general input from parents, teachers, and board members. We cannot and will not implement a policy of this magnitude without actively soliciting and incorporating recommendations from our key constituencies.

Though I wasn’t Superintendent during the period the initial policy was developed, my decision is in no way meant to cast aspersions on the work that went before in this policy’s development.

I continue to believe that this District needs a policy that properly balances homework with other critical factors – tests, classroom participation, and others – in determining student performance. Accordingly, I have asked Jaime Aquino, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, to lead the effort to craft a homework policy for LAUSD. This effort will be conducted in close consultation with parents, teachers, administrators, and board members. I will ask Mr. Aquino to have a draft of the policy to me by January 1, 2012, with the intention of taking it to the Board for a vote by March 1. Adhering to this schedule will enable the District to introduce the new policy in time for the 2012-2013 year.”

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