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# News Release

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## **DEASY ASKS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER RACE TO THE TOP GRANT DESPITE NO UTLA SUPPORT**

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy today sent an application accompanied by a letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan asking that the Department of Education consider the District's application for \$40 million in Race to the Top funds, despite the grant request not having received the support of United Teachers, Los Angeles.

"Although UTLA refused to be a partner in this critically important grant," said Deasy, "I will advocate for it on behalf of the administrators, students, and faculty of this District. To that end, I have instructed staff to submit an application with all required signatures except that of the teacher's union."

"I am seeking the support of the DOE to hire hundreds of faculty to support the absolute rights of all youth to a quality education," added the Superintendent.

Deasy pointed out that the grant, which received the unanimous support of the Board of Education, would better enable youth across the District to remain on track to graduate college-prepared and career-ready, which is a promise his administration has made to the families of more than 650,000 LAUSD students.

"I want to make the case that here in Los Angeles, after months of trying repeatedly to form a partnership for youth and faculty on this issue our students should not be penalized due to the absence of a UTLA signature," said Deasy.

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