

LAUSD ACTION

Frequently Asked Questions

Timeline

- November 1, 2011 – Original Writ filed
- November 21, 2011 – Hearing to schedule dates for judicial review of Amended Writ
- June 1, 2012 – Final Hearing on Petition

Who is the action being taken against?

- John Deasy, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and its Members
 - Monica Garcia
 - Tamar Galatzan
 - Bennett Kayser
 - Marguerite La Motte
 - Nury Martinez
 - Richard Vladovic
 - Steve Zimmer

Who is taking the action?

- At least 8 students and their parents, as well as other adults who have paid taxes for a school system that has chronically failed to comply with the law.
- For fear of retribution to their children, all but one of the plaintiffs will remain anonymous.
- All of the students represented live in different parts of the District and are different ages. Nevertheless, 2/3 of the schools within their respective residence areas are in the lowest two deciles of achievement statewide.

What are the demands?

- Implement a comprehensive evaluation of all certificated employees' performance with all the Stull Act mandated factors, including but not limited to measures of pupil progress.
- Nullify elements of any agreements and contracts between the District and AALA or UTLA that includes an evaluation system that does not fully comply with the Stull Act in California law.
- Begin process to lawfully evaluate all certificated personnel regardless of tenure status, as soon as practicable.
- Provide recommendations and support for any employee who receives an unsatisfactory evaluation.

What is the foundation of the argument?

General Summary

- The forty year old law, known as the Stull Act as amended by AB 1x-1, Chapter 4, Statutes of 1999 (Villaraigosa, et al.) requires the governing board of each school district to:
 - Establish standards of expected pupil achievement at each grade level in each area of study; and
 - Evaluate and assess certificated employee performance as it reasonably relates to various factors, including the progress of pupils toward the standards adopted by the district and, if applicable, pupil progress toward the state adopted academic content standards as measured by criterion-referenced assessments.
- In forty years, the LAUSD has never fully complied with the Stull Act's mandate.
- LAUSD, in collusion with the school administrators' and teachers' associations (AALA and UTLA, respectively), have made it impossible through unlawful provisions of collective bargaining agreements to evaluate all certificated personnel and provide essential interventions for those assessed as unsatisfactory.
- The Constitutional guarantee of basic educational equality and opportunity to learn for all California's children is compromised, particularly for the disenfranchised and socio-economically disadvantaged children.
- All prerequisites for an evaluation system that complies with the Stull Act are in place.
- The LAUSD does not have authority to pick and choose what state laws to follow and what laws to violate. The District has violated statutory law with respect to its duty to the children and the mandate to provide help to certificated staff with unsatisfactory on-the-job performance ratings that were derived from lawfully compliant evaluations.

For more information, the amended writ is available for review [here](#).