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## **Councilmember Koretz Introduces Resolution Calling for Prioritization of Vaccinations to Help LAUSD Meet Reopening April 9<sup>th</sup> Goal to Include All Students**

**Los Angeles, CA, March 3, 2021** - Today Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz introduced a Resolution calling upon the state, Los Angeles County and FEMA to increase their allocations to educators in numbers sufficient that LAUSD can meet its goal of having all staff ready for an April 9<sup>th</sup> re-opening of in-person instruction. The LAUSD's current goal is to accommodate Early Childhood/K-6th grades. Today's Resolution aims to bolster adequate vaccinations of all staff to not only help meet LAUSD's current goal but to also vaccinate remaining staff to reopen Middle Schools and High Schools by that April 9<sup>th</sup> goal, or shortly thereafter.

Recently, LAUSD announced that it was working toward re-opening in-person instruction with an April 9<sup>th</sup> goal that includes vaccinating all educators and personnel for elementary and early childhood education centers in the District. However, the state's plan to reserve 10% of available vaccinations for educators (with 25,000 estimated for LAUSD) in the coming weeks, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) setting aside of days at its Cal State University-Los Angeles vaccination site for educators leaves out reopening of many thousands of LAUSD's Middle- and High School students. Therefore, Councilmember Koretz's resolution calls for significantly more than 10% of total vaccinations to be set aside for educators and staff in order to allow Middle- and High Schools to reopen as close as possible to the April 9<sup>th</sup> goal.

"The students of Los Angeles have been without in-person learning for nearly nine months and the academic, social and emotional impacts of isolation and remote learning may prove to have deleterious effects on their overall well-being," said Councilmember Paul Koretz. "It is my personal belief that getting the schools open is a major priority, but we must do everything we can to ensure their safety and the safety of instructors and faculty in the process. Today's resolution is part of my commitment to the families of Los Angeles to help LAUSD get schools open as soon as possible, including prioritizing vaccinations for all teachers and personnel."

Go to Councilmember Koretz's official Facebook page to hear him talk about today's Resolution <https://www.facebook.com/PaulKoretz5>

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