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STATEMENT FROM AMA NYAMEKYE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATORS 4 EXCELLENCE-LOS ANGELES, ON TEACHER EVALUATION IMPLEMENTATION

LAUSD is taking decisive steps to address the issue of equity in our schools. Students deserve access to great instruction and teachers deserve meaningful feedback and support to improve their practice. A better educator evaluation system is essential to ensuring equity.

Though we don't know all of the details for all evaluation measures, basing 30% of the evaluation on student achievement data sends a powerful message--student growth and success is the aim of our work as educators. Our members are excited to see their recommendations for capturing multiple measures of student progress, including locally-determined assessments, as part of this plan.

However, this is simply the beginning of an ongoing discussion on how to provide the best education possible for all students. As we move forward in the implementation process, we must explore how we can best use evaluations to meet school and individual goals for accelerating achievement. Educators 4 Excellence members look forward to participating in the continued refinement of this evaluation tool to ensure equity across our large and diverse district.

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