

November 15, 2018

Dear Acero Parents and Families,

The Chicago Teachers Union yesterday announced plans to strike on Tuesday, Dec. 4. While we are disappointed that they are choosing to strike, we are not entirely surprised. Based on statements made by the CTU, they are focused on making an example out of charter schools.

We still have bargaining sessions scheduled this month and are asking for additional bargaining days. There remains opportunity to work toward an agreement and avoid a strike.

Acero Schools remains deeply committed to this important process. We are working to arrive at fair and reasonable compensation agreements while also maintaining student instructional time and holding on to the professional development and coaching priorities that keep mastery at the forefront of everything we do.

We must, however, be prepared if the union chooses to walk away from the table and strike. We are completing contingency plans in the event of a strike and will share those plans with you next week.

We regret the concern and inconvenience this causes you and thank you for your patience and understanding. We won't stop working for what's in the best interest of students.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

Christine Díaz
Chief Education Officer

School Principals

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Matthew Katz, Tamayo
Molly Robinson, Cruz
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