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Acero Schools and CTU Reach Tentative Agreement

Classes expected to resume on Monday

Acero Schools' CEO Richard L. Rodriguez announced early this morning that the charter school network and CTU-ACTs reached a tentative contract agreement pending a CTU-Acts vote. Classes are expected to resume at Acero's 15 schools on Monday, Dec. 10.

"Thanks to hard work and very long hours from both bargaining teams, we were able to reach an agreement that values teachers and staff for the important work they do, while still maintaining the attributes of our network that help produce strong educational outcomes for our students," he said. "Most important for all of us and the families and communities we serve, we can now get students back into the classroom, where they belong."

The parties agreed to raises for teachers and staff annually over the four-year term of the contract. Acero Schools agreed to CTU-ACTs request to shorten the school year to more closely align with CPS. In addition, the teacher's work day will be reduced. However, through changes in the way the school day is structured, Acero Schools was able to preserve the amount of instructional time for students.

Further memorializing its previous practices, Acero Schools agreed to incorporate a sanctuary schools provision in its contract with teachers.

"We know it has been a difficult week for everyone, especially our Acero students and families," said Rodriguez. "We thank them for their patience and understanding throughout this process."

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