



A Joint Communique from the LaBUFA and LBUSD Bargaining Teams

Negotiation Session: May 15, 2026

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Summary:

The District and the Association are committed to Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB). These techniques have proven beneficial for opening lines of communication, sharing information, and building trust. This process includes sharing background and perspectives, identifying mutual interests, and exploring a wide variety of options, leading to a consensus-based decision-making process. Both sides believe the IBB process has improved the relationship and produced a better collective bargaining agreement. The teams met for day four of negotiations and discussed the following topics:

Article 19 Fringe Benefits:

The teams discussed the story, interest, and options for rates, plan design, and the cap structure for employee/employer contributions.

The teams look forward to reconvening negotiations on day five on May 20, 2026.