



Chapter 1: **Healthy Employees Keep Our District Thriving**

As part of our ongoing effort to keep you informed about the investments being made on behalf of L.A. Unified students, families, and staff, we are initiating a new series of weekly updates: **“Employees’ Connection.”** This week’s communication focuses on investments in employees’ health.

Healthy employees keep our district thriving. We encourage everyone to take time this fall to maintain your physical and mental health, rejuvenate, and spend time with loved ones. You must first take care of yourself in order to take care of others.

This week, the District held its third health and welfare bargaining session. We presented our initial proposal, available [here](#), which would maintain a \$1.1 billion annual contribution for health and welfare spending for 2018, 2019, and 2020. This proposal would enable employees and retirees to continue receiving their current level of health coverage over the next three years. While proposals do not become finalized until an agreement is reached, we look forward to working collaboratively with our labor partners to support our valued employees. Our next bargaining session is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Please know that your hard work, long hours, specialized skillset, and steadfast dedication to our students is noticed and most deeply appreciated.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Vivian Ekchian, Acting Superintendent

