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LAUSD calls special forum to discuss local concerns with the No Child Left Behind Act and the need for reform

(Los Angeles) – Trustees of the Los Angeles Unified School District’s Committee of the Whole, along with members of Congress and the Legislature, will discuss local consequences of the No Child Left Behind Act and how best to respond at a special forum from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the LAUSD administration offices at 333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles. The event will also be televised live on KLCS Channel 58 starting at 1 p.m.

Education experts and policymakers will highlight some of the law’s more troublesome provisions and outline possible reforms. Originally intended to hold schools accountable for student achievement on standardized tests, NCLB has proven difficult and costly to implement at the local level as districts across the country struggle to comply with its complex restrictions and requirements.

All California schools, even the most high-achieving and affluent, are projected to fail NCLB’s escalating requirements over the next 10 years and face federal sanctions. However, recently appointed U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings has indicated she is willing to work with the states to make the law more workable at the local level.

The meeting will be chaired by LAUSD board member **David Tokofsky**. Among the education experts scheduled to address the board are **Rick Pratt**, assistant executive director, governmental relations for the California School Boards Association and **Holly Jacobson**, CSBA’s assistant executive director, policy analysis and continuing education. Members of the media are invited to attend.

**The Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Trustees
The No Child Left Behind Act and the Need for Reform
1-3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17
LAUSD Administration Office, 333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles**

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