Update on Contract Negotiations
The District instructional negotiating team has met with USEP’s team 11 times since opening negotiations on June 16, and the non-instructional teams have met 6 times. As of Wednesday, August 27, all of the district’s non-economic proposals are on the table. We have yet to reach agreement on two of our top priorities – smoke-free schools and limiting mid-year transfers for instructional employees. The other two – year-round pay schedule for teachers, rather than a 10-month pay schedule, and termination of the early retirement option – will be discussed with the economic package.

The District is expecting the union’s economic proposal soon, but we have not received one yet. We are eager to see something so employees can get raises sooner rather than later. Additionally, the District put its proposal regarding teacher evaluations on the table on August 21, and to date has not received a response. We will continue to meet with the union to finalize plans for the evaluation process because it is our goal to communicate plans for this year’s evaluation process as soon as possible.

Revised Travel Guidelines
The District emailed the rewritten travel guidelines to all administrators today. Talk to your site administrator if you are interested in getting more details.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month
Suicide is preventable. When all adults and students in the school community are committed to making suicide prevention a priority—and are empowered to take the correct actions—we can help youth before they engage in behavior with irreversible consequences. Click here for more information about suicide prevention, or talk to a Student Services team member to learn more about preventing suicide.