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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYDNEY VALERIO, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, and on behalf of the general public,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LOS ANGELES EDUCATION CORPS, a California Corporation, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive.

Defendants.

CASE NO.: 25STCV02084

[~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT

Date: October 14, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dept.: 11

~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION SETTLEMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Court grants preliminary approval and conditional certification of the Class defined as: "all current and former non-exempt employees of Defendant who worked for Defendant in California at any time during the Class Period (January 24, 2021 through February 15, 2026)."
2. The Parties confirm and agree that the Escalator Clause in paragraph 9 of the Amended Settlement Agreement has not been triggered.
3. The Aggrieved Employees are defined as: "all current and former non-exempt California employees of Defendant who worked for Defendant during the PAGA Period (January 21, 2024 through February 15, 2026)."
4. The Court grants preliminary approval of Plaintiff Sydney Valerio as Class Representative;
5. The Court grants preliminary approval of Otkupman Law Firm, A Law Corporation, as Class Counsel;
6. The Court grants preliminary approval of Settlement of claims as set forth in the Settlement Agreement;
7. The Court approves the proposed Class Notice and Exclusion Form;
8. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Gross Settlement Amount of $330,000.00;
9. The Court grants preliminary approval of Apex Class Action LLC ("Apex") as Settlement Administrator and payment of service in an amount up to $15,000.00 (currently estimated to be $5,990.00);
10. The Court grants preliminary approval of a Class Representative Service Payment to Plaintiff Sydney Valerio in an amount up to $10,000.00;
11. The Court grants preliminary approval of the payment to Class Counsel of reasonable attorney's fees of $108,900.00 and costs up to $20,000.00;
12. The Court grants preliminary approval of the PAGA Payment in the amount of $25,000.00.

Sixty-five percent (65%) of this amount will be paid to the LWDA and thirty-five percent (35%) of this amount will be paid to the Aggrieved Employees on a pro rata basis.

13. The Court approves the amounts as set forth in the table below:

Description	**Amount**
Gross Settlement Amount	$330,000.00
Administration Costs	$15,000.00
Class Representative Service Payment	$10,000.00
Attorney's Fees	$108,900.00
Attorney's Costs	$20,000.00
PAGA Penalties	$25,000.00
Net Settlement Amount	$151,100.00

14. The Court grants the schedule for implementation of the terms of the Settlement Agreement and sets a hearing on final approval on June 30, 2027 at 10:00 a.m. in Department 11. Plaintiff must file the Motion for Final Approval and supporting documents by no later than May 26, 2027.

DATED: 11/02/2026

HON. JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Honorable Bruce G. Iwasaki