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Dear Teachers, students and community members of greater Sacramento,

The Association of Raza Educators- Sacramento stands in solidarity with the striking teachers of Natomas Unified School District and Twin Rivers Unified School District and honors the right for their teachers to be represented by the Natomas Teachers Association and Twin Rivers United Educators, respectively. The Association of Raza Educators (A.R.E) is a group of public school educators, university professors, students, and community allies committed to using education as a tool for the liberation of our community. A.R.E. believes that education is essential to the preservation of our civil and human rights and supporting our teachers is essential to developing educated and civically engaged students and citizens.

We join the broader education community in demanding for teachers in Natomas and Twin Rivers Unified School Districts:

- Living wages for teachers and staff
- Fully funded healthcare benefits
- Access to essential support staff (social workers, school nurses, librarians, bilingual educators, special education educators...etc.)
- Smaller class sizes

These demands are necessary to make a teaching career a viable option for people from all backgrounds. A significant number of teachers leave the profession and a survey by the California Teachers Association showed that 40% of teachers are considering leaving the profession within the next few years with nearly half citing financial reasons as the primary cause (2026 The State of California's Public Schools). Sacramento has one of the most diverse student populations and we must support schools as a stable, safe and consistent place to learn. Institutional changes are required to support our teachers and educators to allow them to focus on teaching our children in the K-12 system.

A.R.E. -Sacramento stands with the teachers of Natomas and Twin Rivers Unified School District!

¡Sí se puede!

In solidarity,

A.R.E. - Sacramento