

UTLA BARGAINING

FLASH



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When did SURVIVAL become the bar?

Without a pay raise, our purchasing power is slipping

Last year, LAUSD received a 4.53% cost-of-living adjustment and gave ZERO of it to our members. It's simple economics: Prices are going up. Our salaries are staying the same. *UTLA members are having to spend more money every month just to stay even.* Many families who never had problems before are struggling to keep their heads above water.

Cuts to health care would put us further behind

We all depend on our health care to keep ourselves and our families healthy. *At a time when every penny counts, LAUSD wants to cut our coverage and force us to take more money out of our pockets to pay for it.* That means our families will have an even tougher time making ends meet.

Other school districts are putting their teachers and students first

LAUSD is pleading poverty left and right, but the fact is, *even in these uncertain economic times, virtually every other school district in the county gave pay raises last year.* By protecting their teachers and health and human services professionals, they are protecting the future of their school district. Student learning will suffer in LAUSD if experienced educators are forced to go to neighboring school districts for their families to survive.

How we can THRIVE, not just SURVIVE

Help win a fair pay raise and save our health care by joining the fight.

- Wear red every Tuesday to show unity.
- Ask your chapter chair what you can do to help organize your school.
- Attend every chapter meeting for vital information about contract talks.
- Stay informed by reading the UNITED TEACHER and checking out utla.net.
- Chapter chairs should be sure to attend the October 15 Area meeting or send a designee.
- Get ready for parent outreach at your school in October.

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