

Message from

the President

Dear UTLA member:

I won't mince words. We are in the fight of our lives with this state budget crisis.

On June 6 UTLA will be taking an unprecedented action to protest the proposed state budget cuts. On that day, UTLA members all over the District will stay outside of school with our parent/community allies and picket for the first hour of school.

We will be sharing more details of the June 6 action in the coming days, but I wanted to reach out to you personally and let you know how important it is that EVERY UTLA member participates in this action.

Here's what's at stake if the budget cuts go through:

- **There will be NO RAISES for the foreseeable future. In fact, LAUSD may try to cut our pay, as it did in 1993-1994.**
- **LAUSD will aggressively move to cut your health care benefits.**
- **Class sizes will increase dramatically.**
- **LAUSD can and will declare a state of emergency, which allows them to lay off permanent teachers without notice.**
- **The jobs of thousands of talented probationary teachers—the future of our profession—will be in jeopardy.**

The June 6 action is not targeted at your principal; it is targeted at Governor Schwarzenegger and the legislature. As the largest teacher union local in the state and the second-largest in the country, UTLA must take dramatic action, along with our allies, to make sure the governor and the legislature get the message that the proposed cuts are unacceptable. We have a limited window of opportunity to fight against these cuts before the budget is finalized. Now is the time to make a strong statement. If we wait until after the cuts go through, it will be virtually impossible to reverse them.

We are asking chapter chairs to work with administrators in coming up with a one-hour safety plan for June 6 to ensure the safety of the students. We are also reaching out to AALA, the administrators' union. All of us have the same goals—to have as few cuts to public education and our communities as possible. Clearly parents and community members will stand with us on that day.

YOU are the union. You must step forward and join this fight, or we cannot win. It's as simple as that.

Sincerely,



A.J. Duffy
UTLA President



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KIDS**

JUNE 6

**One hour's
pay for the
kids of L.A.!**

**Join the rally outside school for the
first hour to protest budget cuts.**

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UTLA'S FIGHT AGAINST BUDGET CUTS

May 14: Day of the Teacher pickets

UTLA members will join a statewide protest by picketing in the a.m. or p.m. at their school sites.

Week of May 26: Parent leafleting

UTLA members will reach out to parents and the community on the budget fight.

June 6: One hour's pay for the kids of L.A.

UTLA members all over the District will stay outside school for the first hour to protest the cuts.