

Dear UTLA member:

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I'm pleased to report that it looks like we're going to be successful in our fight against midyear renorming.

School Board President Monica Garcia is expected to introduce a motion on November 13 to do away with midyear renorming. The motion will be voted on at the November 27 School Board meeting.

UTLA and our members have been campaigning against midyear renorming for months now, through emails, phone calls, and visits with Board members. Our position has been clear: Midyear renorming is bad for education.

Now that we're close to doing away with this seriously flawed practice, I'm asking members to contact School Board members and let them know that you continue to support the elimination of midyear renorming and would appreciate their vote. Please see the flipside of this letter for contact information and a sample script you can use.

Thank you for joining this effort. If we are successful in eliminating midyear renorming, it will be a victory for our union and our schools.

Sincerely,

A.J. Duffy  
UTLA President

# **Help eliminate midyear renorming!**

## **Call or email your Board members today**

Because we believe that School Board President Monica Garcia's motion to eliminate midyear renorming will be successful, our messages should be positive in tone.

**If you're contacting School Board members Julie Korenstein, Tamar Galatzan, or Richard Vladovic, please thank them for their past support on this issue. All three voted in September to do away with midyear renorming.**

### **SAMPLE EMAIL TEXT OR PHONE SCRIPT**

My name is----- and I work at ----- . I urge you to vote in support of School Board President Monica Garcia's motion to eliminate midyear renorming. The relatively small cost savings aren't worth the terrible disruption it would cause our campuses. Midyear renorming would have a devastating impact on our education program by increasing class sizes, destroying the integrity of small learning communities, disrupting students' connections with teachers, and ultimately impacting student drop-out rates. Please vote to do away with this seriously flawed practice. Thank you.

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