



LAUSD agrees to refund unauthorized furlough deductions

Feb. 1, 2012

Your action worked—keep up the pressure!

UTLA has reached a provisional agreement with LAUSD over the unauthorized deductions from employees' paychecks for unapproved furlough days. The District began taking deductions even though UTLA has challenged the District's calculations regarding the need for furlough days. LAUSD has now agreed to refund all those unauthorized deductions; the refund should appear on employees' March 5 paychecks*.

- **Continue to return Payroll Service Request Forms to your chapter chair**

Chapter chairs will still be collecting these forms, and they will be delivered to LAUSD headquarters on February 3. The District has not refunded the money yet, so we need to keep the pressure on.

- **UTLA continues fight for zero furlough days; next step is arbitration**

UTLA is entering into expedited arbitration to force LAUSD to follow the terms of the furlough agreement our members approved last year, which called for anywhere from zero to six furlough days for this school year, depending on available funding. UTLA's position is that available funding has met the level in the agreement to result in zero furlough days for this school year. LAUSD, however, claims that six furlough days are needed.

- **Parent leafleting goes forward on February 3**

As our fight against furloughs goes on, we will be reaching out to parents about the possible impact on their children's education from a shortened school year. Members will be leafleting before or after school on Friday.

We are demanding that District officials examine their budget priorities before they ask us to pay the price with furlough days. **Should any furlough days happen this school year, be aware that the days would be deducted from most employees' July paychecks, not spread over multiple months.**

** Employees at ECE centers, because of their unique schedule, will not see a refund on the March 5 check. More info will be posted soon at utla.net.*

Stop the RIF insanity!

In addition to fighting furlough days, UTLA is fighting RIFs and severe program cuts. **On February 14, the School Board will be considering yet another "doomsday" budget scenario that would devastate our schools** by RIFing 5,400 teachers and health and human services professionals and threatening vital programs like adult ed, early childhood education, arts education, school readiness, and more. Join UTLA at the School Board on February 14 to demand that LAUSD stop the destructive cycle of budgetary gamesmanship.

RALLY
Tues., Feb. 14

After school
LAUSD headquarters
333 S. Beaudry Ave.