



17,000 payroll protest forms flood LAUSD headquarters

UTLA members take united action.

UTLA members inundated LAUSD today with 17,000 Payroll Service Request Forms to protest the deductions for furlough days taken from their paychecks without authorization.

Chanting “Hey, hey, ho, ho, budget cuts have got to go,” the forms were hand delivered by a group of UTLA leaders and members to LAUSD headquarters after school.



Check out more photos at utla.net.

The District began taking the 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 most employees’ March 5 paychecks***. The overwhelming response from UTLA members will help keep the pressure on LAUSD to ensure that it does refund the money.

UTLA continues to fight for zero furlough days

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. 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 on A basis and at ECE centers, because of their unique schedules, 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.