



# Chapter Talking Points

*September 10, 2019*

## Info for chapter leaders

- **Chapter Foundation and Enforcement**

We continue to focus on building strong chapter foundations and enforcing our contract wins.

### **CHAPTER FOUNDATION**

The 4 elements of chapter foundation building for the first months of every school year are:

- **CAT Teams:** Rebuild Contract Action Teams, now our Chapter Action Teams, by using the CAT map and CAT commitment forms.
- **Membership:** Use your roster to identify who at your school has not signed a membership card - they will have an empty box rather than a check mark in the Member column. Be sure to get them to fill out a membership card which you should return to UTLA as soon as possible.
- **PACE:** Make sure that all of those faculty at your school who are not PACE members sign the PACE cards. We have four critical school board elections this year, and we need the power to face off against the privatizers.
- **Parent outreach:** Start by organizing a small meeting of parents you know by October 2 and creating a contact list out of that meeting. [Materials](#) include both a sample agenda and tips on holding parent meetings.

Materials from the August 28 Area meeting to support this work are posted [here](#).

### **CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT – Deadline to report is September 15**

- To enforce our contract, we need a systematic analysis of every school site. To do this, we created the online [CHAPTER POWER CHECKLIST](#). Click [here](#) for an instruction sheet. This is the time to make our contract wins real by enforcing our victories. Our biggest victory was killing Section 1.5 and beginning the first class-size reduction in decades. Materials from the August 28 Area meeting (including class-size charts and contract enforcement strategy chart) are posted [here](#).
- Use your Chapter Action Team to help collect the data for the [CHAPTER POWER CHECKLIST](#). Once data is collected, it should take no more than 15 minutes to fill it out.

### **Share your Chapter Building success!**

- We want to hear and highlight any stories of success you have had as part of your chapter building efforts. Some examples: how effectively confronting your principal has increased solidarity between

your members and created a stronger chapter, how members at your site have increased their PACE participation, or how vigilance and intervention resulted in stricter contract enforcement. Email your story to [laschoolvoice@utla.net](mailto:laschoolvoice@utla.net).

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## **Talking points for chapter meetings**

### **First steps towards charter accountability and transparency**

- AB 1505 and AB 1507, which would significantly change laws governing charter schools, has moved to the Senate floor for a vote. Through our outreach to lawmakers, we've made significant progress on both bills, which were initially powered by the LA and Oakland strikes. In fact, the charter industry has removed its opposition and moved to being neutral on both AB 1505 and AB 1507.

Please CALL 1-855-977-1770 today and leave a message for your Senator! To contact your Assemblymember, visit <https://www.utla.net/resources/contact-your-legislators> and use the link for your Assemblymember's website where their telephone is listed.

Email your [Senator and Assemblymember](http://capwiz.com/nea/ca/issues/alert/?alertid=80672691) (<http://capwiz.com/nea/ca/issues/alert/?alertid=80672691>) and urge a YES vote when AB 1505 and AB 1507 come up for a floor vote. (Lawmakers pay serious attention to the emails they get.)

### **Special Ed Bargaining**

- On September 9, our team reiterated the need for the district to present a comprehensive proposal that protects the learning environment of our more vulnerable students and the educators that teach them. Our next session is Tuesday August 17th. We are bargaining necessary structures around: 1) increased and embedded planning and collaboration time for inclusion, 2) class size and caseload caps for general education classes in an inclusion program, including that special education students are counted toward class size maximums in our contract by the end of this school year, and 3) systematic stakeholder input in developing school plans. Inclusion of special ed students in general education settings is a civil rights issue and we will continue to fight on behalf of our students and educators.
- The Special Ed committee will be holding various regional meetings for members who can't make it to the Special ed committee meeting on House of Reps night. The first meeting will be September 26th at 4:30pm at Dos Arbolitos Restaurant, 9034 Woodley Ave, North Hills, CA 91343. Date, time and location of other meetings will be available soon.

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## **UTLA action calendar**

**September 11:** Board of Directors meeting

**September 18:** House of Representatives meeting

**October 2:** Area Meetings