



Chapter Talking Points

September 24, 2019

Info for chapter leaders

October 2 Area meetings

- Mark your calendars for the October 2 Area meetings. We will be discussing our contract enforcement campaign. There will be materials for parents and information on candidates for the upcoming LAUSD School Board elections. Be sure to attend or send a representative.
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The School Board team our schools need

- Last week, the UTLA House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to endorse a powerful team to take back the board majority from the pro-privatization forces. Our slate includes incumbents George McKenna, Scott Schmerelson, and Jackie Goldberg. For the seat being vacated by Richard Vladovic, we're backing an LAUSD parent who is committed to the fight against privatization and for fully funded schools. Patricia Castellanos is a founding member of Reclaim Our Schools LA, a former deputy director for L.A. Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) and has led campaigns with unions and the community for better working conditions for employees and stronger neighborhoods for families.
- Now's the time to join PACE: Billionaires can't teach our kids — and they shouldn't be able to buy our elections. Build our political power for the March 2020 primary elections by signing up for UTLA's Political Action Council of Educators today.

Process approved to explore endorsing Bernie Sanders in US Presidential Primaries

- The UTLA Board and House of Representatives voted 35-1 and 135-46, respectively, to initiate a process of exploration to endorse Bernie Sanders during the Democratic Party presidential primary elections. The process, which will include a proclamation vote by Chapter Chairs at the November 13 Area meetings, upholds our principles as a democratic and inclusive union, while

also acknowledging that Sanders is shaping up to be the best candidate for the future of education. At the October 2 area meeting, Chapter chairs will be given information to discuss with members.

Reminder - All training should be paid

- You should be paid your regular contract hourly rate for any training during nonworking hours. A quality professional development program should entail compensating professionals at their full rate of pay.
- The district must use “company time” to do online trainings such as the recent sexual harassment training. UTLA has talked to the district and is pressing them to ensure administrators do the right thing on this issue. Please contact your chapter chair if you feel your administrator is not following these guidelines.

UTLA action calendar

October 2: Area Meetings

November 13: Area Meetings