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Chapter Talking Points

December 3, 2019

Info for chapter leaders

Winning back our School Board in 2020 – BOE campaign training & SCF overview

- A training session to prepare for the launch of the 2nd phase of the School Board Campaign is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to 12 noon. We will review the recruitment plan and train leaders on chapter based neighborhood walks and other elements of our School Board campaign, as well as provide information about the Schools and Communities First initiative. Choose from any of the following locations:

UTLA
3303 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010

White Middle Schools
22102 S Figueroa St, Carson, CA 90745

Mulholland Middle School
17120 Vanowen St, Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Please RSVP with your preferred location to jam@utla.net.

Thursday December 12 – submit your signed SCF petitions

- If you missed the first drop on November 11, it is imperative that you work on gathering signatures for the Schools and Communities First petition and deliver the signed petitions to one of the drop locations listed below on Thursday, December 12.

Our schools desperately need the funding that SCF will provide, but first we need to get the initiative on the ballot. We are committed to provide at least 15,000 signatures, but our goal is to have every eligible voter among our members sign. Follow the [Signature Gathering](#) instructions.

CENTRAL AREA: 3:15pm-6pm

- West Vernon ES (faculty parking lot on 43rd between Grand and Broadway)

SOUTH AREA: 2:30pm-6pm

- Miramonte ES (parking lot off of 69th St)
- South Gate MS (parking lot)

EAST AREA: 2:45pm-6pm

- Garfield HS (parking lot)
- Roosevelt HS (parking lot)

WEST AREA: 2:45pm-6pm

- Grandview Ave ES (entrance at corner w/ Centinela)

HARBOR AREA: 3-6pm

- Taper ES
- Alpine Village (parking lot across from 110 Freeway. Southbound exit and entrance)

VALLEY WEST: 3:15pm-6pm

- Taft HS (parking lot, Ventura/Winnetka)
- Granada Hills HS (Zelzah parking lot—flagpole)
- Birmingham HS (parking lot)

NORTH AREA: 3pm-6pm

- UTLA Building
- Nightingale MS (front sidewalk near parking entrance)

VALLEY EAST: 3:15pm-6pm

- Pacoima MS (back of school, near Room 75)

Get signatures for the School Board petition

- Work the rosters to identify members who are registered to vote in board districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 (marked in last column) and encourage them to sign the petition to commit to vote for the UTLA endorsed candidates. **This is an essential first step in making sure our members vote.**

Talking points for chapter meetings**We're back in bargaining January 2020 to score more contract wins**

- Our contract calls for "reopener" bargaining—with the right to strike—to begin in January 2020, and we'll be in healthcare bargaining later in the year. Our bargaining team is at work shaping proposals around our demands for:
 - a fair pay raise
 - increased investment in bilingual education
 - more support for special education
 - increased health and human services staffing
 - addressing class size issues
 - protecting our healthcare

Our current campaigns, bargaining, School Board, and SCF are critically linked

- **In bargaining** we win improvements for our profession and our schools.
- **In the School Board elections** we elect public education allies to oversee those contract wins, defend against privatization, and implement the new California charter accountability laws (the first serious regulations in decades).
- **Then we pass Schools & Communities First** to fund more contract wins and allow the School Board to champion a forward-thinking agenda, including expanding arts and music, ethnic studies, community schools, and other initiatives to nurture our students' learning environment.

Sign the Schools and Communities First petition now to bring billions of new dollars to California public schools

- Let's work to close the unfair tax loophole that has cost our schools billions of dollars in revenue. The Schools and Communities First initiative applies to large corporations only. It completely exempts all residential properties, home owners, renters, and small businesses.
- **PHASE 1- Through December: Talk to your Chapter Chair to sign the SCF petition.** The first step is to get the SCF initiative on the 2020 ballot by signing the petition. Our commitment is 15,000 signatures to add to the statewide totals from coalition partners, but our goal is to have every eligible voter among our members sign.

Our BOE candidates will fight for our schools

- Each one of our School Board candidates—George McKenna, Scott Schmerelson, Jackie Goldberg and Patricia Castellanos— has demonstrated a firm commitment to our schools and our students. These are the School Board leaders we need to continue the work of improving our classrooms that began with our strike. This is the School Board majority that will fight with us, not against us, to lower class sizes, hire more nurses, counselors, and psychologists, make improvements to special education, and more.
- We need to think of these four BOE races as one, and think about each of the four candidates as “our” candidate, regardless of where we live. We all need to contribute in whatever capacity we can—voting, phone banking, precinct walking, talking to family and friends— to get our four candidates elected.
- **PHASE 1- Through December: See your Chapter Chair to determine if you are one of the 10,000 members who are registered in Districts 1, 3, 5, or 7.** If so, sign the School Board petition now. We are all counting on you.

Pack the Board on December 3 at 4:30 pm

- Join The Climate Reality Project and others in urging LAUSD to vote Yes! on the 100% Green Schools LA resolution to transition LA Unified to 100% clean, renewable energy. This transition will result in healthier students and a more sustainable community. Facebook: [100% Green Schools L.A., Climate Reality Los Angeles](#)

UTLA action calendar

December 3: Pack the LAUSD Board Room for 100% Green Schools

December 4: BOD meeting

December 7: SCF training for Chapter Chairs

December 11: HOR meeting

December 12: Reverse drop for SCF petitions

Member communication not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.