

Chapter Talking Points

April 5, 2021

Info for chapter leaders

COVID-19 Compliance Task Force Confirmation

- If you have not already done so, please go to [this link](#) to confirm that you will be the UTLA representative to your Chapter's Covid-19 Compliance Task Force or to identify your designee.

Every chapter must have a COVID-19 Compliance Task Force that includes the UTLA Chapter Chair (or designee), the principal, and representatives of other school staff. The task force will meet at least once a week and work to immediately address any safety deficiencies that are identified.

As the UTLA leaders at your school site, Chapter Chairs should serve on the Task Force. If for some reason you cannot fill that role, you can designate a coworker. UTLA leadership needs confirmation that every chapter has a representative on the Task Force.

Covid-19 Compliance Task Force Training

- We will hold a citywide training for Chapter Leaders and UTLA designees to the Task Force on April 7th. The training will cover:
 1. How to confirm the safety protocols at your school BEFORE staff return to campus.
 2. How to effectively represent your coworkers on the Task Force.
 3. How to formally report violations.
 4. How to take action collectively if deficiencies create safety risks, and more.

To Register

Citywide Chapter Leader Covid-19 Compliance Task Force Training

Training details – 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM (with Steering Committee meetings immediately after)

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z_nrUN9KShm1w3echJgJhQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Area meetings April 14

- Area meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 14. With several schools reopening that week and others soon to follow, it is imperative that we meet to discuss any issues related to safety conditions and protocols and the enforcement of our agreement. Be sure to attend this meeting or have a representative from your site attend.

Rebuild your Chapter Action Teams Now

- As we commit to enforce the agreement on a safe return and hybrid instruction, it is essential that we build our capacity for collective action at every structural level of the union, including having a Chapter Action Team (CAT) at every school and well-functioning clusters in every area.
- We have to be ready to fight in the near future for more funding from the state and federal governments, more staffing and special education support in future bargaining, and a healthcare agreement beyond 2021. CATs are an essential component of this fight. Your team facilitates communication between all members in the group and will help you respond quickly when necessary to take action. If you haven't finished putting your team together, this is the time to do it.

Talking points for chapter meetings

School reopenings

- LAUSD has announced its intention to return to in-person learning at 60-plus elementary schools and 11 Early Education Centers on April 12, the remaining elementary schools and EECs on April 19, and secondary schools in the last week of April. [Click here](#) for the district's list of sites reopening on April 12.

All three safety measures in our agreement must be in place at a school before it can open for in-person teaching — that includes access to vaccinations and safety protocols, now that LA County is out of the Purple Tier.

Every school will have a COVID-19 Compliance Task force that includes the UTLA Chapter Chair or designee. UTLA will be holding a training on April 7 for Chapter Chairs and designees to each school's COVID-19 Compliance Task Force. Be sure to report to your Chapter Chair any conditions or activities you think might be in violation of our agreement so that any safety deficiencies can be immediately addressed.

Bargaining for special services

- Bargaining has moved productively throughout the spring break on how to safely provide Special Education services, Designated Instructional Services, Health and Human Services, and Arts & PE Itinerant services to students in the hybrid schedules. There will be a ratification vote for affected UTLA members when a tentative agreement is reached.

Special Education: Fulfill the Promise

- UTLA is a proud partner in a new coalition of educators, parents, and unions driving a national civil rights campaign for Special Education, [Fulfill the Promise](#), to demand that all students with disabilities receive the needed supports and services.

The coalition is circulating an open petition urging President Biden and Education Secretary Cardona to take action for sustained, permanent funding of IDEA. **Sign the [Fulfill the Promise petition](#) to add your voice.**

Chapter Chair elections

- UTLA is now receiving Chapter Chair self-nominations from April 1 to 30 for the July 2021-June 2022 year. UTLA Chapter Chairs have a critical role in organizing each school site, especially during a pandemic. Please review the [UTLA Chapter Chair Election Rules and Duties for Virtual Chapter Chair Elections 2021](#). UTLA members who are interested in the position of UTLA Chapter Chair, fill out this [self-nomination form](#). From May 3 to 7, an email will go out to uncontested Chapter Chair candidates to notify them that they are uncontested and the new upcoming Chapter Chair. The uncontested Chapter Chair must submit the fillable Notice of Chapter Chair Elections (NOCCE) form to be official. For contested elections, an email with instructions will be sent to the Election Committee at the school site to conduct a Survey Monkey poll.
- UTLA is also receiving Special Category Chapter Chair nominations. Please see the [UTLA Chapter Chair Election Rules and Duties for Virtual Chapter Chair Elections 2021](#) and complete the fillable [Special Category form](#) from April 1 to April 30.

DEADLINE - April 8, 2021: CTA State Council election notice

- There will be elections during the April 14 UTLA Area meetings to fill expired terms and a Minority At-Large seat for CTA State Council of Education, the top policy-making body of the California Teachers Association. CTA State Council develops legislation, makes recommendations in general elections, advocates for educator rights and funding, and amplifies voices against corporate charter schools and privatization.
- If you would like to vote in the election, you will need to register for a ballot using this link [webform](#). You could also visit the UTLA Website to register by clicking: <https://www.utla.net/resources/cta-SC-expired-term-minority-large-election-ballot-registration> to register for a ballot. Voting will take place between the hours of 4:00 – 5:30 pm. You must register with a non-LAUSD email to receive the ballot. Only members who register for a ballot by Thursday, April 8th, will be able to vote in the election (and in any runoffs if necessary).

Registered members will receive a balloting email from Simply Voting that will only be active during the elections between the hours of 4:00 – 5:30 pm. After 5:30pm, your ballot will no longer generate a vote.

UTLA calendar

April 7: COVID-19 Compliance Task Force training

April 14; Area meetings

April 21: PACE/Elementary meetings

April 28: Board of Directors meeting