

Chapter Talking Points

August 11, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

TA Ratification Vote this week

- Hold a chapter meeting before Wednesday, August 12 to review the Tentative Agreement on distance learning and the timeline for the TA ratification vote. Discuss the flexibility and protections which the Agreement provides for educators, students and parents.
- Voting will be over three days, August 12 through 14.
- In the morning of August 12, all members will be emailed a Personal Identification Number and instructions to vote online.
- Members who have not received their voting email by 11 am on Wednesday, August 12 should check their spam folders first. If the voting email is not in their spam folder, they should fill out a webform to receive a voting PIN. The link to this form will be emailed to members at 11 am on Wednesday.
- Voting closes at 5 PM on Friday, August 14.

[Post Leadership Conference Chapter Meeting Presentation](#) - Section 1 (Power Point will download)

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UTLA Solidarity Pledge

- Hold a chapter meeting to discuss the overall UTLA program and the analysis of the 4 critical issues we must take on in order to address the needs of our schools. Explain how the common good demands are part of our strategy to improve our schools and the lives of people and ask all members to commit to the UTLA Solidarity Pledge.

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- [UTLA Solidarity Pledge](#)

- [Post Leadership Conference Chapter Meeting Presentation](#) - Section 2 (Power Point will download)

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Send in the Notice of Chapter Chair Election Today

- If you were the 2019-2020 Chapter Chair for your school or chapter and you intend to continue as the chapter chair for the 2020-2021 school year, you must submit a [Notice of Chapter Chair Election](#). There is no automatic extension of your assignment as chapter chair - you are required to submit the form via email to Princess Sykes at psykes@utla.net.
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- If you are not intending to run, please share this announcement with others at your site so that a chapter chair can represent your school. It is important that we receive this form as soon as possible to complete the election process for your chapter and officially record the name of the 2020-2021 Chapter Chair.
- [Notice of Chapter Chair Elections](#)

Talking points for chapter meetings

Tentative Agreement Vote starts this Wednesday

- Voting on the tentative agreement reached with LAUSD begins this Wednesday and will be held over three days — August 12, 13, and 14. All UTLA members will be emailed a Personal Identification Number Wednesday morning and instructions to vote online. Voting closes at 5 pm on August 14. **If you do not get the voting email by 11 am on Wednesday, August 12, check your spam folder first. If it's not there, there will be a specialized web form on utla.net to fill out, and you will be emailed a PIN.** Your chapter chair will be holding a meeting to review the agreement which was endorsed overwhelmingly by the UTLA Bargaining Team, UTLA Board of Directors, UTLA Officers, and UTLA Chapter Leaders at last week's UTLA Leadership Conference. This agreement strengthens distance learning and establishes guidelines to minimize risks during the pandemic. The district was demanding a hyper-structured eight-hour day, with all teachers required to go to school site classrooms to teach via Zoom. We pushed back and won agreement that no UTLA member is required to physically return to work at an LAUSD building until schools are physically reopened for all students or as negotiated in a separate agreement. The agreement also includes multiple provisions to protect health and safety, while ensuring flexibility and pedagogical discretion. To learn more about the agreement, check the material linked below or visit www.utla.net.

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AB 1505 vote this week

- This Tuesday, August 11, the School Board will vote on the implementation and enforcement of AB 1505 which allows School districts to consider the financial and academic impact on the district or neighborhood of a new charter school or a charter school that wants

to expand. LAUSD proposed procedures require a Community Impact Assessment which UTLA backs but the charter industry strongly opposes. Representatives from UTLA will be in attendance and we expect charters to be heavily represented as well.