

Chapter Talking Points

August 18, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

Citywide meeting on August 27

- On Thursday, August 27, from 4 to 6 pm we will meet virtually to strategize about our incredibly busy Fall season: what is needed for a safe physical return to schools, our shot at raising \$12 billion a year for schools and social services through Prop. 15, and our plan to win the School Board elections for Paty Castellanos and Scott Schmerelson. More information coming soon.

New Membership Application Online

- A new Membership Application is now on our website. The application can be signed electronically and thus will facilitate the process for anyone wanting to become a member. You can direct prospective members here: <https://www.utla.net/membershipcard>

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.
- 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

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year

- We hope you were able to rest and stay healthy during the summer break despite the unusual and often difficult situation we are in. As the new school year begins, we will continue the fight for the resources necessary for a safe physical return to schools, including campaigning vigorously for Prop. 15, which would raise \$12 billion for schools and social services and for Scott Schemerelson and Paty Castellanos for the LAUSD School Board. Learn more about our vision for the year ahead in [Cecily Myart-Cruz state of the union speech](#).

Upcoming Election for the UTLA Early Education Center Director

- There is a vacancy for the Early Education Center (EEC) Director position on the UTLA Board of Directors. Qualifications: Candidates for the EEC Director position must be working at an Early Education Center under a Child Development Permit and must have been an active UTLA member in good standing for the past two years. Interested candidates should fill out the Candidate Declaration form available online at utlaelections.org and submit it no later than **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**, by 5 p.m. Please go to utlaelections.org and review the UTLA Election Manual and the Timeline with deadlines to submit a statement, photo, digital flyer, and social media links. If you have questions, go to <https://utlaelections.org/contact/>

Show support for educators across the country fighting for health and safety

- This Wednesday, August 19, and next Monday, August 24, wear red in solidarity with educators in Florida, Texas, Arizona, Massachusetts, and Little Rock, Arkansas who are fighting for the health and safety of students and educators during the pandemic. They are organizing with car caravans, sick-outs, and community campaigns. Post photos and messages of support to social media using hashtags [#demandsafeschools](#) [#recalltherestart](#) [#RedforEd](#) and [#SafeSchoolsorNoSchools](#)

LAUSD Virtual Queer Spaces Training

- Safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students are even more vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. For some students, school is the most affirming space. If you are a GSA advisor or would like to start a GSA within LAUSD, join this workshop to hear from LAUSD's Human Relations, Diversity and Equity Team, UTLA's Equity Team, and the Los Angeles LGBT Center on **Thursday, August 27 at 6 pm**. RSVP at lalgbtcenter.org/gsatraining with your LAUSD email to receive the workshop link. See [event flyer](#).

UTLA calendar

Aug. 18: 2020-21 school year begins

Aug. 20: Special BOD meeting 5-7:30 pm

Aug. 26: PACE meeting

Aug 27: Citywide Chapter Chair meeting

Sept. 2: Area Meetings

Special Board Meeting- Aug 20th 5-7:30 pm

PACE Aug 26th 5-7 pm