

Chapter Talking Points

December 7, 2020

Info for chapter leaders

Area Meetings on December 16

- Our next scheduled Area Meetings are December 16. We will discuss the latest developments in bargaining and distance learning issues. Please be sure to join this meeting or have a representative from your site attend.

Overtesting push-back: Hold a parent meeting

- Non-mandated assessments are negatively impacting our students and are absolutely unnecessary and ineffective during a global pandemic. We are pushing back on unnecessary tests that are not state mandated. Be on the lookout for tools for holding a parent meeting to engage our parents in this important pushback against unnecessary assessments.
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Bargaining update

- In light of the accelerating and dangerous COVID-19 surge, our current focus in bargaining has shifted to an extension of the LAUSD 2020-2021 Distance Learning Side Letter for the second semester. The current agreement expires on December 31. Our priority is to bargain an extension of a quality distance learning program until, when, and IF, we can safely reopen schools.
- After that, we are committed to bargain the details of hybrid schedules so as to be prepared if a physical return becomes possible at some point during the second semester, which is far from certain. We are pushing for no roving teachers, no roving students, no in-person and remote teaching at the same

time, isolated cohorts of students who don't interact with other cohorts, no am/pm cohort rotation for elementary schools, and minimal master schedule changes to the greatest degree possible. Other physical return issues (e.g., leave rights, health and safety, special education services, HHS, early education, adult education, and itinerants) will be bargained after we reach agreement on the schedules.

All school-based services and child care services will be shut down

- Citing the high COVID-19 infection rates, Austin Beutner announced this morning that all school-based and child care services will be discontinued as of December 10 and will remain closed until at least January 11. This includes all of the voluntary in-person side letter agreements, except for the COVID-19 testing program that affects nurses. The Grab 'n Go food program will also continue.
- Teachers who work at school sites have from Monday to Wednesday of this week to take home materials and other personal belongings. We agree with this decision and view it as a prudent step in light of the current COVID-19 numbers.

CTA State Council election at the December 16 Area meetings

- A reminder to those who will register for a ballot by December 10 to vote in the CTA State Council Unexpired Term election via Simply Voting. Voting will take place during the December 16 Area meetings between the hours of 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Only members who register for a ballot by Thursday, December 10, will be eligible to vote in the election (and in any runoffs, if necessary). The link to register for a ballot by December 10 is <https://www.utla.net/cta-state-council-unexpired-election-ballot-registration>.
- If you are not a chapter leader and would like to attend an Area meeting, please contact your chapter chair after December 14 for the Zoom link. You are not required to attend an Area meeting to vote.