

# Chapter Talking Points

January 11, 2021

## Info for chapter leaders

### Materials from the 1/08/21 All City Chapter Leader Meeting

- Last Friday, Chapter Leaders from across Los Angeles met to discuss bargaining and the Special Education and Over-Assessment Pushback campaigns. Here are the main points and actions to take away from our citywide meeting:
  - **Rebuild your Chapter Action Teams (CAT).** CATs are an essential component of all our work and campaigns moving forward, including bargaining. 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 put together your team, this is the time to do it.
  - **Hold a chapter meeting by January 14:**
    1. **Discuss the extension of the Distance Learning Agreement** and our bargaining goals going forward. Ask members to sign the [Circuit breaker petition](#) calling for a complete shutdown in Los Angeles for a limited period of time to suppress the COVID-19 virus so our schools can eventually reopen.
    2. **Discuss special education as a group.** Does your staff feel that special education is ultimately general education? Bargaining for a safe reopening and special education, are inextricably linked.
    3. **Go over the campaign against over assessments.** Organize members to hold parent meetings by January 22, following the guidelines presented in the Teacher Tools for Parent Meetings (attached below). Ask all members to call Alison Towery, LAUSD Chief Academic Officer at 213-241-4822 or email [Alison.Towery@LAUSD.NET](mailto:Alison.Towery@LAUSD.NET). Report the number of parent meetings held using Google docs (link will be sent in a separate email).
- Attached are the power point presentations which can be used in your virtual chapter meetings. They are also attached as pdf in case you want to print them.

- **LINKS AND DOWNLOADS**

- [Power Point presentation on Bargaining](#) (will download)  
[Power Point presentation on Bargaining](#) (PDF)  
[Second Semester Distance Learning Agreement](#)  
[Circuit breaker petition](#)
- [Power Point presentation on Special Ed](#) (will download)  
[Power Point presentation on Special Ed](#) (PDF)
- [Power Point presentation on Non-mandated assessments](#) (will download)  
[Power Point presentation on Non-mandated assessments](#) (PDF)  
[Teacher Tools for Parent Meetings](#)  
Link to Google docs for parent meeting reporting will be sent separately

## Area Meetings on January 27

- Our next scheduled Area Meetings are on January 27. We will discuss the latest developments in bargaining, the Special Ed and Over Assessment campaigns, and distance learning issues. Please be sure to join this meeting or have a representative from your site attend.

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## Talking points for chapter meetings

### Bargaining update

- In late December, we reached an agreement to extend the terms of the existing Distance Learning sideletter with a few modifications that fall within the current 360-minute workday. We also reached a separate agreement that ensures safe working conditions for school nurses who are required to physically provide services in the testing program and at their assigned school sites, with a special stipend for this work.
- Bargaining continues. We are contractually obligated to reach agreement by January 24 on how to provide in-person services for targeted student populations when it is safe to do so, and to reach agreement on plans for hybrid instruction that would be implemented IF a physical return becomes possible at some point during the second semester.

[UTLA-LAUSD Distance Learning Sideletter Extension Agreement](#)  
[UTLA-LAUSD Sideletter for School Nurse In Person Services](#)  
[UTLA-LAUSD Sideletter for January 11 Pupil Free Day](#)

## Overtesting push-back

- 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. Ask your chapter chair about the campaign to stop non-mandated assessments and about holding a parent meeting to engage our parents in this important pushback.
- Contact Alison Towery, LAUSD Chief Academic Officer and ask her to eliminate the 2nd and 3rd installments of the non-mandated edulastic and renaissance assessments. Her telephone number is 213-241-4822 or email [Alison.Towery@lausd.net](mailto:Alison.Towery@lausd.net).

## Support UTLA members running for CADEM

- [These UTLA members](#) are running for a delegate position in the California Democratic Party. CADEM delegates participate in important decisions, including voting on endorsement recommendations. If you would like to vote in the CADEM Elections, please register on the link below by January 11 to receive a ballot.

<https://adem.cadem.org/>

## UTLA calendar

**Jan. 13:** Board of Directors meeting

**Jan. 27:** Area meetings

**Feb. 3:** PACE/Elementary/Secondary meetings

**Feb. 10:** House of Representatives meeting