

Chapter Talking Points

January 25, 2021

Info for chapter leaders

Area Meetings on January 27

- Our next scheduled Area Meetings are this Wednesday, January 27. We will discuss the latest developments in bargaining, and progress on the Special Ed and Over Assessment campaigns. Please be sure to join this meeting or have a representative from your site attend.
- Here are the Zoom links for all the meetings. You will also receive the link for your Area in a separate email:

CENTRAL Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvfu2vpj8uGtTOvdHYtFGUN8qCtlzCWQxy>

EAST Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrceGrqTwjHtAhABmARWdaF-lu09byeD1X>

HABOR Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUoduqspjkuE9BXRhiA_FG393cqO2bQQWr5

NORTH Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/j/99823698759?pwd=czJBZS8rKzQzM1NHRmlybXJpV0dYdz09>

SOUTH Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEucOghqzooHN2gvcbqFR3M3o14eRcVDYv9>

VALLEY EAST Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvd-mtrDMtGdTficcDYa84BRLRCDcSz5lb>

VALLEY WEST Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrd-GpqT8oH9XTfAA62W1eda644HjWGYbs>

WEST Jan 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0sfuqurDgtHdJvF7CUB0UopwZI4fBAqXs5>

EEC Jan 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpce2pgTkpGNBITHkZqBUTJgJUd0Ik-J6E>

Rebuild your Chapter Action Teams

- While we are bargaining over plans for targeted in-person work, 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 against any attempts by the district to require additional in-person services before it's safe, and 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. In other words, we need to build our capacity to play defense and offense with collective action in a fluid and unpredictable environment.
- 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

Bargaining update

- In accordance with our second semester sideletter agreement, we are in bargaining with the district on a plan to provide targeted services for high-need student groups.
- The district has proposed a plan that would require in-person service for:

Regular Special Education instruction

Regular Early Education instruction

Designated instructional services for students with IEPs and 504s

Special Education assessments

EL assessments

One-on-one and small group tutoring

School-based distance learning for prioritized student groups (EL students, foster youth, and homeless youth), with substitute teachers providing in-person supervision

- The district proposal includes an additional \$3.50 per hour for in-person service, exemption from in-person service for unit members with a medically verified health risk, adherence to all LA County Health Department guidelines, and district-provided PPE.
- We've rejected their proposal, arguing that the breadth of services is too broad and that their plan doesn't include enough details about how it would be implemented in a safe, fair, and equitable manner for members and students. That said, we recognize the need for some in-person services to happen at school sites and are bargaining in good faith to make those services available to our neediest students, while also ensuring that to protect health and safety, only those services that are absolutely necessary take place at physical school sites.
- **Last Thursday, we presented a counterproposal to the district** that would require some Special Education teachers to conduct in-person IEP assessments, require some EL designees to provide the ELPAC in person for English Learners, and require some related service providers to provide in-person services that can be conducted safely and not virtually. However, we also proposed that these in-person services not be provided until the practitioners have been fully vaccinated.

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[LAUSD Proposal for Specialized Services 1-22-21](#)

[UTLA Proposal for Specialized Services 1-21-21](#)

[LAUSD Proposal for Specialized Services 1-19-21](#)

Tell LAUSD to End Over-Assessments in a Pandemic

- We are pushing back on non-mandated assessments which are negatively impacting our students and are absolutely unnecessary and ineffective during a global pandemic. 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. She can reduce the number of these non-mandated tests. Her telephone number is 213-241-4822 or email Alison.Towery@lausd.net.

[Call LAUSD to end over-assessments](#)

HOR Orientation for New Members February 3

- An HOR member orientation for new members will be held on **Wednesday, February 3, at 5 pm**. All newly elected HOR members for the 2021-22 term are encouraged to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94527057989?wd=Qm9YNERGaG1rSE1uQUEzajBFVIFhUT09>

Meeting ID

945 2705 7989

Passcode

448707

UTLA Racial Justice Conference February 6

- The UTLA Racial Justice Task Force is holding its second annual Racial Justice Conference on **Saturday, February 6, from 9 am to 3 pm**. The theme is **“Transforming and Thriving”** and will include a morning session on Reimagining School Safety and an afternoon address by keynote speaker Dr. Denisha Jones. All sessions will take place on Zoom, and the conference is free to all UTLA members.
- The first 100 participants to register and attend all sessions will receive a copy of the new Denisha Jones and Jesse Hagopian book, "Black Lives Matter at

School: An Uprising for Educational Justice"

[Register for Racial Justice Conference](#)
[Conference flyer](#)

UTLA calendar

Jan. 27: Area meetings

Feb. 3: PACE/Elementary/Secondary meetings

Feb. 6: Racial Justice Conference

Feb. 10: House of Representatives meeting