

# Chapter Talking Points

July 21, 2020

## Info for chapter leaders

### 2020 Virtual Leadership Conference

- if you have not already registered for the UTLA Leadership Conference please do so now. Be sure to click on all three days so that you will receive the links to every segment of the conference. The conference is now open to all members. Share the registration link with CAT members and activists at your site and encourage them to attend.
- **Dates: August 5-7, 2020**  
**WE RISE TOGETHER**  
*Uplifting the health, safety and well-being of our members, students, and communities*

[Conference registration](#)

[Conference Agenda](#)

### Parent Survey

- We are asking all educators to share an important parent survey with the parents that you have relationships with. Please share this survey with the members in your chapter and encourage them to send it out to parents.
- Each educator should text/email survey link to their parents and include a few short sentences with basic instructions. Sample message below. Members are also encouraged to send a follow up text/e-mail in a few days to see if their parents have filled out the survey. Please do not share the survey link on social media, we want to be able to have follow up with parents who fill it out and not overlap with the work that others are doing on this.
- Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VP5SM9T>

- [Sample Messages for Email and Text Message Here.](#)
- Here are some tips on how to move this program with colleagues, including a sample meeting agenda: [Steps for Chapter Chair-Led Parent Survey Collection](#)

## Send in the Notice of Chapter Chair Election

- 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](mailto: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](#)

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## Talking points for chapter meetings

### UTLA bargaining platform

- Our bargaining platform is informed by the over 55% member response to the [Safe and Equitable Reopening Member Survey](#) and UTLA's research report "[Same Storm, Different Boats.](#)" Last week our platform was endorsed by an overwhelming majority of UTLA school-site chapter leaders Your chapters should be holding meetings to discuss the necessary conditions for a safe return to schools.

Our platform centers on three priorities:

1. **Necessary conditions for a safe return to school sites**

Based on science, our bargaining platform outlines the minimum conditions that would need to be in place for a safe return to school site.

2. **Improvements to crisis distance learning**

Since we know the school year will at least begin online, we need to make distance learning work better for everyone by developing specific proposals on crisis distance learning. We will continue to seek member feedback, and push for reasonableness and flexibility, like we did with the agreement we reached in March.

3. **Social safety net to get through the crisis**

COVID-19 is not an isolated event—it comes with repercussions that go beyond the virus itself. It is not incidental that COVID-19 is hitting Black and Brown communities harder than white communities in Los Angeles. LA families need support to get through this crisis and our community needs a public health and social safety net.

- Please take time to review our bargaining platform and talk about it with your colleagues. Bargaining is on a tight timeline, since we want to reach an agreement by early August before school starts. The UTLA Bargaining Team met with the district for preliminary discussions on Thursday, but no formal proposals were exchanged. We are bargaining with LAUSD this week, and will continue to keep members updated as needed. Check [www.utla.net/members/bargaining](http://www.utla.net/members/bargaining) for more bargaining information. Any agreement reached would be voted on by members.

[UTLA Bargaining Platform](#)

## **Parent Survey**

- Talk to your Chapter Chair to get details on how to handle the Parent Survey. We continue to work with parents to help develop our position on the conditions for a safe return to school sites and on supports that educators and students need in crisis distance learning. We are asking all educators to share an important parent survey with the parents that you have relationships with. Your Chapter Chair has details and materials to support our parent survey campaign. Please do not share the survey link on social media, we want to be able to have follow up with parents who fill it out and not overlap with the work that others are doing on this.

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## Our message rises on billboards and online ads

- UTLA's public and paid media campaign, "We Rise Together LA," kicked off last week with digital ads on the LA Times, LA Daily News, La Opinion, and Spotify. More than 80 billboards alongside freeways and throughout our neighborhoods amplify our message: During this unprecedented pandemic, educators continue to fight for the health, safety and well-being of our students and our communities.

[We Rise Together campaign website](#)

## National Day of Resistance - August 3

- Save the date for an action in your city. This national coalition of students, parents, educators, and community members is building a movement for the safe and equitable reopening of our schools. Stay tuned for details on our National Day of Resistance on August 3, 2020. For more information, please email [august3andbeyond@gmail.com](mailto:august3andbeyond@gmail.com) [More details](#).

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## UTLA calendar

**Aug. 4:** UTLA Board meeting

**Aug 5 - 7:** Virtual Leadership Conference

**Aug 6:** Area Meetings