

Chapter Talking Points

July 28, 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](#) DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THIS FRIDAY, JULY 31**
- [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.](#)
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- 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](#)
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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.
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- 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

UTLA bargaining

- **At today's bargaining session, the district proposed requiring educators to provide virtual instruction from their school site classrooms, along with a micro-structured 8:30 am-3 pm school day.** LAUSD's proposals would require an excessive amount of screen time that is not healthy for children, would diminish educators' professional discretion, and would leave little time for much-needed collaboration. **Our UTLA Bargaining Team rejected these proposals outright.**
- UTLA presented proposals to the district focusing on the supports students and educators need for remote learning, which include no required physical return to campuses, appropriate technology and support, a weekly student support day, no evaluations of permanent teachers, increased support for Special Education, substitute teachers support, and more. A separate email is going out today with a more detailed discussion of our proposals.
- Our Bargaining Team is back at the table tomorrow. If we reach an agreement with the district, it will be put to a vote of the membership.

• [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. Parent Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VP5SM9T>

We Rise Together: UTLA Leadership Conference

- All UTLA members are welcome to attend the 2020 Leadership Conference. Over three days, we will strategize and organize as we recognize our responsibility in this unique moment to rise together for the safety, health, and well-being of our students and communities.

- Many of the sessions are for members only, but the State of the Union address on Wednesday and the Black Lives Matter panel on Thursday will be streamed live on Facebook and Instagram. Here's a quick breakdown for the three days:

- On Wednesday at 3:30 pm, UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz will deliver her first State of the Union address, followed by a virtual DJ party at the Member Reception.

- Thursday will begin with Core Trainings from 9 am to 11 am, followed by a panel discussion from 11:15 am to 1 pm with activists who have been leaders of the Black Lives Matter movement long before it was a global phenomenon.

- On Friday at 9 am, Dr. Bettina Love will deliver the keynote address on how we acknowledge the institutional racism in education with honesty and embrace a revisioning of pedagogy and practice to improve educational opportunities for Black students. At 10 am the UTLA officers will address the conference, and then participants will break into groups for the UTLA Area meetings from 10:30 am to noon.

- **REGISTER at bit.ly/UTLALC2020 DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS THIS FRIDAY, JULY 31**

National Day of Resistance - August 3

- UTLA is part of a national coalition of students, parents, educators, and community members building a movement for a safe, scientific, racially just, and fully funded approach to reopening schools. The coalition is organizing a National Day of Resistance on August 3.

- United with UTLA are the Chicago Teachers Union, Boston Teachers Union, Journey For Justice, Center for Popular Democracy, St. Paul Federation of Educators, Midwest Academy, Milwaukee Teachers Education Association, National Educators United, Racine Educators United, Little Rock Education Association, and the Oakland Education Association. Join the [Facebook group here](#) for more details on the August 3 Day of Resistance.

- In Los Angeles, ROSLA is organizing an action asking for safe, healthy, and equitable schools in LAUSD. Meet at the LA Chamber of Commerce, 350 S Bixel St, Los Angeles, CA 90017, on Monday, August 3 at 10:00 AM. For more information, email info@reclaimourschoolsla.org

- [Event flyer.](#)

UTLA calendar

Aug 3: National Day of Resistance action

Aug. 4: UTLA Board meeting

Aug 5 - 7: Virtual Leadership Conference

Aug 6: Area Meetings