

Chapter Talking Points

March 15, 2021

Materials from March 11 Citywide meeting

- Last week, chapter leaders voted overwhelmingly to endorse the Tentative Agreement on Safety Conditions and Hybrid Instruction.

Attached is a PowerPoint presentation that you can use in your chapter meetings between today and Wednesday, before voting starts on March 18. It is also provided as a PDF, in case it is easier for you to print it that way to read the notes.

It is important to discuss the Agreement with members in your chapter so that they are well informed on the critical safety conditions and hybrid instruction models in the Agreement.

You will see that this presentation includes the hybrid schedules for Elementary, Secondary and Early Education Centers. Of course, you should focus on the appropriate schedule for your chapter. For secondary schools, the schedule in the power point is the six Period Schedule. Seven Period, Eight Period and Copernican hybrid schedules are detailed in Attachment B-Secondary Hybrid Instruction linked below.

It is important that every chapter chair report back from the meeting at this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ebx-3e4kRj-VeNq4GyYxDXd8qX6cDC4DZnLzYfIQIDI/edit> . You will be asked to share about the level of support for the agreement and any important issues that were raised in the meeting.

- Along with the powerpoint presentation, here are links to other important documents related to this Agreement:

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (will download)

[PDF of PowerPoint](#)

[Safety Agreement Sideletter and Attachments](#)

[Summary](#)

[Safety checklist](#)

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Makeup session for Citywide Chapter Leader meeting this Monday, March 15

- If you were unable to attend last week's Emergency Citywide meeting, there will be a makeup session this Monday, March 15 at 5:00 pm. The link to join Monday's meeting is below. It is crucial that you understand the provisions of the Tentative Agreement and equip yourself to be able to answer members' questions.

Register in advance for this meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/93779378185?pwd=WTBJekJxMDVtajFqWU1iK1QvREZldz09>

Rebuild your Chapter Action Teams Now

- While we continue to bargain over hybrid instructional models for special education, itinerants, and health and human services, 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 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. 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

Tentative Agreement ratification vote this week

- LAUSD has agreed to all the safety criteria voted by an overwhelming majority of UTLA members as the necessary conditions for a safe return to in-person teaching. The agreement, which is only for the 2020-21 school year, will allow school communities to hold the district accountable for these conditions, as opposed to conditions we may not have control over without an agreement.

UTLA members will be voting to ratify the Tentative Agreement starting this Thursday, March 18 through Sunday, March 21. Chapter Chairs voted overwhelmingly last Thursday to endorse the agreement and will be holding meetings to discuss the details. Be sure to review the agreement and other attachments below and attend any chapter meetings to become familiar with its safety conditions and the hybrid instruction models. More information on the ratification vote will be announced soon.

This agreement includes hybrid instructional models for early education, elementary, and secondary. **We continue bargaining on hybrid models and schedules for special education, itinerants, and health and human services. There will be a separate vote on those agreements when they are reached.**

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CTA State Council Expired Term & Minority At-Large Election

- Ballot registration is now available for the CTA State Council Expired Term and Minority At-Large elections. To be eligible to cast a vote in this election, you must be an active UTLA member and register for a ballot using this form no later than Thursday, April 8, 2021.

You will receive an email from Simply Voting providing you with information on how to vote. If you did not receive this email in your inbox, double check your spam/junk folder. Two ballot links will then be sent to you from Simply Voting ; one for CTA State Council Expired Term Representatives and one for a Minority

At-Large Representative.

Voting will take place on Wednesday, April 14th, during the Area Meeting, from 4 – 5:30pm only. After 5:30pm, your ballots will no longer generate a vote.

Only submit this form once, as multiple submissions will delay your registration.

[BALLOT REGISTRATION](#)

UTLA calendar

March 17: House of Reps meeting

March 18 - 21: TA ratification vote

March 24: Board of Directors meeting