

Chapter Talking Points

May 17, 2021

Info for chapter leaders

May 19: Last Area meetings of the 2020-2021 school year

- The last scheduled Area meetings of this school year will be this Wednesday, May 19. We need to review and learn from the challenges we encountered during the reopening and how we worked to overcome them. We will also discuss bargaining and what is on the horizon for the 2021-2022 school year. Please plan to attend or send a representative from your site.

Following are the links to join the Area meetings. Links will also be sent by Area on Monday, May 17.

NORTH - May 19, 2021 4:00 PM (date will be amended on link)

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwodeqvrDotGdNQP1yNm0HSzIJKIxEgySQ>

EAST - May 19, 2021 4:00 PM

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUucuCvpjqgHdwFvtLfpbPtz_pDgQVh7gdc

CENTRAL - May 19, 2021 4:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqfu-ugTMjEtf7O6kUcR9TBVfTXeWCxhop>

SOUTH - May 19, 2021 4:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocumqqjgrG9J2aEyRz0R6YB5nYds2vLpl>

VALLEY WEST - May 19, 2021 4:30 PM

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqceuurzwoEtbKB9E5zX9_iZNk82kVogO1

WEST - May 19, 2021 4:30 PM (time will be amended on link)

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckf-6rqDwwG9bD2-W86R9Mb5meezWJNVQ7>

VALLEY EAST - May 19, 2021 4:00 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAsd->

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HARBOR - May 19, 2021 4:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlsdOCsrj4pG9MuZLtpK1uA76UZwPRdlBu9>

ECE - May 20, 2021 5:30 PM

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrd-mpqT4sGNNuHMEuO9lUldZHPB1CWstl>

COVID-19 Compliance

It is important to continue to monitor and enforce the safety measures we won for our members and students. The main elements of our enforcement program are the Covid-19 Compliance Task Force and reporting and attempting to resolve safety deficiencies.

- **The Covid 19 Compliance Task Force:** To address issues related to COVID 19 safety at the school site as they arise.

Chapter Chairs, if you have not done so already, please confirm that you are on the Task Force at your site, or identify your designee at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_VqQtc_OSTIbm28yb8N_02RWgQ9ZLI5fULZ16Y9LMtwlyXQ/viewform

- **UTLA Chapter Chair Safety Violation Report Form**

Use this form to document and report safety deficiencies to your principal and, if it is not resolved, to your UTLA Area

Rep: https://www.utla.net/sites/default/files/utla_safety_violation_report_form.pdf
(UPDATED)

1. Mark the category of the deficiency
2. Provide a more detailed description of the deficiency.
3. Request a remedy
4. Document when you provided the notice to the principal (when you submitted this form). Fill out the form, and submit it to the principal via email
5. if the principal does not resolve the issue in a timely manner, call the district hotline and document on the form the date and time that you did that
6. If the issue is still not resolved in a reasonable period of time, call your UTLA Area Rep and provide them with the violation report form

If the issue is not resolved your UTLA Area Rep will contact the district but also work with you to develop a plan to take action with your coworkers. That might involve protest, picketing, and parent outreach. We will want to discuss strategy together before taking action.

- **Forms:**

Chapter Safety Checklist

https://www.utla.net/sites/default/files/chapter_enforcement_checklist4-21.pdf

Special Services Safety Checklist for Special Ed, RST, HHS, DIS, Arts and PE Itinerants (pending ratification by affected UTLA members)

https://www.utla.net/sites/default/files/special_categories_safety_checklist_2021.pdf

Confirm Covid-19 Task Force Representative

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_VqQtc_OSTIbm28yb8N_02RWg_Q9ZLI5fULZ16Y9LMtwlyXQ/viewform

Sample Covid-19 Compliance Task Force Agenda

https://www.utla.net/sites/default/files/sample_agenda_for_first_covid_task_force_meeting1.pdf

UTLA Chapter Chair Safety Violation Report Form

https://www.utla.net/sites/default/files/utla_safety_violation_report_form.pdf (UPDATED)

Send in the Notice of Chapter Chair Election

- If you were the 2020-2021 Chapter Chair for your school or chapter, intend to continue as the chapter chair for the 2021-2022 school year, and are uncontested, 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. You were informed by email if you have a contested or uncontested election. For contested chapters having elections the deadline to turn in the NOCCE form is May 21.

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 2021-2022 Chapter Chair.

[Notice of Chapter Chair Elections](#)

UTLA Virtual Leadership Conference August 4-6

- We will be holding our annual Leadership Conference virtually again this year, from August 4 to 6. Over three days, Chapter leaders will strategize and organize as we fight forward for the healthy, healing, and equitable return that our students and communities deserve. Registration and more info coming soon.

Rebuild your Chapter Action Teams Now

- We need to 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

Bargaining update

- We are in bargaining with the school district on what next school year looks like. It's our hope that all schools will be able to physically open five days per week in the fall, but local conditions will determine whether that's possible. We remain focused on ensuring we uphold necessary health and safety standards and that the voices of our most vulnerable students and their families are heard.

This week: Member survey on physical reopening

- This Wednesday, May 19, we will be launching a new UTLA member survey. With the school year coming to a close, your feedback on how you've experienced the physical reopening of our schools is critical to our next steps. Negotiating and organizing to ensure a safe and healthy 2021-2022 school year will be a top priority over the coming weeks and months.

Once the survey arrives, please take a few minutes to answer all the survey questions, which cover a range of issues — from safety protocols to hybrid learning to how the district should spend the unprecedented pandemic recovery funds in ways that best support our students.

Please DO NOT forward the survey email since the survey can only be taken once and forwarding the email might result in your answers being excluded by the system. Your input is critically important.

Substitutes: Apply for Summer School now

- The district is opening summer school to all substitutes and is encouraging everyone to apply. The summer COS (community of schools) program will be a total of 4 hours of onsite work, this includes 30 minutes of prep time. The district will continue the extended day hourly rate for in-person work. Substitutes will be assigned based on the overall needs of the program and all seniority and other protocols in place will be followed.

May 17: Quality of Life Virtual Rally & Campaign Kickoff

- Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities continue to be plagued with inequities in services and supports that have deepened during the pandemic. The Journey for Justice alliance is kicking off the campaign for a “quality of life” platform in support of national demands around education, safety, housing, health care, climate, economic development, and more.

The virtual rally and campaign kickoff to demand federal investment in the "quality of life" platform will be held **this Monday, May 17 from 12 noon to 8 pm. All interested can join the rally at the link below.**

- *Journey for Justice is an alliance of grassroots community, youth, and parent-led organizations in over 30 cities and growing across the country organizing to win community-driven alternatives to the privatization of and dismantling of public school systems. J4J is an organization led by Black and Brown parents, students, and families centered in racial, social, and education justice.*

[Register for Equity or Else: Quality of Life Virtual Rally](#)

May 18 Live Event: Fulfilling Our Promise to Students with Disabilities

- Join us this Tuesday, May 18, for a national conversation and a call to action to ensure the federal and state governments give students with disabilities the education they deserve.

Joining NEA President Becky Pringle will be UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz, UTLA Elementary Vice President Gloria Martinez, and Melina Espiritu Azocar, mother of two from Texas and one of the parents involved in the petition filed by the Fulfill the Promise Coalition for more supports for special education.

[Register for the Fulfilling the Promise Live Event](#)

May 24: UTLA Constitution Committee Member Forum

- The UTLA Constitution Committee has been reviewing the UTLA Constitution, so that it reflects our present reality and structure. We are undertaking an extensive process to revise the UTLA Constitution, which includes an open forum for UTLA members to give input to the Constitution Committee. This forum will be held on **Monday, May 24, from 5 to 6 pm**. Registration required at the link below.

Zoom Meeting Information

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtdGrqjksGtSHHPvrv5D3NcwdLR10q8R8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you have any questions contact UTLA Secretary Arlene Inouye ainouye@utla.net

WHO Award nominations

- We are now taking nominations for the CTA State WHO Award. The application can be found [here](#), at UTLA.net. The “**WHO**” **State Award** is for active UTLA/NEA members who have given outstanding service in support of UTLA/NEA and its members at the state or national levels of UTLA, CTA and NEA. The deadline to submit an application is May 27th. The winner will be recognized at the June CTA State Council and in the Spring of 2022 at the UTLA WHO Awards which we hope to have back in person.

[WHO Awards nomination form](#)

UTLA calendar

May 17: Quality of Life virtual rally

May 18: Fulfilling the Promise Live Event

May 19: Area meetings

May 19: Member Survey

May 24: Constitution Committee Member Forum

May 26: Board of Directors meeting