

Chapter Talking Points

May 5

Info for chapter leaders

Area meetings next week, May 13

- Our second virtual Area meeting is next Wednesday, May 13. The April 29 Area meeting was very well attended with vital information and meaningful exchanges. Next Monday, we will again send you the materials for the meeting and a link to join. Be sure to participate and invite others from your school to join. Let's stay connected as circumstances and rules are constantly changing.
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Talking points for chapter meetings

Summer School

- ESY (Extended School Year) will be held virtually starting on June 29 and will run through July 24. Members who applied to teach ESY will be hearing from the district soon. Please encourage parents of children with IEPs to enroll their children for ESY. They can do so by visiting the LAUSD Parent Portal or by calling the Division of Special Ed at 213-241-6701.

Chapter Chair elections: Self-nomination forms due May 8

- If you are interested in being the chapter chair of your school or group, please submit the [self-nomination form](#) or the [Special Category self-nomination form](#) by 5 pm on May 8. You will be notified no later than May 15 if you are the only candidate from your school or group and therefore elected, or if there needs to be an election for the position. For any questions, please contact Arlene Inouye, ainouye@utla.net.

COVID crisis is a windfall for billionaires

- As more than 26 million Americans lost their jobs, US billionaires added \$282 billion — nearly a ten percent increase — to their combined wealth between March 18 and April 10. The United States billionaire class now has a combined net worth of \$2.9 trillion.

- The crisis has exposed how decades of billionaire tax cuts have exacerbated income inequality and left communities with no safety nets, fragile social services, and underfunded public schools. Emerging out of this crisis as a more just and equitable society will take government at all levels taxing the wealthy to fund public education, healthcare, housing, jobs, and other infrastructure.
- Read [the new UTLA flyer](#) for more on our fight to make our communities a priority and share this important information with friends and colleagues.

LAUSD announces 2020/2021 start date and summer school

- Superintendent Austin Beutner announced today that the 2020-21 school year will start August 18. However, there is no decision yet about opening facilities at that time. He said science is the foundation of reopening decisions, and added that at minimum, a comprehensive system of testing and contact tracing will need to be in place before schools can be open.
- He also announced that summer school, which will start in mid June, for the first time will be open to all students. The curriculum will include focused, intensive classes for a small number of students; literacy and math at all grade levels; emphasis on language for English learners; and broader enrichment learning in new areas. More details in the next few weeks.

Community Schools Cohort 2 Timeline Survey - Due May 15

- We still don't have a definitive time frame for the Cohort 2 application process to become a Community School which was postponed due to the school closures. [This survey](#) was created to assess the capacity of schools to write the application at this time. We need only ONE person from your school (preferably the chapter chair or your admin) to complete the survey.
- Consult with your Leadership Team/Local School Leadership Council/Community School Design Team to determine your school's capacity to write the application. Local districts will send the survey to principals, so checking with them about who will complete the survey and talking to the team is critical to making sure the survey reflects the team's capacity, not just one person's capacity. Be as honest as possible as it relates to your time and capacity.
- Please reach out to Esperanza Martinez emartinez@utla.net or 213-440-0977 with questions and/or to set up a zoom meeting with your team.

[Community Schools Cohort 2 Timeline Survey](#)

UTLA May Wellness and Mental Health Month

- May is Mental Health Awareness month and the UTLA Health and Human Services group is launching a wellness program for members, students, and families. Throughout the month, there will be Facebook Live presentations every Wednesday discussing issues related to mental health and tools and resources for coping during the pandemic. **#wellnessWednesdays**

Teacher Appreciation Week

- Pat yourself on the back and celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week! You have shown dedication, flexibility, creativity, resilience and much more by switching overnight to provide remote instruction to your students under the most difficult circumstances. You can be proud of yourself. You have earned this celebration and have shown the world the stuff teachers are made of. **#ThankATeacher!**

UPDATED FAQS

We are updating our FAQ pages regularly. Check often for new info.

- [Members-FAQ](#)
- [HHS-FAQ](#)
- [Substitutes-FAQ](#)
- [Parents-FAQ](#)
- [Parents \(Spanish\)-FAQ](#)

UTLA action calendar

Wednesday, May 13: Area meetings