

UTLA Motion on Member Engagement Process to Explore Endorsing Bernie Sanders



Move that UTLA initiate a process of exploration to endorse Bernie Sanders for President of the United States in the Democratic Party primary. Said process will include engaging UTLA chapter chairs in a discussion at the October 2 area meetings and holding an advisory vote of those in attendance at the November 13 area meetings. Further move that results at the area meetings will constitute an advisory recommendation to the House of Representatives on the matter that the House will take up at an emergency House of Representatives meeting to be held on November 14, 2019.

***Rationale:** Bernie Sanders is the only presidential candidate that has comprehensive plans that strengthen education, the labor movement and healthcare. Furthermore, his anti-privatization stance on education, healthcare and the prison system translate to better living conditions for our students and families we serve. His plan to triple Title I funds, increase IDEA funding to 50% and move to a healthcare system that is based on the premise that healthcare is a fundamental right would positively impact not only the students we serve, but our profession as well.*

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