

# Chapter Talking Points

*January 24, 2022*

## Info for chapter leaders

### Area meetings on Wednesday, February 2

- When we meet on February 2, we will discuss the most recent safety measures at our schools and any anticipated changes to the current safety protocols. We will talk about how to organize a strong voter turn out program at your site in anticipation of the all member vote on the Beyond Recovery Platform on February 16-18. Please be sure to attend this meeting or have someone representing your site.

### Hold Beyond Recovery Platform Chapter Meetings Now

- If you have not met with members at your site to discuss the Beyond Recovery Platform, it is important that you hold this meeting as soon as possible. The all-member vote on the platform is approaching soon and all members need to be familiar with the details of the platform before the vote. The platform was developed by UTLA members over months of meetings and discussions and will form the basis for our bargaining demands in the upcoming full contract negotiations. Chapter Chairs voted overwhelmingly by 97% to endorse the platform at the Jan. 6 Citywide meeting.

#### **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Chapter Chairs should hold meetings to ensure that all members are familiar with the details and are prepared to endorse the platform in the all-member vote scheduled for February 16, 17, and 18.

At your meeting, be sure to let members know that you support the platform. Take a member poll, and report the results, including the number of people at the meeting, using this report form <https://bit.ly/chaptermeetform>.

#### **MATERIALS AND LINKS**

Here are the links to the materials you will need to help you conduct your

meeting and answer member questions. Additionally, a website has been created <https://Vision.utla.net> which houses the links to all the materials. The password to the Chapter Chair section is utlastrong. Please use that website as a resource.

Campaign Website: <https://Vision.utla.net>

Chapter Meeting

PowerPoint: [https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform\\_ChapterPresentation.pptx](https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform_ChapterPresentation.pptx) (will download)

Platform: [https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform\\_Full.pdf](https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform_Full.pdf)

Platform Leaflet: [https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform\\_Flyer.pdf](https://vision.utla.net/s/UTLAPLatform_Flyer.pdf)

Chapter Meeting Report Back: <https://bit.ly/chaptermeetform>

## Supporting the Black Student Achievement Plan (BSAP) and Fighting the Criminalization of Youth

- It is crucial and historic that the Black Student Achievement Plan, fought for and won by UTLA and a coalition of partners, is leading the shift from criminalizing Black students to supporting Black students' academic, social, and emotional needs. BSAP is now being used as a model for school districts statewide. [Here is background information on the BSAP program](#) for UTLA Chapter leaders.

## Talking points for chapter meetings

### Safety updates

- Late Friday LAUSD released revised COVID exposure protocols to reflect changes in LA County guidelines. The LAUSD summary is [here](#), and we will be updating the [UTLA FAQ](#) soon.
- Because of the ongoing surge, UTLA called on LAUSD to extend weekly testing of all students and staff through February, and LAUSD has agreed to do so. We will demand that the testing program be extended further if cases continue to surge.

- As of January 24, LAUSD students are required to wear a close fitting, non-cloth mask with a nose wire at all times, including while participating in athletic activities. Students will be provided with these masks at their school site, if needed. Students who have a disability or medical or mental health condition that makes them unable to comply with the mask mandate continue to be exempted.
- Check the latest FAQs on COVID protocols. The FAQ page at [utla.net/springfaq](https://utla.net/springfaq) is updated regularly as new information emerges. Visit this page often to see the latest updates.

[FAQs on Spring Semester & COVID Protocols](#)

## Staying vigilant for health & safety

- If safety measures aren't being followed at your site, reach out to your school's COVID Task Force. All school sites should have a COVID-19 Compliance Task Force that meets at least twice a month to address identified deficiencies in a timely manner.

## The UTLA Beyond Recovery Platform

- Smaller class sizes and caseloads
- Improved salaries and working conditions
- Support for students' mental health and social needs
- Updated tech for all students and staff
- + more initiatives to address critical needs

The Beyond Recovery Platform represents our broad goals, for contract negotiations that begin later this spring. as identified in hundreds of school site and chapter meetings, community meetings, parent discussions, and discussions among UTLA Chapter Chairs and the UTLA Board of Directors.

Our schools have been underfunded for decades. A real recovery means better schools, more funding, more programs for students, and more support for educators.

Now the platform is going to all members for a final review followed by a vote in February 16-18. That vote is a message that all 35,000 of us are united behind these demands and we will fight for them. Read the entire platform and highlights in a flyer below.

[Beyond Recovery: The Fight for LA Schools flyer](#)  
[The Beyond Recovery Platform](#)

## Secondary Committee meetings to restart February 23

- The UTLA Secondary Committee is going to reconvene after a pause during the pandemic. To be eligible to run for Committee Chair, you must attend the meeting on February 23, 2022, and the meeting on March 23, 2022. The vote to elect a new chair will take place during the March meeting. Information about these meetings can be found on the UTLA calendar. Please email Julie Van Winkle ([julie.vanwinkle@utla.net](mailto:julie.vanwinkle@utla.net)) with any questions.

## NBC-UTLA Annual Conference

- The 18th Annual NBC-UTLA Conference is being held virtually this Saturday. Credit for NBC hours available. For more information or registration link contact Scott Mandel at [scottmandel@att.net](mailto:scottmandel@att.net).

## CTA Good Teaching Conference, January 27-30

- The Good Teaching Conference supports excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers via peer-to-peer instruction, offering a variety of diverse workshops focused on curriculum content areas for K-12 teachers. The conference is virtual, free and can provide Professional Development hours.

More information and registration at <https://www.cta.org/event/2022-gtcnorth>

## Black Lives Matter in School week of Action Jan 31-Feb 4

- **A week of action, a year of purpose.** Black Lives Matter at School is a national coalition organizing for racial justice in education. We encourage all educators, students, parents, unions, and community organizations to join our annual week of action during the first week of February each year.
- <https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

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## **UTLA calendar**

**Feb. 2:** Area meetings

**Feb. 9:** House of Representatives meeting

**Feb. 16-18:** All-member vote on Beyond Recovery Platform

**Feb. 23:** Secondary Committee meeting