

# Chapter Talking Points

January 31, 2022

## Info for chapter leaders

### Area meetings on Wednesday, February 2

- When we meet on February 2, we will discuss safety and other urgent issues facing our schools. As we prepare for an all-member vote on the Beyond Recovery Platform for upcoming contract negotiations, we will discuss how to organize for the type of huge voter turnout at your site that will send a message to LAUSD that we are united and ready to stand up for our demands. Please be sure to attend this meeting or have someone representing your site

#### **REGISTRATION LINK**

**Register in advance for these meetings:**

**NORTH** - Feb 2, 2022, 04:00 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvduqurz8qGt3bRPBuwYKGN2qZjH-l4uVZ>

**SOUTH** - Feb 2, 2022, 04:30 PM

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqf--prTMiGdVX5\\_oaS-VtidxIzWYjs7yS](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqf--prTMiGdVX5_oaS-VtidxIzWYjs7yS)

**EAST** - Feb 2, 2022, 04:30 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-yqqT0sGtSczTIZMOhkhSVyWkSyt8f3>

**WEST** - Feb 2, 2022, 04:30 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkfumhqTgrHNPsKSQt5lt4QzZk7HgUAZNP>

**HARBOR** - Feb 2, 2022, 04:30 PM

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qfuuoqj0pHtyKrl0a\\_N6Ynay8gwcUsCuo](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qfuuoqj0pHtyKrl0a_N6Ynay8gwcUsCuo)



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>

## Updated Chapter Chair Safety Violation Report

- If your worksite is out of compliance with the current COVID-19 safety protocols, use this updated form to report and document the problem and the steps taken to resolve the issue.

[Chapter Chair Safety Violation Report form](#)

## Talking points for chapter meetings

### Safety updates

- COVID positivity rates in LAUSD are going down and student attendance is going up, but being an educator in this moment continues to be challenging and exhausting.

Federal, state, and county guidelines are constantly changing. We sent an updated FAQ to members last week, and we will continue providing information as we get it. FAQs about safety protocols and more can be found [here](#).

## “Our kids are going to be more successful if we keep good teachers in the classroom”

- [Watch Joy, a seventh-grade teacher in South LA, talk about why she is supporting the \*\*Beyond Recovery platform\*\*](#) to help retain the educators our students need by increasing pay and improving working conditions and student supports.
- UTLA members are voting next month on the platform, which will form the demands we bring to negotiations with LAUSD in the spring. Our vote is a message that all 35,000 of us are united behind the **Beyond Recovery demands** and we will fight for them.

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

## District must suspend unnecessary student assessments

- The pandemic continues to highlight the need for educational programs to prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of our students, staff, and communities. Instead, the district is taxing students with unnecessary and time-consuming assessments that are of little use in this unique year of education.

Aligned with educators’ long-time organizing against over-testing, UTLA leaders are calling on LAUSD to immediately suspend all district-mandated assessments that are not required by the state or federal government. [Read the letter here](#) to the interim superintendent and chief academic officer.

Eliminating or drastically reducing the number of nonessential standardized tests is part of the [Beyond Recovery platform](#) that UTLA members are voting on in February in advance of contract negotiations with LAUSD in the spring.

## UTLA Special Education Campaign Meeting

- Please join us in a meeting to discuss how we will fight for Special Education funding in LAUSD and our priorities for Special Education.

Special Education touches all of our students, funding, and programming. The Beyond Recovery Contract Campaign is our chance to win more for our students and for all educators right now. The district has an unprecedented influx of money and we want to ensure LAUSD uses the money to fund and staff Special Education appropriately. We have been struggling with limited resources for too long.

All members are invited to attend. If you cannot join at 4pm, join us later. We will not have breakouts to identify issues we want to fight for until 4:30pm.

**Wednesday, February 9**

**4:00pm (Itinerants please join after work!)**

**Registration Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtceiorzMuGtJJHXZueGKwunKMQ8oKmxg3>

## **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/>

## **Nominate an outstanding educator for the 2022 Teacher of the Year Program**

- LAUSD Teacher of the Year Program honors teachers with a strong commitment to their students, school and community. The program spotlights positive aspects of education and pays tribute to our richly diverse teaching force.

Any Los Angeles Unified employee, parents, or students may submit a nomination. Nominations are due by February 18. Read [eligibility requirements](#)

[here.](#)

To nominate, visit <https://bit.ly/TOYnomination>

## **UTLA calendar**

**Feb. 2:** Area meetings

**Feb. 3:** ECE Chapter leader meeting

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

**Feb. 9:** Special Ed Beyond Recovery campaign meeting

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

**Feb. 23:** Secondary Committee meeting