

TALKING POINTS ON THE SCHOOL BOARD CAMPAIGNS

- With four school board seats up in the March primary, we have the opportunity to move the board to a more solid pro-public education, pro-student, and pro-educator majority.
- We also run the risk of losing seats to privatizer-backed candidates.
 - Privatizer candidate in BD 3, Dan Chang, comes directly from the privatizer machine and was a charter executive who opened corporate charter schools throughout LA. Chang is currently the board chairperson of the Valley Charter chain.
 - Privatizer candidate in BD 1, Didi Watts, is the chief of staff to current pro-privatization school board member Tanya Ortiz Franklin.
 - If Chang and Watts win, the privatizers will have a majority.

Fortunately, we have strong candidates who can win if we all do the work.

School Board District 1: Kahllid Al-Alim

Kahllid is a community organizer and parent of five current and former LAUSD students. Through his work in South LA and his involvement in Reclaim Our Schools Los Angeles and Students Deserve, Kahllid contributed significantly to the organizing of parent and community support for our 2019 and 2023 contract campaigns and strikes. Kahllid shares our values and has demonstrated his commitment and ability to lead, and he will move this work forward on the school board.

School Board District 3: Scott Schmerelson

Scott has been an educator for over 40 years and has served two terms on the school board. In the face of a powerful privatization machine, Scott Schmerelson has been a steadfast supporter of educators and public schools. This year, when the district was threatening to undermine our voice in healthcare, Scott fought right beside us. Scott was also one of the four-vote majority needed to pass this year's charter co-location resolution. Corporate charter interests are coming back stronger than ever, and we can count on Scott Schmerelson to hold them accountable and stop privatizers from turning our schools into profit margins.

School Board District 5: Karla Griego

Karla has been a Special Education teacher with LAUSD for 19 years, working with the most vulnerable student populations, and is the parent of an LAUSD student. Karla was a leader on the UTLA Board of Directors and helped shape UTLA's organizing program in our contract campaigns, including the massive campaign that culminated in our 2019 strike. In 2023, Karla led her chapter in our three-day solidarity strike. As a UTLA Board member and a longtime leader in Reclaim Our Schools LA, Karla has helped shape UTLA's contract demands, including demands for Community Schools, green public schools, the Black Student Achievement Plan, support for Special Education, class size reduction, and more. Karla is one of us and will be a force on the school board!

When we knock on doors and talk to voters, we win.

- Voters trust educators – when we go out and tell voters who we are supporting, they listen and we get the votes.
- If we all just do one day of voter outreach door-knocking, we can win this election. We all braved three days in the rain during the strike – we can do this.
- Every UTLA chapter is picking one Saturday or Sunday to join the UTLA voter outreach campaign for four hours. We will get a quick training, some talking points and materials, and then be paired up to knock on doors of voters and encourage them to vote for our candidates.
- Our chapter is walking on (DATE). Sign up now on this sign up sheet (PASS OUT THE SIGN UP SHEET).