RALLY TALKING POINTS ON THE FLIP SIDE

METRO TRIP PLANNER

CHAPTER CHAIR CHECKLIST: CONTRACT CAMPAIGN

May 2025

I. FILL OUT THE NOTICE OF CHAPTER CHAIR ELECTION FORM

- If you self-nominated for Chapter Chair for next school year and there were no other self-nominations, you should have been notified via email. The next step is to fill out the Notice of Chapter Chair Election (NOCCE) form as soon as possible.
- If no one at your site filled out the self-nomination form by last week's deadline, the first person to fill it out will be the Chapter Chair for 2025-2026.

2. ORGANIZE YOUR CHAPTER TO ATTEND THE MAY 17 RALLY AT SPACEX AT 11 AM

- Hand out the member flyer from the Area meeting and follow the talking points on the flip side of this checklist to drive home the urgency of the Trump-Musk threats and the power of taking collective action right now.
- Activate your CAT structure to reach every member one-on-one conversations drive turnout.
- Use your roster to track who has signed up, and send in signups as they come in (email to schoolsitepower@utla.net or by fax to 213-368-6256).
- Make a group plan to carpool and take public transportation. The Crenshaw Station Metro C Line is one block from the rally point. Use the Metro Trip Planner to plan your specific route.











CHAPTER TALKING POINTS: MAY 17 RALLY AT SPACEX Fight for Schools: Stop Trump & Musk

PART I: NAME THE ISSUE

Elon Musk and the Trump Administration are coming for our school. In their war on public education, they have threatened to withhold \$1.2 billion in federal funds from LAUSD.

That is our money – it's from our tax dollars. That \$1.2 billion pays for 110 million meals for hungry LAUSD students. It funds Special Education and Title I, which supports our neediest students.

They are threatening to steal \$3,093 from every student in LAUSD.

Stop for a second and think about the students in your classroom who rely on those free meals. Can you see their faces?

Now think about the Special Education students in our school and in your life. Can you picture their faces? These are the children Trump is attacking.

PART 2: CALIFORNIA'S RESPONSE

The State of California has filed a lawsuit, and Trump has not cut any funding yet – but the threat is still very real.

LAUSD has a \$6.4 billion budget reserve — they could weather this cut for a few years and still meet most of our contract demands.

PART 3: OUR FIGHT

Are you going to let LAUSD use Trump as an excuse to underpay educators and ignore student needs? (collective "no")

That's right – all of us will have to collectively hold LAUSD accountable and fight to stop Trump's cuts.

Do you think if Trump gets away with these cuts, he will be done hurting public education and trying to break your union? (collective "no")

We know once we allow one round of cuts, it will open the floodgates for more. These cuts show that this administration's goal is to replace public schools with vouchers and break our union. If we do nothing now, we should expect them to come after the right to exist as a union.

These cuts are equivalent to a 30% pay increase. Do you agree that all of us must do everything we can to stop Trump's cuts?

PART 4: CALL TO ACTION

Imagine unions from across the state coming together on one day to let Trump and Musk know we will do whatever it takes to protect our students, our families, and our careers.

On May 17 at 11 am, UTLA and 128 CTA teacher unions will converge outside of Musk's business, SpaceX in Hawthorne. On that same day, locals in San Diego, Sacramento, Hanford, and San Francisco will take action.

This is a demonstration of power to Trump, Musk, and LAUSD. It is a warning of the fight we will wage for our students — whether it is against the district or the administration.

Do you want to let Trump and Musk steal \$3,000 from every one of our students? Are you going to let LAUSD hide behind Trump so they can keep hoarding billions of dollars?

Will you be there on May 17?!?! Sign up now!

(Circulate signup sheet or QR code to rally signup.)

