

# CHAPTER TALKING POINTS: MAY 17 RALLY AT SPACEX

## Fight for Schools: Stop Trump & Musk

### PART 1: 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.)



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