2 YEAR VISION
The UESF Leadership, Bargaining Team and Executive Board are recommending a 2 year plan that would extend our current contract to the year 2022. Winning a 2 year contract extension would allow us time to focus on negotiating a new Memorandum of Understanding with the District around distance learning, special education and reopening schools, running a campaign to pass Schools and Communities First, and working in coordination with educator unions statewide to roll out actions and demands that build on what we’ve already won and prepare us for a collective fight in 2022.

UNCERTAIN TIMES
We know that in times of uncertainty or economic crisis governmental agencies often attempt to balance their budgets on the backs of students, educators and workers. We should be prepared for billions in projected budget shortfalls in the coming years and any potential fights needed to stop rollbacks on the gains we’ve made. Now is the time for the wealthy to bear that burden rather than us. We can’t predict what these shortfalls will mean, and giving ourselves time to understand this new landscape will allow us to prepare for upcoming fights.

STATEWIDE COALITION
UESF is currently working with a coalition of education unions across the state to develop demands and actions to take collectively as we build towards 2022 together. We are taking our first collective action together this May through a statewide petition. Voting in favor of a 2 year contract extension would put us in a great place statewide in the year 2022.
BUILDING POWER

Before the pandemic, we were working towards building up our site structures to pull off mass actions in support of our contract negotiations. While that work will potentially look different as a result of social distancing, the importance of a well running site structure that can educate and activate our membership and engage our community is now more important than ever. We will spend the next two years building and testing that structure.

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST

We will organize and vote for the Schools and Communities First Initiative, raising $12 billion for schools and social services by taxing large corporations, which will be crucial to building the schools our students deserve. UESF is advocating for a re-opener to ensure that we get to negotiate the additional funding.

TAKE ACTION

We will need to be a united front if we are going to first win a two year contract extension with no take backs, and then build on our collective movement and be ready for 2022.

3 THINGS YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW

1. Get the word out about our 2 year extension vote - bit.ly/uesfvote
2. Come to the 5/20 Assembly meeting w/Jane McAlvey - bit.ly/uesf520
3. Attend a Secure Our Future training - bit.ly/secureourfuture