Your vote counts! Vote for the UUP contract Aug. 10-24

Voter turnout matters. That's true in national elections, and it will be true in the upcoming ratification vote on UUP's tentative contract with the state.

That's why UUP President Fred Kowal, Chief Negotiator Bret Benjamin, members of the UUP Negotiations Team and UUP statewide and chapter leaders are delivering one simple message over and again: Vote to ratify the UUP contract.

Your union certainly hopes that members ratify this terrific tentative contract—one that is rich with gains for all members, and especially UUP's lowest-paid members. But beyond a ratification, UUP hopes to see a resounding, indisputable endorsement of this deal, one that will make the state and SUNY sit up and take notice.

Ratification matters. So do the numbers by which the contract is ratified. A strong turnout in favor of the contract sends a message to the state, and that message is: UUP is strong, united and determined.

UUP plans to build on this contract. Numbers speak; a solid wall of union support for this contract will be remembered in the next round of negotiations.

Here's what you need to know to make your voice heard with your vote:

The ratification vote on the tentative 2022-2026 Agreement will be conducted electronically. Postcards containing instructions on how to access your personal electronic ballot will be mailed by MK Election Services to UUP members by Aug. 9 at your address of record.

UUP members who have provided email addresses to UUP will also receive emails with instructions on how to access your personal electronic ballot Aug. 10.

Please allow enough time for the postcard to reach you. If you don't receive a postcard or email by Aug. 17, call MK Election Services at 203-403-8401 or email uupcontract@mkelections.com to request replacement voting instructions. If you have questions about the ballot or voting process, please contact caleb@mkelections.com

Online voting will open 9 a.m. Aug. 10 and will close 5 p.m. Aug. 24. You may vote at any time during this period. The results of the vote will be announced after the balloting window has closed Aug. 24.

If you have questions about the contract, email contract@uupmail.org

Read more about the tentative contract HERE.