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Thanks for Making A Most Challenging Year So Successful

This has been an incredible year. While dealing with Sacramento's financial mess and its impact on our schools, we not only managed to survive. Our schools emerged with the largest array of major awards and honors in our district's 119-year history.

Thank you for keeping your focus on our compelling commitment. We believe that every student can learn. And in spite of the \$2 billion state cut to K-12 public education, we have pursued that belief daily and achieved amazing success.



Here are a few recent major accomplishments you should be very proud of. I am so grateful to you for your contributions to these and many other successes we have

celebrated this school year:

- Broad Prize for Urban Education – Top National Winner of a half million dollars
- Education Trust's Dispelling the Myth Award for achievement and improvement
- Education Trust West's All Kids, All Stars Award for serving diverse populations
- Highest-rated Head Start program in U.S.
- Largest number of 2004 California Distinguished Schools – 11 schools
- Largest number of middle schools win 2004 Distinguished School Awards – three schools
- Newsweek's Best High Schools – two schools
- National Blue Ribbon Schools – five schools
- National Title I Achieving Schools – 14 schools
- Grammy Award for music education – one of top seven high schools in U.S.
- 59 Teachers nationally board certified
- Nation's best geology teacher
- Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year
- Major League Baseball's Breaking Barriers Essay Contest – National Winner
- Milken National Educator Award
- Alumnus earns Presidential Medal of Freedom
- National publication features high school special education
- Single-gender academies featured on CNN
- Only district in state to earn SPARC counseling award or commendation at all high schools
- 300 businesses support the first local State of Education luncheon
- Business partnerships with schools exceed 1,000

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These Teachers Served Almost 2,900 Years

A total of 109 teachers and certificated employees are wrapping up their careers this year. Together they have amassed 2,879 years of service to the students of the Long Beach Unified School District:

40 years--Jon Nowak, Facilities; Anna Wood, Newcomb;
 39 years--Margaret Boertz, Willard; Louise Epps, Reid;
 38 years--Robert Kuntz, Wilson; Karen Bustrum, Muir; Sharon Flynn, Poly;



Wood

37 years--Mary Griffith, CDC;
 36 years--Lesley Deck, Hughes; Carol Persons, Cleveland; Rhoda Orenstein, Keller; Beverly Stolte, Bancroft; Joel Tankenson, Wilson;
 35 years--Christine Cook, CDC; Karen Quigley, OCIPD; Mary Rothery, Hughes; Netta Roberts, Rogers; Judith Bohlen, Music Office; Louise Hicks, CDC; Dorene Reed, Burcham; Daryl Ur, Longfellow;
 34 years--Mary Wilkerson, CDC; Mark Ur, Lakewood; Karen Webb, Newcomb; Lenora Dugas, Hoover;
 33 years--Mary Thompson, Lakewood; Deborah Vignovich, Special Education; Carolyn Larke, McKinley;

32 years--Glenda Petty, Wilson; Toby Jamieson, Poly; Barbara Harkleroad, Student Support Services; Marlene Sutton, Avalon;

31 years--Arlene Huss, Carver; Cherry Bramlett, Wilson;
 30 years--Walter Bugbee, Jordan;
 Marianne Mitchell, Jordan; Barbara Yahn, Birney;



Nowak

29 years--Teddy Smith, Monroe;
 28 years--Nancy Mauger, Buffum;
 26 years--Gloria DeWeber, Jordan;
 25 years--Carolann McNeal, Harte;
 Genevieve Choy, Gompers;
 24 years--Gerald Lunderville, Wilson; Judy Mattson, Fremont;
 23 years--Judith Yamato, Prisk; Rubie McClure, Millikan;
 22 years--Elizabeth Fields, Muir; Susan Finn, Stanford; Virginia Dillon, Holmes; Patricia Frangente, Tincher;
 21 years--Sara Pitman, Cubberley; Marilyn Williams, Hill; Suzanne Harper, CDC; Linda Griffiths, Muir;

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Poly Junior Attains Perfect SAT, ACT

Sumner Arano, a talented 16-year-old Poly junior, recently earned a perfect 1600 score on the SAT and a perfect score of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam. Only 12 students in California have scored a perfect 36 this year.

The chance of scoring a perfect 1600 SAT and a perfect 36 ACT is approximately one or two in 100,000.

This year, Arano took three AP classes: calculus AB, European history and music theory. She has a 3.97 GPA (4.50 weighted for AP classes). She will be taking four AP classes next year: physics, chemistry, calculus BC and psychology.

Arano is considering attending Oberlin or Northwestern with a double major in medicine and music. She hopes to become a psychiatrist and a symphony bassoonist.

She is principal bassoonist in the Poly Symphonic Winds and Symphony Orchestra, a performer with the Colburn Orchestra de Camera for top young musicians in the Los Angeles area, a member of the Senza Corda Woodwind Quintet at Poly and plays bass clarinet in the Poly Marching Band. Next year she will play bassoon in the Poly Jazz Band. She also will perform a trio she recently composed for oboe, viola and bassoon.



BRILLIANT PERFORMER--Not only excelling on the bassoon and bass clarinet, Sumner Arano recently earned perfect scores on both the SAT and ACT.

Retiring Classified Wrap Up Careers

Retiring this year from schools, offices and key support services are 45 Long Beach Unified School District classified employees with a combined total of 935 years of service.

41 years--John Green, School Safety and Emergency Preparedness;

35 years--David Miller, Transportation;
34 years--Margaret Collier, Burcham; Ernest McCain, Jr., Reid;

31 years--Joseph Montgomery, Maintenance;

29 years--Willeene Bailey, Transportation;
26 years--David

Fowler, Maintenance;

24 years--Linda Sauer, Hudson;
23 years--Lester Chambers, Poly; Chau Bruckler, International Student Registration;
20 years--Robert Ford, Facilities; Sandra Roy, Wilson;

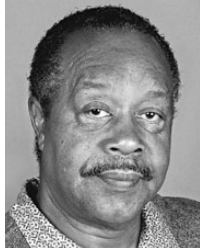
18 years--Irene Mariscal, King; Cecilia Spade, The Willows;

17 years--Patricia Scholz, Library Services; Bernice Jones, Food and Nutrition Services; Esteban Moreno, Maintenance; Joyce Gay, Emerson;

16 years--Carolyn Gardner, Hudson; Liwayway Mines, Personnel Commission; Susie Kemp, Lee;

10 years--James Lewis, Operations; Hazel Haynes, Longfellow.

A total of 22 others with a combined total of 423 years of service have requested that their names not be printed.



Green

• A Remarkable Year

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- First on West Coast to provide the PSAT for all tenth graders
- New schools built on time, on budget
- Busing reduced as new schools open
- Balanced budget, no layoffs, no class-size increases despite budget cuts
- Further reductions in class size
- Successful Board of Education initiatives in reading, writing, math
- Best attendance, lowest suspension rate in decades
- Ten years of school uniforms in schools now serving 74,000 students
- Local high school leads state in UC admissions
- State Golden Bell Award for community-based English tutoring
- 99 percent of our schools meet or exceed state academic growth targets
- Most Inspiring Students honored by legendary UCLA Coach John Wooden

Names in the News

Mark Stone, Washington science teacher, will attend the Global Friendship Space Camp in Turkey, July 2-13. He will be trained about space, international history and culture. Next year his students will participate in three-way conference calls with Turkish students and NASA. In 2005, some Washington students will go to space camp to meet the Turkish students.

• Retiring Teachers

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20 years--Joan Fisher, Millikan; Janet Grimmatt, Keller; Tamra Ishaek, Barton;
19 years--Joyce Murray, Harte; D'Lynn Saremí, Newcomb; Marjorie Jones, Burroughs;
17 years--Jane Matt, Gant; Roberta Coss, Barton;

16 years--Marian Gross, Emerson;
15 years--Marion Osato, Lakewood;
14 years--Ruth Geppert, Head Start;

Christopher Prats, Bancroft; Patrocina Fabregas, Head Start;

13 years--Ann Pray, Newcomb;
12 years--David Braunstein, Jordan;

Elizabeth Espinoza, Monroe;
11 years--Mai Ngoc Vu, Head Start;

10 years--Barbara Prats, Millikan; Nedra Miller, Washington.

Thirty-six others who served 904 years asked that their names not be printed.

21st Century Grant

Thousands of local elementary and middle school students this fall will receive expert homework assistance and educational and recreational after-school activities thanks to a new \$15 million grant. The Long Beach Unified School District will partner with the City of Long Beach and local youth service organizations to implement the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

Federal funds will pay for after-school centers that will serve 24 schools. Ten more schools here may be funded in the next year.

Some centers will be located at schools, others at nearby locations like the United Cambodian Community Center.

Local schools served by the grant are Addams, Burnett, Burroughs, Butler, Cleveland, Edison, Garfield, Grant, Hamilton, Harte, International, Jefferson, King-Edison, Lafayette, Lee, Lincoln, McKinley, Robinson, Roosevelt, Signal Hill, Stevenson, Sutter, Webster and Whittier.

The City's Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine, the Boys and Girls Clubs and others will help students meet rigorous math, science and reading standards. Tutors will be trained to help with homework. Centers will offer work experience to young adults. The grant also will provide sports, recreation, dance, art, cooking and drama activities.

Of 165 applicants in California, only 57 agencies won grants. Most schools will serve about 125 students with free activities three hours a day, five days a week. The grants will pay for staff, materials and training.

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Bidders Like Our Top-Rated Bonds

Taxpayers will save millions thanks to the low 4.98 percent interest rate the Long Beach Unified School District will pay on its latest school bonds issued this week. The entire block of \$50 million in LBUSD bonds was sold in one day in competitive bidding by large financial institutions. Stone and Youngberg, LLC, bond underwriters, bought the bonds. The low interest rate and the high demand for the bonds are the result of their high Aa3 bond rating.

The school district's excellent credit rating, based on LBUSD's sound finances, places it among the top 1 percent of the state's nearly 1,100 school districts. The bonds will provide funds for construction and modernization.

The bonds were approved as part of the \$295 million Measure A passed by voters in 1999. They are matched by state funds and can be used only to build or renovate schools.

LB Rotary Donates 62,000 Library Books

Long Beach Rotary President Mark Bixby was honored by the Los Angeles Times for the club's contribution of 62,000 books to 62 elementary school libraries in the Long Beach Unified School District.

Rotary's donation of nearly \$100,000, when matched, purchased \$200,000 in new library books selected by local school librarians.

The Rotary Club was awarded 500 new books for Cesar Chavez Elementary School by the Los Angeles Times for raising funds to buy more library books for local schools than any other Rotary Club in Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura and San Bernardino counties.

Each elementary school library in the district has received from Rotary 1,000 new library books over the past several years.

Frank Newell, a Poly graduate, spearheaded the book donations in Long Beach.

Special Ed. Honored

The Long Beach Unified School District was recently honored with an Outstanding Service and Leadership Award from the Harbor Regional Center.

The district was singled out for its "cutting-edge model of cooperation between agencies for the purpose of providing the best opportunities for success for children with developmental disabilities."

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Judy Elliot accepted the award.

The Job Board

• Burnett Elementary School is looking for teachers for two literacy class positions, Grades 4 and 5, on year-round flex schedules with classes of 25 students. For information, call Claudia Kreis, principal, at ext. 5605.

Correction: Future administrators are invited to apply to teach *elementary* Alternative Education students in any Guidance Opportunity Class (GOC). For information call David Taylor at ext. 6645.