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Construction Starts On McBride High

The Long Beach Unified School District officially broke ground this month on a new, \$75 million high school named after local civil rights pioneer Ernest McBride, Sr.

McBride High School will serve about 1,000 students and is slated to open in fall 2013. Located on the 24 acres of East Long Beach's former DeMille Middle School site at 7025 E. Parkcrest St., the new school is funded through Measure K school bonds approved by 71 percent of local voters in 2008. Such funds may be used only for school construction and renovation.

The new school will be small compared to LBUSD's large, comprehensive high schools that serve more than 4,000 students each. Research studies and ample feedback from parents and other community members suggested that Long Beach should create smaller high schools as part of its Facilities Master Plan.

"A few years ago, we asked parents, educators, community members and business leaders
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Camerino



Gallo



Gonzalez



Kerns



McMahon



Novak



Platis



Santos-Camerino



Thompson



Zaid

Promotions, Assignments Fill 65 Key Posts

A total of 65 administrators will take on new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this fall.

James Novak was named chief business and financial officer; he previously served as assistant superintendent, Business Services, for Palm Springs Unified. Gail McMahon was named executive officer, Personnel Commission and Classified Employment. Before joining LBUSD, she was chief, Personnel Commission, for Inglewood Unified.

Promoted to principal are Angelica Gonzalez, Avalon, who was assistant principal at Franklin; Albert Gallo, Barton, was assistant principal, Lindbergh/Jefferson; Margaret Kerns, Emerson, was administrative assistant, Hill; Jay Camerino, Jordan, was assistant principal, Poly; Cecelia Santos-Camerino, King, was assistant principal, Stephens; Wendy Thompson, Lafayette, was teacher on special assignment, Addams; Sam Platis, Lowell, was administrative assistant, Middle/K-8 Office; and David Zaid, Stevenson, was administrative assistant, Elementary Office.

Reassigned to principal are Rosana Madrid Arroyo, from King to Addams; Stephanie Jones, from Robinson to Bixby; Teresa Montoya, from Burroughs to Cleveland; Gerardo Gloria, from Muir to Dooley; Kelly Ludden, from Kettering to Gompers; Luana Wesley, from Barton to Holmes; Brian Moskovitz, from Longfellow to Jefferson; Charles Acosta, from Lakewood to Jordan Freshman Academy; Shawn Ashley, from Poly to Jordan; Deborah Anderson, from Buffum to Kettering; Mario Jimenez, from Jordan to Lakewood; Connie Magee, from Washington to Lindbergh; Laurie Murrin, from Lowell to Longfellow; Lori Clark, from Jefferson to

Muir; Elizabeth Flynn, from Newcomb to Naples; Gray Lange, from Gompers to Newcomb; Joe Carlson, from Avalon to Poly; Damita Myers-Miller, from Lafayette to Robinson; Diane Prince, from Naples to Stephens; Kelly An, from Holmes to Tincher; Shivaun Williams, from Stephens to Washington; and Gonzalo Moraga, from Stevenson to Wilson.

Earning promotion to assistant principal are Salvadore Madrigal, Jr., Lindbergh, was program facilitator, Franklin; Tomika Palmer, Wilson, was counselor, Hamilton; Hugo Figueroa, Stephens, was acting assistant principal, Stephens; Steven Rockenbach, Jordan, was head counselor, Jordan; and Raymundo Rodriguez, Jordan, was teacher on special assignment, PAAL.

Reassigned to assistant principal are Monica Alas, Butler, was vice principal, Powell; Roshann Williams, Lindbergh/Lindsey, was assistant principal, Wilson; Kimberly Carpenter, Jefferson, was assistant principal, Lindbergh; Renny Chu, Marshall/Washington, was acting assistant principal, Washington/acting administrative assistant, Superintendent's Office; David Costa, Franklin, was assistant principal, Stephens; Douglas Jordan, Hoover, was acting assistant principal, Hughes/Hoover; Lorena Moreno, Lindsey, was vice principal, Robinson/Powell; Cassandra Richards, Stanford, was vice principal, Tincher/Cubberley; Sunday Abbott, Jordan, was assistant principal, Lakewood; Ernest Chavez, Poly, was vice principal, Butler; Lew Kerns, School for Adults, was principal, Wilson; Donald Williams, Lakewood, was assistant principal, Marshall; and Guillermo
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Middle School Sports Saved by Donations

More than \$190,000 in recent donations will preserve middle school sports for this school year, and fundraising has begun for next year.

The middle school sports program was in jeopardy of being eliminated this school year due to state cuts to public education.

With the help of Long Beach First Lady Nancy Foster and other civic and business leaders, the community rallied to save the program through several special events in just a few weeks.

Learn more at lbschools.net under Middle School Sports in the A-Z index.

Beach High School Offers Another Path

A new high school for students who need to catch up on credits opened this week at the Long Beach School for Adults site at 3701 E. Willow St. in Long Beach. Beach High School Intensive Learning Program will help students who in many cases might otherwise drop out of school. The program, which begins with about 170 students, will offer more flexible hours and more individualized attention as an alternate approach to the traditional high school setting.

For more information, call 595-8893, ext. 266.

• Groundbreaking

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what they wanted in new schools. They said, smaller is better," Board of Education President Felton Williams told a gathering of school and community leaders at a Sept. 1 groundbreaking ceremony. "That, and the data we saw on student achievement in smaller schools, convinced us to make a decisive move toward smaller schools, especially high schools."

Several members of the McBride family were on hand to celebrate the groundbreaking, as was Long Beach NAACP President Naomi Rainey. The school's namesake, Ernest McBride, Sr., co-founded the Long Beach branch of the NAACP, and though he died in 2007 at the age of 97, he left a legacy of peaceful but persistent advocacy for equal opportunity in Long Beach. His son, Ernest McBride, Jr., shared with the audience a favorite phrase that his father would likely have uttered at the groundbreaking ceremony. "I'm tickled pink," McBride, Jr. said.

"I want to thank the school board and superintendent for bestowing this honor upon my family," McBride added. "We really appreciate it, and we're overjoyed."

When it opens in Fall 2013, McBride High will offer an innovative program of rigorous coursework focused on preparing graduates for college and careers in their choice of three high-demand fields: health and medical professions, law enforcement and legal services, and engineering.

Learn more at lbschools.net under McBride High School in the A-Z index.

• Promotions

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Jimenez, Poly, was assistant principal, Jordan. Susan Laffiche becomes a 50 percent assistant principal at Stephens; she was 50 percent assistant principal at Hughes. Gayle Maher-Hall becomes 50 percent assistant principal at Hughes and 50 percent vice principal at Monroe; she was vice principal, Monroe/Newcomb.

Reassigned to vice principal are Nicole Howton-Chiles, Barton/Harte, was vice principal, Barton; Alicia Rubio, Grant, was assistant director, Emerson; Clarissa Tolentino, Roosevelt, was vice principal, Grant; and Karen Grunst, Powell, was vice principal, Muir/Hudson.

Che Scott was promoted to head counselor at Wilson after serving as counselor at Washington. Reassigned head counselors are Gayle Mashburn, from Wilson to Poly; and Deborah Hughes, from Poly to Jordan.

Kenneth Weber was promoted to administrative assistant, Middle Schools; he was 50 percent acting assistant director, Magnet Schools/50 percent acting vice principal, Dooley.

Yvette Streeter becomes program administrator, Elementary Schools; she was principal, Addams. David Komatz becomes assistant director, Special Projects; he was vice principal, Roosevelt.

Promoted to program specialist are Lori Grady, Special Projects, was teacher on special assignment, McKinley; Jorge Montanez, GEAR-UP, was counselor, Washington; and Kashara Moore, GEAR-UP, was disabilities and mental health manager, Head Start.



NEW SCHOOL— Breaking ground on McBride High School are Carl McBride (son of Ernest McBride, Sr.); School Board Member Jon Meyer; Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser; LBUSD Executive Director of Facilities Carlo Matsumoto; Ernest McBride, Jr.; School Board President Felton Williams and School Board Member John McGinnis.

Grainger Foundation Supports Career Tech

The Grainger Foundation recently donated \$20,000 to the Long Beach Unified School District to support career and technical instruction as part of the district's Academic and Career Success Initiative, which aims to increase both college and career readiness.

The donation was recommended by John Bailey, branch manager of W.W. Grainger, Inc.'s Compton location.

Grainger, a supplier of maintenance, repair and operating products, has nearly 50 locations

throughout the state, including a branch in Long Beach since 1987.

"We understand that one of the best ways to invest in the community is to contribute to the education of our workforce," Bailey said. "We are proud to recommend the technical education programs offered by Long Beach Unified School District."

The Grainger Foundation, established in 1949, is an independent, private foundation based in Lake Forest, Illinois.

In Memoriam

Gene Moffitt
former teacher
July 2, 2011

Chuck Acosta
former personnel commissioner
July 7, 2011

Bob Smock
assistant director, Operations
July 19, 2011

Betty Houston Seal
former teacher and administrator
Aug. 7, 2011

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Future Administrators

The Leadership Development Department is accepting applications for the Future Administrators Program. Certificated employees who hold a valid administrative services credential and want to become an assistant/vice principal should apply online by Friday, Oct. 14.

Learn more at lbschools.net under Future Administrators Program in the A-Z index.

What Others Say

Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster praised the California High School Exit Examination scores achieved recently by the students of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Academy at Jordan High School. According to the state, 94 percent of ACE's sophomore class passed on their first attempt. While 93 percent of LBUSD students district-wide pass the exam by grade 12, only about 70 percent pass on the first attempt in grade 10. The ACE tenth graders performed at roughly the same level as the district's twelfth graders.

"I'm delighted to see ACE students perform so well in the CAHSEE exams," said Mayor Foster. "So far, the ACE model of incorporating hands-on trade learning and academics has shown to be a winning formula for students, teachers and administration."

The ACE Academy is supported by Mayor Foster, the school district and multiple industry and community partners. As part of its Linked Learning model, this program provides guest speakers, field trips, internships and partnerships with industry professionals and businesses. The ACE Academy opened in fall 2007 and now serves about 270 students.

Learn more at www.aceacademyoflb.net.