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MOST INSPIRING – McBride High School student Aruna Moore poses with football legend Rosey Grier at the annual Most Inspiring Students Awards Dinner, where one student from each school was honored for persisting and improving, often despite tough obstacles. Grier was the keynote speaker at the event. View more photos at lbschools.net.

A Stellar Year For Students, Schools

By Christopher J. Steinhauser
Superintendent of Schools

This week we celebrate the graduation of more than 5,500 high school students. They have seized the opportunities available in our schools, taking more Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate college prep classes and exams, preparing for careers via dozens of high school pathways, and becoming amazing young adults.

We know that about 75 percent of these graduates will enroll in college (80 percent within two years), some of them attending top colleges and universities on full-ride scholarships. Others will enter the military, apprenticeships and trade school. Wherever they go, our graduates will continue to make us proud, contributing so much to society.

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Retiring Employees Served for 55 Centuries

A total of 225 Long Beach Unified School District employees with a combined 5,589 years of service are retiring.

Leading classified retirees in seniority is 37-year employee Stephen Bartholomew. Leading certificated retirees in seniority is Nancy Stockton with 42 years.

Classified Retirees

- 37 years—Stephen Bartholomew, Maintenance;
- 35—Aurora Ballesteros, CAMS; Marilyn Balmer, Personnel Commission; Holly Jones, Renaissance;
- 34 years—Mary Grant, Purchasing;
- 33 years—Joanne Barham, Bixby; Gary Hofeldt, Lowell; John Ligon III, Transportation; Maria Gutierrez, Washington;
- 32 years—Carol Hubbard, Jordan;
- 31 years—Lucien Cadranel, Information Services; Albert Turek, Information Services;
- 30 years—Paul Atkinson, School Safety & Emergency Preparedness; Patricia Bonner, Lakewood; Terese Gaugh, Wilson; Patricia Cheshire, Employee Relations; Linda Joyce Buksa, Millikan; Lorne DeBaun, Nutrition Services; John Nelson, Jr., Information Services;
- 28 years—Catherine Moran, Avalon;
- 27 years—Ofelia Flores, Bancroft; Orlette



Bartholomew

- Griggs, Stephens;
- 26 years—Nancy Rapadas, EACCR; Joanne Perfetto, MacArthur; Karen Moore, Transportation;
- 25 years—Maota Bahr, Lindsey; Beverly Lonzello-Constantine, Purchasing;
- 24 years—Richard Hoover, Lakewood;
- 23 years—Steven Maleski, OMS;
- 22 years—Brian Laffie, Maintenance; Dorris Mae Joseph, Lincoln;
- 21 years—Karen Schaller, Special Education; Carolyn Queen, Signal Hill; Flavia Fraysure, Birney; Julie Baldrige, Poly;
- 19 years—Carol Lubahn, Purchasing; Anna Davis, Hoover; Steven Brasch, Maintenance;
- 18 years—Debra Evans, Buffum TLC; Alicia Waldren, Rogers;
- 17 years—Sammye Meyer, Jordan; Shelley Scott, Personnel Commission; Ginny Otsuka, Special Education; Sally Hill, Lakewood; Maureen Andrade, Accounting; Mary Ann Chow, Nutrition Services; Bernice Armstrong, Henry; Maria Barrientos, Jordan;
- 16 years—Tho Mao, Willard; Kathleen Finucane, Wilson; Daniel Warren, Nutrition Services;
- 15 years—Jennie Williams, Lakewood; Richard Bunn, Whittier;



Stockton

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As Budget Improves, So Do Local Schools

The Board of Education at its last meeting conducted public hearings on the proposed 2016-17 budget and Local Control Accountability Plan. Both items will be considered for final approval at the board's June 23 meeting. In considering the plans, the board also reviewed preliminary school performance data, which are tied to the plan's goals. The data show significant progress on a wide variety of measurements, including initial state test results, parent satisfaction, graduation rates and suspension rates.

The Long Beach Unified School District's budget proposal is based largely upon California's proposed budget, which restores some of the school funding that was cut during the state's last economic downturn. For Long Beach schools that means nearly \$28 million more than the previous year, in the form of so-called "gap" funding, as the state implements its Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Last year Long Beach schools received nearly \$80 million more than the prior year.

The state formula was approved in 2013 to

replace an outdated and confusing school finance system with a more streamlined one that gives schools greater flexibility to use state funding based upon students' needs. The aim of the formula is to restore public schools to at least their pre-recession levels by 2020.

In addition to the gap funding, LBUSD will receive as much as \$17.9 million in one-time funding. Proposed uses of this funding include professional development, or training for employees, technology, beautification projects, emergency supplies, bathroom upgrades, water hydration stations and other one-time spending requests at schools.

View more details and supporting documents at lbschools.net.

The school district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is a response to the state's approval of the Local Control Funding Formula. The local draft plan was developed after a sweeping effort to engage the community, including multiple surveys and meetings. The plan is required under the state formula.

• Centuries of Service from Retirees

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14 years — Susan Allen-Ashmore, Tucker;
13 years — Kalapu Fasavalu, Jr., School
Safety & Emergency Preparedness.
A total of 43 others with a combined 913
years of service asked not to be listed.

Certificated Retirees

42 years — Nancy Stockton, Riley;
40 years — Rosemary Perry, Research;
38 years — Barbara Conrad, Millikan;
37 years — Russell Canup, Hill;
36 years — Gregory Kautz, Millikan; Janet
Heckmuller, Gompers; Susan Lenahan, Carver;
Betty Tatum, Poly; Margaret Kerns, Emerson;
35 years — Murlyn Burkes, Bryant; Tom
Malkus, Elementary Schools Office; Debra
Tautolo, Washington; Wilma Ferguson,
Hamilton; Cynthia Galloway, Franklin; Regina
Duckworth, Bixby;
34 years — Aubrey Chevalier, Chavez; Kaj
Malmsten, McKinley/Riley; Debra Ecung,
HRS;

33 years — Dorothy Nikas, Muir; Vicky
Stanton, Prisk; Magdalena Del-Rio, Marshall;
32 years — Christine Taxier, Millikan; Barry
Quick, Tucker; Randy Frank, PAAL; Cynthia
McKinney, Barton;

31 years — Laurie Christmas, Bryant; Kay
Hancock, Birney; Cheryl Cassiadoro, Dooley;
Patrick Simpson, Lakewood;

30 years — Patricia Lewis-Reynolds, Birney;
Patrick Estes, Jordan; Roberta Crowson,
Hamilton; Norma Steiner, Stevenson; Linda
Kellogg, Music Office;

29 years — Donna Jeffers, Kettering; Niki
Dottore, Gant;

27 years — John McVay, Hill; Carolyn
Evans, Alvarado; Howard Hodges, Beach; Lee
Robison, Avalon; Steven Wille, Wilson;
Thomas Maggio, Hughes;

26 years — Beryl Streez, PAAL; Patricia
Falcone, Willard; Edward Keane, Mann;
25 years — Phuoc Babcock, Millikan;

LaVonne Miller, EPHS;

24 years — Elizabeth Mena, Lakewood;
Debra Bartling, Music Office;

23 years — Kathy Phelps, Fremont; Vivian
Humphrey, Dooley;

22 years — Anna Joyce, Madison; Caridad
Rivera, Robinson; Kevin Som, Harte; Aurelia
Matus, Head Start; Stanley Kirk, Barton;

21 years — Charlotte Parker, Lakewood;

20 years — Dianne Brockway, Emerson;

Payton Lonon, Marshall; Patricia Crump,
Roosevelt/Smith; Amanda Emerson, Harte;

19 years — Sue Mazzarino, Garfield;

18 years — Deborah McVay, CAMS; Laura
Scully, Los Cerritos; Patricia Kenzy,
International; Kathleen Laverty, Franklin;
Sandra Muth, Jefferson/Mann; Donna Barban,
Jordan; Susan MacLeod, Lindsey; Janice

Free Summer Meals

Free lunches will be provided to children at
38 locations as part of the Long Beach Unified
School District's Summer Food Service
Program.

The school district offers "open sites," avail-
able to all children, and "closed enrolled sites,"
where priority is giving to neighborhood stu-
dents though any students may attend pending
space availability.

To view a list of dates and times, find this
article at lbschools.net.

Goodwin, Tincher;

17 years — Reginald Love, Cabrillo; Orlando
Hardy, Lindbergh; Thomas Kelsey, Jordan;

16 years — Allen Conrad, Wilson; Kelly
Lingel, Special Education;

15 years — Alfreda James, Head Start;

Donna Bergeron-Birge, Lindsey;

14 years — Kathryn King, Lakewood;

13 years — Pauline Bullock, Lakewood.

Forty-eight others who served 1,239 years
asked that their names not be printed.

Honda Gives Teacher \$5,000 in Supplies

SoCal Honda Dealers surprised and honored
teacher for deaf and hard of hearing Sid
Shapiro of Cleveland Elementary School dur-
ing Teacher Appreciation Week last month,
awarding her \$5,000 in school supplies and
technology equipment for her students.

View video of the surprise presentation by
finding this article at lbschools.net.

NAACP's Law Day

The Long Beach Branch NAACP held its
16th Annual Law Day at the downtown offices
of Keesal, Young & Logan, introducing stu-
dents from grades eight through 10 to law
careers.

The program includes a study guide for edu-
cators, legal career and law materials, mentor-
ing, shadowing of lawyers, judges and other
legal professionals, and Law Day speakers and
panel discussions. Several law enforcement
and other agencies partner on the program.

View a video of the recent event by finding
this article at lbschools.net.

In Memoriam

Alister H. Allen
former custodian
May 18, 2016

Ada Willingham
former Human Resources assistant
June 7, 2016

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The 2015-16 school year has been good to
us as a school system. As state education fund-
ing gradually approaches pre-recession levels,
we are beginning to meet the goals spelled out
in our Local Control Accountability Plan. We
see encouraging progress on state test results,
parent satisfaction surveys, graduation rates
and other measurements.

While we're already recognized as one of
the nation's leading school systems, with stable
funding forecast for next year, we're optimistic
that we can continue to improve upon the sup-
port that we provide to students. We also plan
to redouble our efforts to provide the safe,
comfortable and secure school facilities that
students need to learn and thrive.

To all of our employees, students and their
families who are completing the school year, I
hope you can take a break and reflect on your
impressive accomplishments.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class
of 2016 and to everyone who has supported
them.

Ode to Education

Reid Continuation High School's Class of
2016 includes Emani Bridgeforth, who recently
recited her poem, "My Darling" at the annual
Better Learning for All Students Today
(BLAST) breakfast. BLAST provides mentor-
ing and other support for at-risk youth. The
student earned a standing ovation for her
recital, excerpts of which are provided below.

My Darling

By Emani Bridgeforth

Education

I love you

I will relentlessly pursue you

for as long as I need to

we had an arduous beginning

but

periodically love can have a slow start but a

happy ending

education I love you unconditionally

you're my prize possession

that can never be stripped from me

as an adolescent

I detoured from our connection

now I'm regretting

I apologize my love

for not seeing your beauty

your potential your strength

vow to love you, appreciate you, cherish you

as long as I live

I object

the ignorance

that dims your lights

I have the right

to love you with all my might

education I love you now

and for the rest of my life

STRS Contribution

Under the California State Teachers'
Retirement System funding plan, an increase to
the CalSTRS employee contribution rate begins
July 1.

For more information, go to

CalSTRS.com/CalSTRS-2014-funding-plan.