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Board OKs Raise for TALB, CSEA, Non-Reps

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education has unanimously approved a 2 percent ongoing salary increase and one-time "off schedule" 1 percent increase for qualifying teachers, classified employees and non-represented employees. The increases are retroactive to July 1, 2016.

The raises for teachers and classified employees were part of bargaining agreements approved by the school board, the Teachers Association of Long Beach, and Long Beach Chapter 2 of the California School Employees Association.

Health care costs have been contained so that employees will again avoid paying monthly premium payroll deductions for health

benefits.

Retroactive checks for the 2 percent increase are scheduled to be disbursed June 16. The ongoing 2 percent increase will appear on paychecks starting June 23. The one-time, off-schedule increase will be issued as early as Sept. 8 in a lump sum as 1 percent of the employee's annual salary.

TALB's K-12 membership ratified the agreement with about a 98 percent yes vote, while CSEA ratified with a 99 percent yes vote.

Learn more about the recently approved bargaining agreements, and view supporting documents under Bargaining Updates at lbschools.net.

U.S. News Honors Seven High Schools

U.S. News and World Report's 2017 list of America's best high schools includes seven schools here, an all-time high for the Long Beach Unified School District.

The California Academy of Mathematics and Science earned a gold medal, while five other schools here earned silver, and one earned bronze.

McBride High School, which will graduate its first class of seniors this year, joined the list for the first time.

The ranking includes data on more than 22,000 public high schools. The schools were judged on state assessments, graduation rates and how well they prepare students, including disadvantaged students, for college.

Fewer than 2.5 percent of high schools earned gold medals. Only the top 10.3 percent won silver, and 16.8 percent earned bronze.

Local schools on the list are:

- CAMS (gold) – state ranking of 15; national ranking of 127
- Avalon (silver) – state ranking of 126; national ranking of 751
- Wilson (silver) – state ranking of 240; national ranking of 1,301
- Millikan (silver) – state ranking of 256; national ranking of 1,370
- Renaissance (silver) – state ranking of 311; national ranking of 1,604
- Lakewood (silver) – state ranking of 445;

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Graduations Planned for 5,700 Students

The Long Beach Unified School District will award diplomas to about 5,700 students at 13 ceremonies from June 7 to 16.

The estimated number of graduates at each school are: 990 at Poly High School and Poly PAAL; 900 at Wilson Classical High School; 813 at Millikan High School; 800 at Lakewood High School; 740 at Jordan High School and Jordan Plus; 565 at Cabrillo High School; 300 at Educational Partnership High School; 174 at California Academy of Mathematics and Science; 162 at McBride High School; 100 at Reid Continuation High School; 99 at Renaissance High School for the Arts; 53 at Avalon High School; and 22 at Beach High School.

This schedule includes the names of officials who will present diplomas:

Wednesday, June 7

- CAMS, 6 p.m., StubHub Tennis Stadium (Carson), Board of Education Member Felton

Williams

Tuesday, June 13

- Cabrillo, 5 p.m., Jaguar Stadium at Cabrillo, Board of Education Member Felton Williams

- Poly/PAAL, 6 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Member Felton Williams and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

Wednesday, June 14

- Jordan/Jordan Plus, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Vice President Megan Kerr

- Reid, 2 p.m., Cabrillo Big Gym, Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

- McBride, 5 p.m., Long Beach Convention Center Grand Ballroom, Board of Education Vice President Megan Kerr, Board of Education Member Diana Craighead and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser

Thursday, June 15

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McBride Earns Full 6-Year Accreditation

One of the Long Beach Unified School District's newest high schools, McBride High School, has earned a full six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the highest accreditation possible.

WASC teams recently visited the school to observe how well it serves students.

"All indications are that the school, with support from the district, will continue to address students' needs," the visiting committee wrote in its accreditation report.

McBride opened in September 2013 offering college-prep curriculum and an emphasis on career pathways. This month, the school's name also appeared for the first time among U.S. News and World Report's list of top high schools in America.

"I am extremely proud of our staff and excited about our growth," Principal Steve Rockenbach said.

WASC is a world-renowned accrediting association that collaborates with other organizations such as the California Department of Education to align accreditation with the planning process for California public schools.

WINNING DRONE – Sato Academy's Drone Team placed first at a recent contest in San Diego, qualifying for a national competition in Indiana. The drone contests are organized by the Academy of Model Aeronautics to teach students about science, technology, engineering and math. **Story on next page.**



• Graduations

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- Lakewood, 2 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Member Diana Craighead
 - Renaissance, 3 p.m., Long Beach City College Auditorium, Board of Education Member John McGinnis
 - Avalon, 4 p.m., Casino Theater, Deputy Superintendent Jill Baker
 - Wilson, 5 p.m., Stephens Field (Wilson Football Stadium), Board of Education President Jon Meyer and Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser
 - Millikan, 7 p.m., Veterans Stadium, Board of Education Member Diana Craighead
- Friday, June 16**
- EPHS, 1 p.m., Lakewood High School Auditorium, Board of Education Vice President Megan Kerr
 - Beach, 2:30 p.m., Millikan High School Auditorium, Deputy Superintendent Jill Baker

• U.S. News

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- national ranking of 2,314
- McBride (bronze) – commendable performance on state tests and graduation rates
- Most local schools on this year's list have appeared repeatedly in prior years, as has Poly High School. Schools occasionally drop off the list and then return in subsequent years as U.S. News makes adjustments to its methodology.

Learn more at usnews.com.

Weight Watchers

The Long Beach Unified School District is committed to employee wellness and is paying 50 percent of the discounted cost for Weight Watchers offerings for all benefit-eligible active employees and spouses, as well as medical-plan-enrolled retirees and retiree spouses.

Weight Watchers provides a personalized approach to weight loss through food and fitness.

Weight Watchers offerings and LBUSD Special Pricing:

- Meetings (Includes OnlinePlus), \$18.25 per month
- OnlinePlus, \$8.05 per month
- Weight Watchers for Diabetes (Includes OnlinePlus and meetings), for members diagnosed with type two diabetes, \$18.25 per month

To learn more, go to LBUSD.join.weight-watchers.com.

Dates to Remember

June	
1	Great Outdoors Month 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 2 - 10:00, 1:30, 12:00, 12:30; 6 - 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 7 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 8 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 14 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Adventures in Poetry," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
5	World Environment Day
11	Race Unity Day
12	Anne Frank's Birthday
14	Flag Day
15	Spring Semester Ends
16	Last Day for Teachers
18	Fathers Day
18	Anniversary of First American Woman in Space
21	First Day of Summer
27	Helen Keller's Birthday

MILESTONES – Superintendent Chris Steinhauser and school board Vice President Megan Kerr honor Terence Ulaszewski with a plaque for 20 years of service as a member of LBUSD's Personnel Commission. The commission also celebrated its 75th anniversary last month.



Sato Takes First In Drone Competition

Students from Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science placed first at a recent drone contest in San Diego, qualifying for national competition.

The UAS4STEM contests are organized by the Academy of Model Aeronautics, which is the largest association of model aircraft and drone hobbyists with more than 190,000 members nationwide.

UAS stands for Unmanned Aircraft System. The aim of the program is to educate students about science, technology, math and engineering (STEM) via aviation.

Student teams build their own drones and compete in various flying challenges. Sato's winning team included students Tasha Adler, Melissa Bueso, Jacob Cook, Bence

Kiraly and Eddie Tegtmeier. Teacher Albert Gallo is the group's adviser, along with volunteer co-adviser Will Cheshier.

The national competition will be held Aug. 20 to 21 at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana.

Names in the News

Computer science teacher **Sandra Barnett** took a team of seven students from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science to compete in a Marine Advanced Technology Education event this month at Long Beach City College, earning third place and the opportunity to compete in an international tournament in June. The team, which worked for about nine months to develop an underwater robot, included **Jaijer Ho, Isaac Neile-Zanoria, Ted Lin, Brad Biscocho, Celia Yu, Isaac Addis** and **Jesse Leal**. Student **Kentaro Vadney** did not attend but will be in the international tournament.

Three students from Hudson K-8 School's Math, Engineering, Science Achievement program represented the local region at the state MESA prosthetic arm competition, placing second. The team includes **Julienne Quides, Marygrace Gliane** and **Giannka Picache**. Hudson's MESA teacher is **Anastasia Hubbard**.

Millikan High School junior **Julio Ramirez** won a logo contest for the Floodplain Management Association Conference in Long Beach. The student will receive \$500 at a Sept. 6 awards luncheon and conference. His graphic design and printmaking teacher is **Karen Dies**.

Shereen Moustafa, a 10th grader at Millikan High School, won first place in the annual Congressional Art Competition sponsored by Congressman Alan Lowenthal. Shereen receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the awards reception. Her work will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for a year. Her art teacher is **Ingrid Palsgrove**.

Blue Shield ID Cards

Blue Shield HMO and PPO members will receive new ID cards for the 2017-18 plan year listing the new Member Services number. Plan members should use the new card as of July 1.

In Memoriam

Catherine Mikolajczak
former teacher
March 3, 2017

Latham Bell
Bixby teacher
and Wilson assistant swim coach
May 5, 2017

Juanita A. Ramirez
intermediate office assistant, Hamilton
May 12, 2017

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