

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

# *The Year in Review*

2024 Annual Report



*Excellence and Equity*

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**The Long Beach Unified School District** community prioritizes student achievement and well-being with an unyielding commitment to excellence and equity. We are making significant strides across various sectors, steadfast in our mission to ensure that our students remain the focus of all our efforts. From pioneering educational programs to extensive facility upgrades, our dedication to creating an environment where every student can thrive remains firm.

Our students are making consistent progress. Through our Learning Acceleration and Support Plan, we invested in our commitment to high-quality, culturally responsive instruction, ensuring our teachers have the tools they need to ensure student success. We simultaneously prioritized student support services with a focus on equity. These investments included extensive professional development for all teachers, literacy and math specialists, expanded tutoring, summer programming, enhanced early learning opportunities and innovative data-driven methods to monitor student progress.



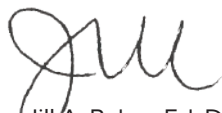
Our Learning Acceleration and Support Plan also planted the seeds for many cultural and language supports to grow, including significant increases in support for our multilingual students and an investment in our Black Student Achievement Initiative. Our commitment to our Excellence and Equity Policy remains steadfast, ensuring student achievement is not predicated on background or circumstances.

Our long-term strategic plan, Vision 2035, continues to guide our district's efforts and define the future of education. Framed around three key portraits — the Graduate, the Adult, and the System — this plan represents a holistic approach to education, aiming to develop well-rounded individuals ready for future challenges, responsible adults who contribute positively to society, and a robust educational system that evolves to meet community needs. This year, we introduced the Vision 2035 Stars initiative to recognize employees who embody the Vision 2035 Core Values, celebrating those who significantly contribute to our students' growth and educational environment.

Our Long Beach community's generous approval of school bond funds continues to drive substantial investments in our school facilities. We are immensely grateful for their ongoing support. Our bond and renovation projects are progressing steadily, prioritizing the enhancement of academic and athletic facilities and ensuring that our campuses are safe, conducive and environmentally sustainable. Plans to green our learning environments are moving forward, and by the end of this summer, every LBUSD classroom will be equipped with new furniture. A complete timeline of projects is available at [lbschoolbonds.net](http://lbschoolbonds.net).

The continued progress of our students is a testament to the dedication of our professionals and the entire school community. I am deeply grateful for everyone's collective efforts to secure a brighter future for our students. Together, we will continue to foster a district that exemplifies excellence and equity, ensuring every student is prepared to succeed in the future. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work towards graduating students who are ready to tackle the world as future-ready adults.

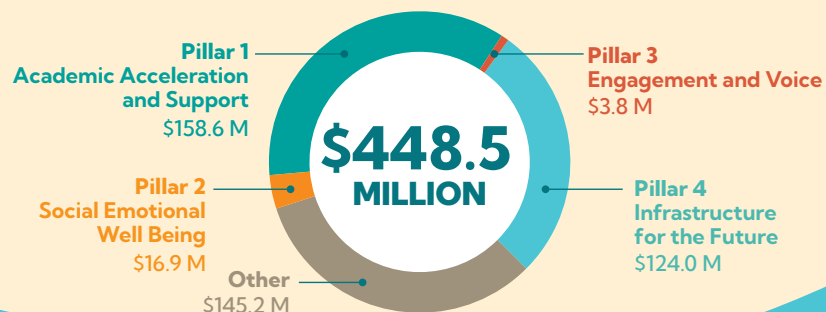
Warmly,

  
Jill A. Baker, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## Learning Acceleration and Support Plan (LASP)

March 2021 – June 2024

The LASP represented significant COVID recovery funding from the state and federal government that spanned 2021-2024. The following graphic depicts four pillars (themes) to categorize the funds spent to provide the best possible learning opportunities during a global pandemic. A more comprehensive report is available at [www.lbschools.net/LASP](http://www.lbschools.net/LASP).



## 2023–24 Reading and Math Progress

Significantly more students at every grade level, met their accelerated growth targets.

Grade >>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Reading	+10%	+5%	+7%	+9%	+9%	+8%	+9%	+17%
Math	+6%	+6%	+8%	+8%	+5%	+10%	+7%	+19%

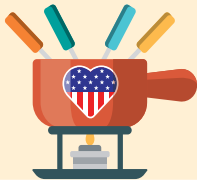
Based on iReady students scoring "On Track" Growth Spring 2023 and Spring 2024 (Administration #3) after scoring "Below Grade Level" Fall 2022 and Fall 2023 (Administration #1)

**84 SCHOOLS**

**63,940 STUDENTS**

### Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

- African American 12%
- Asian 6%
- Filipino 3%
- Hispanic or Latino 59%
- Pacific Islander 1%
- Two or More Races 7%
- White 12%

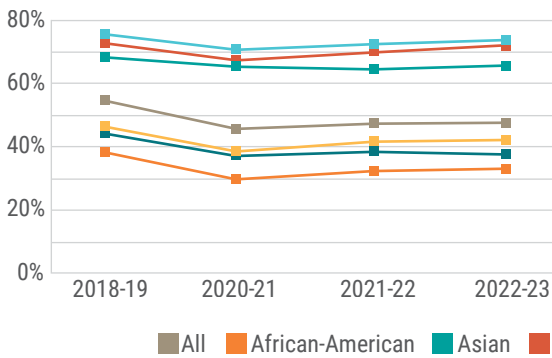


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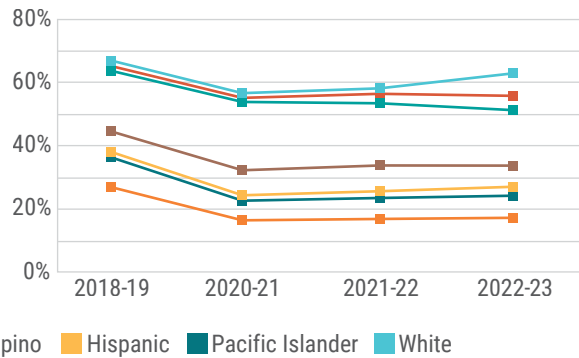
Pulse survey results show LBUSD students in grades 6 to 12 continue to report consistent levels of positive student experiences.

	2022-2023			2023-2024		
	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring
<b>Identity:</b> Students have a strong sense of self and are proud of who they are becoming	82%	80%	82%	83%	82%	83%
<b>Agency:</b> Students have a voice and a platform of engagement and empowerment over their learning	80%	78%	80%	81%	80%	81%
<b>Belonging:</b> Students have a sense of connectedness where they are accepted and valued by others	73%	71%	73%	74%	72%	74%

### SBAC ELA Proficiency



### SBAC Math Proficiency

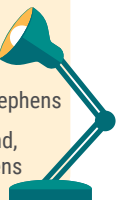


### SBAC SPOTLIGHT Double Digit SBAC Growth

The following schools had at least a 10% growth in students meeting and exceeding standard (comparing 2023 and 2024 SBAC results):

**ELA:** Burbank, Hoover, McBride, Renaissance, Riley, Stephens

**Math:** Birney, Cleveland, McBride, Riley, Stephens



### 6 High Schools with Graduation Rates Above 90%

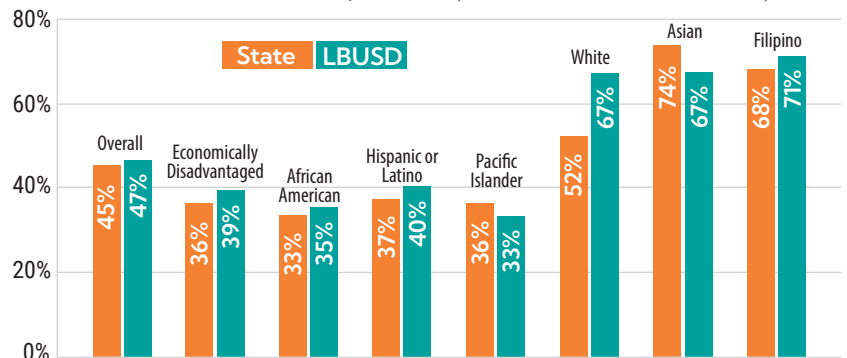
**Class of 2023**

**High School Graduation Rate**

**LBUSD 83%**

### A-G Completion Rate

LBUSD surpasses statewide percentage of students completing UC and CSU entrance requirements (A-G Courses, 2022 to June 2023).



# Excellence and Equity

## Four More California Distinguished Schools

Stanford and Stephens middle schools, California Academy of Math and Science (CAMS) and Sato Academy are the latest to earn the California Distinguished School Award for exceptional gains in student achievement. Since 1986, 44 LBUSD schools have received the prestigious honor from the California Department of Education.



## Best High Schools in America

All LBUSD high schools earned rankings on U.S. News and World Report's list of the 2024 Best High Schools in America. CAMS ranked as the No. 5 best high school in California and No. 39 nationally out of 18,000 public high schools. Sato Academy ranked No. 191 in the nation and McBride High School ranked No. 132 in California.



## Best Public Schools in California

CAMS clinched the top spot as the No.1 best public high school in California on Niche.com's 2024 Best High Schools list.



## Linked Learning Certification

11 LBUSD high school pathways earned gold or silver certifications from the Linked Learning Alliance for demonstrating key components of specialized academic and career learning experiences.



**Keller Middle School** won the All-Sports Award for having the best middle school sports program in the district. Keller won city championships in flag football, girls' track and girls' soccer.



The boys' track team at **Poly High School** and the girls' track team at **Wilson High School** won CIF State championships. Wilson has now earned consecutive state championships.



**Lakewood High School** girls' basketball and boys' soccer were CIF finalists.



**CAMS** won its first-ever CIF girls' tennis championship.



**Millikan High School's** Jason Parra won the state championship in boys' cross country. **Wilson High School's** Samantha Hamilton earned a CIF title in the 500m freestyle in girls swimming.



More than **301** credentialed new hires, including teachers, counselors and social workers

### Percent of credentialed new hires

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
African American	3%	13%	11%	11%	11%
Hispanic or Latino	27%	36%	32%	37%	38%

More than **212,000** walk-in visits were recorded in total at all middle, K-8 and high school Wellness Center locations in 2023-24.

- 11,008 Individual Counseling Sessions in the Wellness Centers
- 23,735 Brief Counseling Check-In's/Brain Breaks in the Wellness Centers



## Infrastructure for the Future

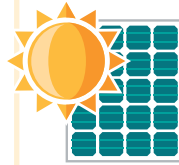
**193,860** classroom furniture pieces installed

**5** schools received significant upgrades



**UPDATE:** Voter-Approved Measure Q is providing **\$1.7 billion** in school repairs

## Sustainability



**9 million** kilowatt hours of energy generated by solar panels



**6,858** trees saved via electronic flyers  
**58,000,000** sheets of paper

## Vision 2035

VISION 2035



System Portrait



Graduate Portrait



Adult Portrait

- 4 Strategic Plan Areas with 9 Total Strategies
- Theme 1: High-Quality Learning for Students
- Theme 2: Equitable and Liberatory District
- Theme 3: Partnering with Community
- Theme 4: Cultivating Transformative Change

## Board of Education

Diana Craighead, President ■ Douglas Otto, J.D., Vice President  
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## Superintendent

Jill A. Baker, Ed.D.



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