



**EQUITY
ENGAGEMENT &
PARTNERSHIPS**
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Newsletter

"BUILDING CONNECTIONS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS" ✦



EEP TEAM

Welcome Back to the 2024/25 School Year!

Dear LBUSD Community,
Welcome back! As we embark on another exciting school year, we are thrilled to reconnect with our families and welcome new members to our district community. This year brings ample opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement for our students, and we are proud to partner with you on this journey. Our school district is committed to fostering strong relationships with parents, caregivers, and the wider community. We deeply value your role in our district and have made significant strides in enhancing parent and community engagement by empowering families as leaders through various engagement opportunities. We have also strengthened our partnerships with community-based organizations to provide additional resources and support to impact student learning outcomes positively.

As we continue to grow, we want to reassure you of our unwavering commitment to collaboration and community engagement. This year, we are excited to continued refinements of a Community Engagement framework to build on these relationships. Rooted in collaboration and community input, this framework will support meaningful connections between students, families, and the broader community to support students' success. Thank you for being a vital part of our district. Together, we cultivate a vibrant, inclusive, supportive community where every student can thrive. Wishing you and your family a fantastic school year ahead!

In partnership,

Director

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LBUSD Community News

Latino Heritage Celebration

The Equity, Engagement, and Partnerships team, proudly hosted LBUSD’s Inaugural Latino Heritage Celebration on Saturday, September 28th, at Cabrillo High School. Showcasing LBUSD departments and over twenty-three community-based organizations, valuable resources were offered to our students and families. Students from Burbank, Cabrillo, Chavez, Henry, Jordan, Keller, Millikan, and Oropeza schools showcased their culture and talent through powerful performances, celebrating the rich heritage of our Latino community.



VIPS TB Testing

We had over three hundred parents from across LBUSD sign up and submit their TB test to become Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS). These free TB tests are an essential step that enables parents to actively engage and participate as volunteers in our schools, fostering stronger connections between families and our educational community. We are grateful to the parents who took time out of their busy day to join us, demonstrating their commitment to supporting our students and schools.



Community Spotlight

The Community Spotlight section celebrates the incredible contributions of our families, students, staff, and community partners who are making a difference in our district. This month’s Community Spotlight is LBUSD parent **Keila Rodriguez**. Keila says she enjoys being involved in her children’s school’s PTA. “This is my first year being fully involved. It’s important to get to know our teachers, not just as teachers but as individuals. We just all become a big family.” Keila and family enjoy playing tag at the park on Sundays.



Family Leadership Institute - Phase 1

EEP recently hosted Phase 1 of the Family Leadership Institute (FLI), featuring Ret. Lt. Colonel Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch. Parents built on their strengths and skills during a two-day workshop focused on leadership and effective communication, further empowering them as advocates and leaders in their communities. Phase 2 of FLI will deepen the journey for parents, focusing on strategies to strengthen their leadership abilities.

Parent Engagement Groups



DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DCAC is made up of parent representatives from LBUSD Title 1 schools. Parents are provided opportunities to be involved and informed about their children's education. Parents are encouraged to share the meeting's information with other parents at their schools.



DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DELAC is a way for parents to become involved in their child's education at a district level. Each month, DELAC Representatives, parents, district leaders, and community members participate in meetings.



SANKOFA PARENT VILLAGE
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPV is a community of care and support for Parents and Caregivers of Black children. LBUSD is committed to centering the unique needs of our community members and engaging in a way that affirms their cultural identities.



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for NATIVE AMERICANS and NATIVE ALASKANS
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our program is designed to ensure American Indian (AI)/Alaskan Native (AN) students in the Long Beach Unified School District have equal access to educational opportunities. Parents, guardians, district staff, and community partners participate in the planning of curriculum and events.



PARENT UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A series of workshops designed to support and empower families to become full partners in their child's education. LBUSD parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Transportation, childcare, homework help and translation services are available.



TRANSLATION and INTERPRETATION UNIT
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TIU provides support and language assistance for Interpretation (oral) or Translation (written) needs. Language serves as a bridge between cultures and is a tool for communication. In order to ensure that all stakeholders are fully able to participate, we fulfill requests for (oral) Interpretation (e.g., IEPs, parent/teacher conferences, Board meetings, etc.) and for Translation of written materials.



Upcoming Events & Workshops

Tues. 10/29

Parent University
Webinar
Academic
Support and
Resources
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wed. 11/06

LBUSD Board of
Education
Meeting
5:00pm

Fri. 11/08

FLI Phase 2
9:30am-11:30am
@ TRC

We hope this edition of our EEP Community Newsletter has provided you with valuable insights and inspiration. Remember, education is not just about imparting knowledge but also about fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love for learning. As we navigate through the challenges and opportunities in the realm of education, let's continue to innovate, collaborate, and support each other in our journey towards excellence.

Stay informed, stay engaged, and stay inspired. Together, we can make a profound impact on the future of education and empower our students.

Thank you for being a part of our community. Keep learning and growing!

Thank you for reading!



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