



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

# Community Newsletter

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



## Thank YOU!

Dear LBUSD Community,  
It's that time of year when we take time to be thankful. Thankful to the colleagues we work with, thankful to our teachers, classified staff, administrators, community based organizations and most of all, thankful to the students and parents we serve.

The month of November has also been busy. We have supported Calm and Kind and Parenting Partners meetings at Franklin and Jefferson. EONA was present at Lafayette Elementary School's Native American Heritage month celebration.

Our EEP Team also hosted this year's High School Choice fair at Cabrillo High School. We had many families visit booths from all of LBUSD's comprehensive high schools. Each school had a booth full of information and staff ready to answer all questions from students and families.

Our Family Leadership Institute (FLI) Phase 2 participants continue to meet on a monthly basis. The opportunity to learn and lead is presented at each meeting. It is great to see participants collaborate and thrive as cohorts.

As the holiday season approaches, there is still much more work to do. We look forward to supporting our LBUSD community.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

In partnership,

Director

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## LBUSD Community News

### Native American Heritage Celebration

**EONA**, Educational Opportunities for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives, supported Lafayette Elementary School's first annual Native American Heritage Month celebration. Students learned about culture, stories, songs and elders from different California tribes. Some students even got to bang on drums. One of the highlights was Lloyd Valenzuela, an elder and U.S. Veteran from the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians. Valenzuela a former LBUSD student shared with students what Long Beach was like at the time he was growing up,



### VIPS TB Testing

If you're interested in becoming a Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), mark your calendar for **Tuesday, January 14, 2025**. We'll be offering free TB tests for VIPS applicants. This is 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 look forward to seeing V.I.P.S. applicants, thank you for volunteering! More information to come.



### 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, **Talia Watts**. Talia is very involved with Stevenson and also participates in EEP's Family Leadership Institute workshops. "It makes you feel welcomed to be part of this community." Talia's next goal is to become a V.I.P.S., Volunteers In Public Schools, so she can do more for her school community.



### High School Choice Fair at Cabrillo

Incoming 9th graders and their families had an opportunity to explore the various pathways LBUSD's comprehensive high schools have to offer. The High School Choice Fair was a great way for families to begin thinking about the high school pathways their students might want to apply for. The High School Choice application opens **February 7th, 2025** at 9am on ParentVue.

**Helpline: (562) 997-8306**  
**[HSMChoicehelp@lbschools.net](mailto:HSMChoicehelp@lbschools.net)**



## 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 and webinars designed to support and empower families to become full partners in their child's education. Upcoming topics in December include, Suicide Prevention and Reading Strategies. For more information visit [lbshools.com/parentuniversity](http://lbshools.com/parentuniversity)



**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

*Thank you for reading!*

Thursday, 11/28

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

Tues. 12/03

DELAC @ 9:30am

Parent University Webinar  
**Suicide Prevention**  
@6pm

Wed. 12/04

LBUSD Board of  
Education Meeting @  
5:00pm

At EEP, we also like to have fun moments with our team. Many of us, avid Dodgers fans, showed up in our Dodgers gear to share in solidarity their World Series victory. 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!



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