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## Family Literacy Effort Earns National Grant

The National Center for Family Literacy recently announced that the Long Beach Unified School District's Family Literacy Program is one of 10 programs nationwide to receive a \$25,000 grant to encourage Latino and other families to earn college degrees.

Funded by the MetLife Foundation, the grant supports outreach to families about going to college, including the use of a comprehensive set of interactive, bilingual resources available online.

In partnership with local community-based organizations including Head Start, the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board, and multiple college partners, Long Beach Family Literacy will assist 60 low-income families.

"With this generous funding, we can strengthen our ability to help families and Latino youth prepare for college and help shift

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## Broad Foundation Again Lauds LBUSD

The Broad Foundation's 2011-12 Annual Report lauded the progress made in Long Beach schools over the past decade.

"We celebrated the 10th year of The Broad Prize for Urban Education in 2011," the report stated. "Across the decade, school districts from Long Beach to Miami, from Brownsville to Boston have succeeded in raising student achievement, despite high-poverty, high-minority populations. They stand as beacons to other districts across the country."

## Lafayette, Roosevelt Up for Top U.S. Honor

The National Center for Urban School Transformation announced this week that Lafayette Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School are finalists for the NCUST 2012 National Excellence in Urban Education Awards.

The two Long Beach schools serve large numbers of disadvantaged students – including many Latino and other students who are learning English as a second language – yet they have far surpassed the state's goal of 800 on a scale of 1,000 on the Academic Performance Index. Lafayette's API is 860, while Roosevelt's is 840.

"This national honor again shows that Long Beach schools excel at serving all populations of students despite many challenges, including tough economic times," said LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser. "Congratulations and thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in these school communities."

Among the thousands of urban schools throughout the nation, 48 presented applications documenting that they met all the rigorous criteria for the National Excellence in Urban Education Award. Those 48 schools are

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## Energy Conservation Saves \$29M Since 2003

The Long Beach Unified School District's 84 schools have earned Energy Star Certification as part of a conservation effort that has saved \$29.1 million since 2003.

The certification by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency is based upon an international standard for energy efficiency. Buildings that earn the Energy Star use 35 percent less energy and generate 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings nationwide.

The school district, California's third largest, began its concerted conservation efforts with the hiring of two energy managers and the establishment of policies and guidelines aimed at researching, measuring and reducing usage of electricity, gas and water.

The conservation effort has included stringent tracking of bills to spot anomalies and prevent waste, and site and meter audits with careful tracking via software. The school district corrected billing errors, modified behav-

iors through reminder notes to employees, calibrated equipment and time of use for optimal efficiency, and used new technology such as more efficient light bulbs and Internet-controlled energy management.

With 84 sites certified, LBUSD now boasts 30 percent of the Energy Star-certified schools in California, according to a staff report at a recent LBUSD Board of Education meeting.

"To have 84 schools recognized is absolutely amazing. Most school districts have a big celebration if one or two schools are recognized," LBUSD's Chief Business and Financial Officer James Novak told the school board.

Aside from saving money, the conservation effort has prevented the emission of nearly 62,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide, or the equivalent of not driving 11,000 cars for one year (avoiding 15,000 miles of driving per car). It would take 1.5 million trees about 10 years to eliminate that amount of CO2 from the atmosphere, according to the staff report.

Each newly certified school will receive a certificate to display proudly in the front office.



**NEW SCHOOL —** Construction of McBride High School on the former site of DeMille Middle School is about 15 percent complete, with building foundations finished and concrete masonry work proceeding. The small high school is funded by Measure K school bonds that can be used only for construction and renovation. Learn more and sign up for project updates at [lbschools.net](http://lbschools.net) under Measure K Construction.

## Budget Update

Under Gov. Jerry Brown's initial budget proposal, California voters may be asked to help close an anticipated \$9.2 billion gap with a November tax measure. But the measure may not yield the \$6.9 billion the governor is counting on, the state's Legislative Analyst said.

The governor plans to close the gap with cuts to schools, more revenues and funding shifts. His plan calls for greater funding flexibility for schools, which the Long Beach Unified School District has long favored.

But the Legislative Analyst said the tax initiative may only bring \$4.8 billion in revenue for 2012-13, with slightly more in following years. Public schools must plan for further cuts even if the tax measure succeeds. If the tax measure fails and/or the governor's revenue projections don't hold true, the cuts will be more significant.

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the mind-set from 'college is too expensive' to the belief that Latino youth can successfully pursue postsecondary education," said Roberta Lanterman, Family Literacy director.

Long Beach Family Literacy will incorporate the En Camino: Herramientas educativas para familias/On Our Way: Educational Toolkit for Families into all program services. This interactive toolkit, which provides educational and life-skill activities for families, is available for free at [www.familit.org/myfamilygoesto-college](http://www.familit.org/myfamilygoesto-college).

"We need to ensure that more adults are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education and that parents are well prepared to inform and nurture the educational aspirations of their children," said Sharon Darling, president & founder of NCFL. "Efforts serving two generations are best positioned to assist our nation with the ambitious goals of career readiness and college attainment."

Long Beach Family Literacy is headquartered at the Long Beach School for Adults and operates on three elementary school campuses in Long Beach. For more information, call 595-8893, ext. 203.

## Celebrate Education At Cabrillo on Jan. 21

Thousands of students, parents and educators are expected to attend the Long Beach Unified School District's 16th Annual Education Celebration from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 21 at Cabrillo High School's main gymnasium.

This year's theme is Get on the Ball, Get Active. To balance the rigorous academic programs that LBUSD offers, the Education Celebration's focus will be on exercising the body as well as the brain.

Parents of students entering kindergarten through eighth grade will find information on each elementary, K-8 and middle school under one roof.

Free transportation is available from all LBUSD high schools. The departure schedule is: Lakewood, 8:30 a.m.; Jordan, 8:45 and 9:45 a.m.; Millikan, 8:25 a.m.; Wilson, 8:35 a.m.; and Poly at 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. For more information, call 997-8321.

## In Memoriam

**McCarran Ono**  
grounds supervisor  
Dec. 9, 2011

**Charles Anderson**  
former custodian  
Dec. 20, 2011

**Stanley Rivers**  
custodian, Head Start  
Dec. 25, 2011

**Charles Carroll**  
teacher, Wilson  
Dec. 28, 2011

## 17 More Teachers Nationally Certified

Seventeen teachers in the Long Beach Unified School District have earned the highest professional distinction in teaching, National Board Certification. The newest certificates bring the total number of nationally certified teachers in the district to 147.

The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves submitting portfolio entries, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises. The school district supports teachers who are interested in applying for National Board Certification by offering pre-candidacy and candidacy support programs throughout the application process.

The new National Board Certified teachers are Julianne Beebe, Hill; Nancy Brown, CAMS; Juana de la Rosa, Edison; Bryan Feely, Stanford; Garrick Gjonovich, Lakewood; Jack Hobusch, Millikan; Tracy Kostenbader, Jordan; Michelle Malchiodi, Lakewood; Sharon Moore-Pulsifer, Jordan; Timothy Mulvehill, Millikan; Caroline Muscato (formerly Harte, now substituting); Pia Prieto, Wilson; Erin Richey, Carver; Maureen Rippee, Millikan; Rocio Rodriguez, Madison; Joseph Sarabia, Longfellow; and Donna Sharpe, Avalon.

National Board Certification is valid for ten years. In order to maintain certification, teachers can renew their certification by submitting a portfolio detailing continued professional growth.

Six LBUSD teachers participated in the renewal process and have again earned National Board Certification: Amelia Valinsky-Fillipow, Kettering; Michael Phillipow, Poly; Sheila Gibbons, Lee; Donna Ryono, CDC; Ethel Seminario-Laczko, Cabrillo; and Teresa Suzuki, OCIPD.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards provides the certification. NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. It was formed in 1987 to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching, creating a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts.

## Retirement Event

Honoree	Date	Contact
Horace Salazar	Jan. 13	Jim Martin ext. 1775

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the Center's Honor Roll Schools for 2012. Among those 48 schools, 27 (including the two Long Beach schools) presented superior evidence of excellence and were named finalists.

"In many respects, this was the most competitive field of applicants we have ever reviewed," said NCUST Executive Director Joseph Johnson, Jr. "If every school in America served diverse populations of students as well as the National Excellence in Urban Education Award schools, achievement gaps would be eliminated," Johnson said.

NCUST officials will now visit Lafayette and Roosevelt early next month to determine whether the schools will be among about 12 that will receive the top award.

Prior winners of this honor in LBUSD include International, Signal Hill, Tucker and Edison schools.

"The students, teachers, support staff, parents, and community at these schools are already winners!" Johnson said. "You should be proud of the difference they are making in the lives of the students they serve and their role as a model for urban schools throughout the United States."

NCUST is located at the San Diego State University College of Education. Learn more at [ncust.org](http://ncust.org).

## Boeing Gives \$75K For College Promise

The Boeing Co. recently presented the Long Beach Unified School District with a \$75,000 check to support the Long Beach College Promise.

The College Promise was signed in 2008 by leaders from the school district, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach, providing a number of guarantees such as a tuition-free first semester at LBCC and preferred admission at CSULB to help local students prepare for, enter and succeed in college.

The latest grant furthers the College Promise through the creation of Promise Pathways designed to increase the number of students who graduate from LBUSD high schools ready for college level coursework in math and English.

Through this grant and others, the three systems are dedicating staff and faculty to better aligning math and English courses from LBUSD with those at LBCC and CSULB. One of the goals of the Promise Pathways is to prepare more high school students for college coursework so they don't need remedial courses in college.

## Kindergarten Fest

The first of four Kindergarten Festivals for incoming 2012-13 kindergartners and their families is 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Buffum Learning Center, 2350 Ximeno Ave. in Long Beach.

The festivals include parent workshops on how to support successful students, free H1N1/flu vaccines (first two festivals) and free dental screenings. Each incoming kindergartner receives a free book and backpack with school supplies.

Call 435-4080, ext. 19 for information.