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CSEA Members OK Contract, 3% Raise

Members of the California School Employees Association Long Beach Chapter 2 recently ratified agreements that include a 3 percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2013. The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education also approved these agreements for CSEA Unit A and Unit B at its last regular meeting.

The pay increase mirrors the 3 percent raise that eligible non-represented employees and members of the Teachers Association of Long Beach received earlier this year. Classified employees are the non-certificated personnel who perform a wide range of work.

CSEA members approved the agreement by more than a 99 percent vote.

Retroactive pay for employees represented by CSEA will be disbursed on April 18, and the 3 percent increase will be reflected on these employees' paychecks beginning with the April 25 paycheck.

Hamilton Robotics Excels at State Level

A team of students from Hamilton Middle School competed in this month's inaugural California VEX Robotics Middle School State Championship in Santa Clara.

After 10 qualifying matches, Hamilton qualified for a wild card round in the quarterfinals and placed 16th out of 27 teams. The Hamilton students had qualified for the state competition by winning a regional robotics contest last December at the California Academy of Mathematics and Science in Carson.

The Hamilton students were America Calvario, Cindy Coronado, Itzel Corrales, Ian Aguilar, Isaac Canado and Trenton Randell.

Hamilton MESA Teacher Ethan George advised the students, each of whom played a unique role. Their roles included two drivers, a programmer, two technicians and a networking specialist to solicit interest in other teams

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Employee of Year Nominations Due

LBUSD employees who know outstanding colleagues deserving recognition may submit nominations for the annual Classified Employee of the Year Award by Thursday, April 17.

Instructions, award criteria and nomination forms are available under "Employee of the Year (Classified)" in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

Top Tech Site Details Teacher Training Here

A leading website that offers independent coverage and research of educational technology includes an in-depth look at the Long Beach Unified School District's efforts to create customized professional development for teachers.

An article titled "The Long (Beach) Road to Perfect PD" details how the school district has begun using a \$5 million "iPD" grant from the Gates Foundation.

"What if schools could design their own solutions, and open them up to companies who were ready for the challenge? That's the challenge Long Beach Unified took on."

wrote EdSurge's Christina Quattrocchi, a former teacher. "Ranked as one of the most promising school systems in the world, the district partners with teacher training programs at nearby universities to create a pipeline of potential teaching candidates trained in what others call 'The Long Beach Way.' Not only do teachers get support from coaches deployed throughout the district, but they also have their own professional development resource center they can physically visit to get help from highly regarded peers."

The process of developing a customized professional development program began with the school district sending a 15-question survey to more than 4,000 certificated educators in January 2013. Nearly 600 teachers responded with insights on their current experiences and potential areas for growth, the article states.

Based on those results, more than 150 teachers spent a full day designing exactly what the new system would do. They identified how they might behave in an ideal system

where everyone got the training and support they needed.

"The teachers just got to dream; What would the perfect professional development system look like for you?" LBUSD Program Administrator Nader Twal told EdSurge.

The system they designed evaluates teachers' needs based on students' academic performance data, teachers' previous professional development courses, self evaluations and administrative feedback. Then the system helps the teacher create a personal learning plan and offers a list of online and offline learning opportunities. The final

step in the system gives teachers feedback on their growth by pulling future student performance data, and through coaching feedback and observations.

The article goes on to detail the evolution of the technological infrastructure that will support these efforts. LBUSD is rolling out a pilot of the system with about 100 educators, and systemwide adoption is planned for the 2016-17 school year.

Read the full article at edsurge.com. Search for "The Long Beach Road."

Millikan High School teacher Ashleigh Ferguson is one of many teachers helping to shape LBUSD's customized professional development system.

"Collaboration with teacher peers is invaluable," Ferguson said. "I desire to be the best teacher I can be and need feedback and ideas from other professionals to make this happen. I believe iPD will provide a space for structured, collaborative opportunities within our

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FIRST PLACE – Marshall Academy of the Arts eighth grader Tiana Prince earned first place in the middle school category at the 30th annual Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show at the Alpert Jewish Community Center, where more than 350 people attended. See 'Names in the News' on the next page for the full list of Gottlieb winners.



COMPETITORS – Hamilton Middle School students America Calvario, Cindy Coronado, Itzel Corrales, Ian Aguilar, Isaac Canado and Trenton Randell reached the quarterfinals in an inaugural statewide robotics competition in Santa Clara. The school district is providing robotics programs in 16 middle and K-8 schools.



• Hamilton Robotics

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for joining in a competitive alliance.
The state contest involved a game called “toss up,” in which teams maneuver their robots through obstacles to place balls of various sizes past a goal to score points.
The Hamilton team’s parents were on hand to support their children, decorating the team’s pit where students made adjustments to their robots, and making a large poster identifying the team. The parents also drove the students six hours each way to Santa Clara and back to Long Beach.
LBUSD is providing robotics programs in 16 middle and K-8 schools this year for sixth through eighth grades.

Summer Enrichment To Be Held at Carver

The Golden Bell Award-winning Summer Enrichment Program, now in its fourteenth year, will be held at Carver Elementary School this summer. Children entering first through eighth grades are eligible to attend this fee-based program held in three-week sessions from June 23 to July 10 and from July 14 to July 31.

Classes in music, art, cooking, Spanish and more are taught by credentialed Long Beach Unified School District staff and are held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost for each three-week session is \$280 or less (early and sibling discounts available).

Recreation supervision is included at no additional charge for those enrolled in the program. Recreation hours are from 8 to 9 a.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays from June 27 to July 25.

New this year are classes for first through third grade students who are currently enrolled in Spanish dual immersion programs.

Summer Enrichment is managed by LBUSD’s School for Adults.

Learn more and find printable registration forms under Summer Enrichment Program in the A-Z index at lbschools.net, or contact Vicki Roberts at vroberts@lbschools.net or 595-8893, ext. 462.

Names in the News

The 30th annual Norman Gottlieb Youth Art Show for local middle and high school students was held recently at the Alpert Jewish Community Center. Middle school winners were: first place, **Tiana Prince**, Marshall; second, **Emanuel Mitai**, Hoover; third, **Katelyn Lawson**, Marshall; and honorable mentions to **Maria Martinez** of Jefferson, **Kava Sloan** of Marshall, **Jorgen Denger** of Bancroft, **Marian Turner** of Stanford, and **Setha Ourn** of Hughes. High school winners were: first place, **Stormy Morrell**, Millikan; second, **Demi Reed**, Lakewood; third, **Rachel Ogata**, Poly; and honorable mentions to **Cathleen Mason** of McBride, **Celeste Bautista** of Cabrillo, **Ava Kvapil** of Wilson, **Kailey Reade** of Poly, and **Amber Arzaga** of Renaissance.

Credential Current?

All certificated employees are required to keep their credentials and permits current at all times. The State of California does not allow a single minute of service without possessing a valid credential or permit. If employees allow a credential or permit to expire, or if they do not provide the state with evidence of meeting renewal requirements, they cannot remain in paid status in any California public school district.

The Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires all clear and professional credential holders to renew their credentials online. The online renewal process requires payment by VISA or MasterCard. The renewal web page is ctc.ca.gov. Click on “Online Services for Educators.”

The renewal fee is \$70, and the renewal process may be completed as early as one year in advance of the credential expiration date.

Questions about credentials may be directed to a credential services specialist at ext. 8208.

• Teacher Training

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district. LBUSD is highly populated with talented teacher leaders with brilliance to share. Working with the initial design of iPD has given me hope that there will be a common space to learn from these leaders on a consistent basis.”

Order Wrist Watches

It’s time to order Long Beach Unified School District logo watches.
Order forms are available at all sites, or contact Cheryl Dennison at Cubberley School, ext. 4610 or cdennison@lbschools.net. Watches are available in two sizes: large face and small face. The cost is \$28.25 for either.
All orders and checks must be received by Friday, April 11. Watches are expected to be delivered in late May by the Confidential and Supervising Secretaries Association.

Dates to Remember

April	
1	National Autism Awareness Month
1	April Fools Day 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules,” Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
2	International Children’s Book Day
2	Third Quarter Ends 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Arbor Day/Earth Day,” Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
3	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— “Adventures in Poetry I,” Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
4	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— “No Time to Waste!” Grades 4-12, ed.tv 8
6	California Poppy Day
8	9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— “The Velveteen Rabbit,” Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
9	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 10 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 15 - 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 16 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 17 - 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 12:00; 30 - 8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Adventures in Poetry II,” Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
11	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— “You Can Refuse,” Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
13	Thomas Jefferson’s Birthday
13-19	National Library Week
18	Anniversary of Paul Revere’s Ride 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30; 29 - 9:00, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— “Cinco de Mayo,” Grades K-4, ed.tv 8
20-26	Administrative Professionals Week
21	John Muir Day
21-25	Spring Recess
21-25	Public School Volunteer Week
22	Earth Day
23	Administrative Professionals Day
23	William Shakespeare’s Birthday
24	Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
25	National Arbor Day
25	Holocaust Remembrance Day
29	International Dance Day

In Memoriam

Hank Garcia
former assistant superintendent,
secondary schools
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