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Measure E Surges in Final Count of Votes

Voter approval of \$1.5 billion in local school bonds jumped to 74.86 percent in the final tally, up from 73.37 percent just after election night on Nov. 8. The number of yes votes surged from 84,217 in the unofficial election night tally to an official total of 129,757, an increase of more than 45,000. The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education placed the measure on the ballot.

The final tally includes mail ballots received after the election day. The post-election process also includes manual checks to determine a voter's intent when casting provisional ballots, making for a slower count.

Proceeds from the school bonds will be used for health and safety-related repairs such as electrical upgrades to add energy-efficient air conditioning systems. Science labs, computer labs and libraries will be upgraded. Deteriorating bathrooms and plumbing, leaky roofs and old wiring will be repaired. Outdated structures will be improved to meet handicap accessibility and earthquake standards. Fire alarms and security systems will be upgraded. Indoor and outdoor athletic facilities will be expanded and improved with features such as all-weather fields and new aquatic facilities.

Learn more under Measure E at lbschools.net.

CAMS Students Take Forestry Challenge

Nineteen students from the California Academy of Mathematics and Science participated in the recent San Bernardino Forestry Challenge. The group was among 73 high school students from nine Southern California schools participating at Green Valley Lake Christian Camp, near Green Valley Lake. Four teams from CAMS won second, third, fifth and sixth place honors.

Students created a business plan for non-timber forest products on the camp property. After spending a day collecting field data and interacting with natural resource professionals, students quantified potential earnings from often-overlooked forest products such as pine cones, Christmas trees and decorative hardwoods. During the challenge, teams of students also completed field training, followed by a field test, to assess their technical forestry knowledge and data collecting skills.

"This is our fourth year competing and it's getting better every year," CAMS teacher Matt Gold said.

"As a city kid, this experience expands our perspectives of nature," said Kanta Morinaga, a senior at CAMS. "Getting hands-on experience opens possibilities in fields we would never have imagined."

LBUSD's 'Talent Pipeline' Featured Nationally

The same organization that listed the Long Beach Unified School District among five of the world's highest performing school systems in 2012 and 2014 has once again recognized local schools, this time for attracting and retaining effective educators.

The national not-for-profit Battelle for Kids features LBUSD in a recently released report, "Building the Talent Pipeline: Three Steps to Attract and Retain Educators."

"California's Long Beach Unified School District and Ohio's Teacher Incentive Fund consortium offer two examples of how districts are using professional development, support and leadership opportunities to engage teachers at each stage of their career," the report states. "LBUSD's annual attrition rate of seven percent is nearly two-thirds lower than the nation-

al average for urban districts, an accomplishment that has been attributed in large part to its strong teacher pipeline and professional development system. First, the district works closely with nearby institutions of higher education to build a locally based pipeline of teachers who have had extensive exposure to Long Beach schools before becoming new employees. New LBUSD teachers also complete a two-year induction program, in which they develop individualized growth plans, receive formative evaluations and guidance from experienced support providers, engage in ongoing dialogue with other teachers in their cohort, and participate in a variety of professional development opportunities.

"The district also invests heavily in
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Millikan Senior Talks SAT Prep at D.C. Event

Millikan High School Senior Camila Teagle-Alarcon joined College Board President David Coleman at a conference in Washington, D.C. this month to deliver a panel presentation on practicing online for the SAT with the Khan Academy. The conference, sponsored by the Foundation for Excellence in Education, was attended by about 900 educators and policy-makers.

Teagle-Alarcon, a member of the Millikan Advanced Placement Student Steering Committee's leadership team, also is a peer tutor who helps other students with homework and PSAT or SAT practice. Like many students at other Long Beach Unified School District high schools, she and other Millikan peer tutors report increases in their own SAT scores of up to 200 points thanks to their practice with the Khan Academy.

College Board President Coleman noted that 2.5 million students are practicing for the SAT using the Khan Academy's online tutorials.

More than 2,100 students at Millikan linked their College Board accounts to the Khan Academy last year. Millikan offered a new PSAT practice course for sophomores using the Khan Academy at AP Summer Bridge in August 2016, part of a districtwide effort to provide students greater support on college entrance exams.

In the panel discussion with Coleman, Teagle-Alarcon described the convenience of taking practice tests on her phone while waiting for her turn to compete in water polo tournaments.

"It was kind of a stress reliever," she said. "When I finished taking a test, I knew I was just another step towards reaching my goal."

NATIONAL AUDIENCE – Millikan High School Senior Camila Teagle-Alarcon, right, prepares for a panel with College Board President David Coleman, left, and Florida student Avianna Johnson, center, at a Foundation for Excellence in Education conference attended by 900 people in Washington, D.C.



13 Sites Offer Free Lunches Dec. 14-30

Free lunches will be provided to children at 13 sites Dec. 14 to 30 as the Summer Food Service Program extends primarily to assist Track B (year-round) students while they are off school.

The school district offers an "open" site at Whittier Elementary School, available to all children, and "closed enrolled" sites where priority is giving to neighborhood students though any students may attend pending space availability. Closed enrolled sites will be offered at Addams, Burbank, Edison, Grant, Harte, Nieto Herrera, Lafayette, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Smith, Stevenson and Willard schools.

View dates and times for each location by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Rotary Offers Grants For Literacy Projects

Long Beach Rotary and its charitable foundation are offering up to \$7,500 for creative, teacher-driven literacy projects. Teachers in preschool through third grade, including special education, may apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500. Apply by Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Grants will be awarded by June 2017 and may be used to purchase books, e-books, teaching aids, training programs or other educational materials beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Teachers receiving awards may be invited to present their project at a Long Beach Rotary luncheon and will be required to complete a one-page report at the end of the grant period.

Find the grant application under Rotary Literacy Grants in the A-Z index at lbschools.net. The grants are part of Rotary's Reading by 9 programs. Rotarians each year donate more than \$40,000 toward this program, and they have donated more than 215,000 books to local children, school libraries and non-profit literacy programs in the Long Beach area. The goal is to increase the percentage of students reading at grade level by age nine.

Board Adds Meeting, Reschedules Another

The Board of Education has rescheduled its Dec. 21 regular meeting to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20. The board also scheduled a special meeting for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 to discuss implementation of Measure E school bonds. Both meetings will be held in the usual location, 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach.

In Memoriam

Dwight Prince
former principal
Dec. 1, 2016

Robert Dill
former music teacher
and consultant
Dec. 7, 2016

• Talent Pipeline

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professional development for all teachers, with a clear vision and mission statement that drives professional development programs and efforts," the 20-page report continues.

"Additionally, support is provided across the district by skilled instructional coaches and a Teacher Resource Center that serves as a centralized hub for professional development and instructional resources. For LBUSD, teacher support is much more than just the sum of its parts. It is a carefully integrated system that begins with a strong talent pipeline; maintains a targeted focus on professional development that is responsive to teachers' needs; and encompasses a core set of values, processes and a culture the district describes simply as, The Long Beach Way."

The essential three steps for attracting and retaining teachers, according to the report are:

- 1) Use data to assess strengths, needs and challenges;
- 2) Develop a plan to attract and retain talented teachers;
- 3) Implement and continuously improve the plan.

Find the full report at battelleforkids.org. Search for "Building the Talent Pipeline."

Battelle recognized LBUSD as one of the world's five top-performing school systems in a 2014 e-book and in its 2012 Global Education Study.

Weight Watchers

The Long Beach Unified School District is committed to employee wellness and is paying 50 percent of the discounted cost for Weight Watchers offerings for all benefit-eligible active employees and spouses, as well as medical-plan-enrolled retirees and retiree spouses. Weight Watchers provides a personalized approach to weight loss through food and fitness.

Weight Watchers offerings and LBUSD Special Pricing:

- Meetings (Includes OnlinePlus), \$18.25 per month
- OnlinePlus, \$8.05 per month
- Weight Watchers for Diabetes (Includes OnlinePlus and meetings), for members diagnosed with type two diabetes, \$18.25 per month

Go to LBUSD.join.weightwatchers.com to learn more. While you're there, indicate whether you're interested in having a worksite meeting by clicking on, "If you are interested in attending a Weight Watchers meeting at your worksite..."

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Safety Officers Assist L.B. Cancer Institute

School Safety officers in the Long Beach Unified School District raised \$3,300 during the month of October during their Pink Patch Project – contributing to a national campaign by law enforcement agencies that raised more than \$300,000 – to help raise awareness about cancer prevention and to fund research, treatment and care of those who battle, or have battled, cancer.

The collaborative effort included the Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association and many other Los Angeles County police agencies and other first responders. Participating agencies sold commemorative pink law enforcement patches and T-shirts with all profits going to the project. LBUSD patches were sold for \$10 each, with fellow employees purchasing many of them. During the same month, uniformed personnel proudly wore their pink patches as a reminder of their dedication and commitment to the effort.

LBUSD's School Safety staff recently donated the locally raised funds to the Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

Ed Celebration Turns 20 at McBride High

The 20th annual Education Celebration, which provides information on local elementary, middle and K-8 school programs, is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28 at McBride High School, 7025 Parkcrest St., Long Beach.

Meet principals and teachers, and learn about enrollment options.

For more information, contact Sharon Lazo-Nakamoto at 997-8307.

Dates to Remember

January

1	New Year's Day
1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
1-3	Japanese New Year Festivities
2	New Year's Day – Observed
3	Non-duty day for 12-month employees
10	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "I Have a Dream: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
11	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "The Wright Brothers," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
12	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Dare To Dream," Grade 9, ed.tv 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "What Liberty and Justice Mean," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
15	World Religion Day
16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
17	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Silversmith of Williamsburg," Grade 5, ed.tv 8
18	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Thomas Edison," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
19	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "First Moon: Celebration of the Chinese New Year," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
24	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "George Washington," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
25	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
26	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Abraham Lincoln," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
27	Fall Semester Ends
27	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "The Klan: A Legacy of Hate in America," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
28	Chinese New Year
30	Spring Semester Begins
31	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Preventing Conflicts and Violence," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8