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National Blog Details K-16 Global Ed Here

A blog on the national Education Week website details how the Long Beach Unified School District's partnerships with its hometown, higher education institutions are providing greater opportunities for students to pursue global studies in high school and beyond.

Cal State Long Beach's Richard Marcus, a professor and director of The Global Studies Institute and the International Studies Program, and Tim Keirn, a full-time lecturer in history and education, director of the Yadunandan Center for India Studies, and coordinator of the university single subject credential program at CSULB, authored the guest blog exploring how the university has merged the nationally recognized Long Beach College Promise initiative with efforts to develop global competence in its students. The piece is titled Building a K-16 International Education Pipeline: 'The Long Beach Promise.' To find the full blog at edweek.org, search by title.

CSULB has the largest secondary (middle and high school) history-social science teacher credentialing program in California and one of the largest in the nation. Virtually all history teachers recently hired by LBUSD have come through this program, the blog states, and university faculty regularly provide in-service professional development, or training, for all world history teachers in the district.

The number of LBUSD students coming to CSULB with Advanced Placement World History credit (and global historical understanding) has increased, as has the number of students arriving at the university with AP credit in our courses with international content, including comparative government, human geography, Spanish literature, Spanish

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RENAMED SCHOOL –

Students at Olivia Nieto Herrera Elementary School (formerly Lee Elementary) sing "We Are the World" at the school's renaming ceremony. The new name comes with a new mascot, the huskies instead of the lions. See more photos and video at lbschools.net. Story on next page.



\$1.5 Billion in Local Bonds Pass Easily

Voters in the Long Beach Unified School District this week approved Measure E school bonds by a decisive 73.37 percent yes vote, providing \$1.5 billion, and the possibility of hundreds of millions of dollars in state matching funds, to upgrade classrooms and other school facilities.

"What a great day for our students and schools. Our sincerest thanks go to our parents, teachers, administrators, support staff and many business and community supporters who made this huge victory possible," LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser said. "Thank you, voters, for choosing to invest in our schools. We appreciate the trust that you have placed in us. We will do everything we can to make the wisest use of these bonds for the benefit of our students. We plan to continue earning the confidence and trust that voters have expressed with this historic decision."

With all precincts counted, Measure E garnered 84,217 yes votes and 30,569 no votes. The 73.37 percent yes vote far surpasses the 55 percent threshold for approval.

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.

Many local schools were built 60 to 70 years ago and need basic health and safety upgrades.

The passage of Measure E culminates many months of planning, with ample input from the community, including surveys and seven public meetings held at local high schools. The Board of Education decided in June to call for the bond election after approving an updated Facility Master Plan.

The recently updated Facility Master Plan includes a school-by-school project list and is available at lbschools.net. The school district will continue to communicate regularly with the local community regarding school facilities planning and progress.

School Psychologist Earns State Honor

Bridgette Myers has earned the Outstanding School Psychologist Award from the California Association of School Psychologists.

"I feel so blessed to have received the award," said Myers, who works at Jordan High School in Long Beach and at Holmes Elementary School in Lakewood.

In her role as school psychologist, Meyers has developed and conducted groups for students and helped teachers in developing positive behavior management systems for their classrooms, said Tom Sopp, CASP president. Sopp also is a psychologist at Alvarado Elementary School in Signal Hill and at Hughes Middle School in Long Beach. He spoke about Myers during last week's Board of Education meeting, noting that Myers developed a group for girls to build empowerment, she conducts assessments for children with varied disabilities, and she is able to interpret test results in a clear manner that parents and teachers can understand.

Other colleagues also sing her praises. "I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Bridgette over the past 17 years, 10 of them as her immediate supervisor," said LBUSD Assistant Superintendent Tiffany Brown, a past recipient of the same honor. "She has a calm demeanor that lends itself to the role of a school psychologist. She is an innovative thinker and continues to search for ways in which she can extend herself into the school community and beyond the realm of an assessor."

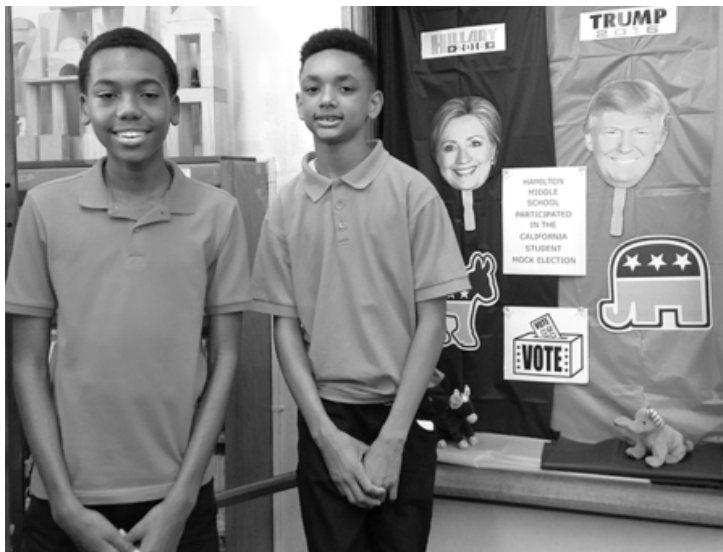
The school board at its last meeting also adopted a resolution supporting School Psychology Awareness Week, which is Nov. 14 to 18. Learn more about the week-long awareness effort at nasponline.org.



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LEARNING TO VOTE –

More than 700 Hamilton Middle School students participated in a mock election at their school, casting votes for U.S. President and ballot initiatives. Here, participants Keon Valentine and Darnell Hurd pose with a school display urging students to vote. The event was part of a mock election for students statewide.



Olivia Nieto Herrera Elementary Dedicated

Olivia Nieto Herrera Elementary School, formerly Lee Elementary, dedicated its campus in honor of the school's new namesake last week to the cheers of students, staff, parents, community leaders and members of the Nieto Herrera family.

Olivia Nieto Herrera was an educator and highly respected advocate for disadvantaged families. She established Centro Shalom, which provides support – including food, housing, clothing and legal aid – to families in the neighborhood surrounding the school.

"She loved children, and everything she did was for the betterment of the people around you," Amelia Nieto, daughter of Olivia Nieto Herrera, told the student body during a bright fall morning on the school playground.

Daughter Amelia led the student body in a chant of the phrase "Sí, se puede" (Spanish for "Yes it can be done," the motto of the United Farm Workers and Cesar Chavez). She encouraged the students to repeat the phrase once more, loudly.

"Sí, se puede!" the students shouted.

"Now I know my mother heard you, and that's music," Nieto said. "My brothers and I are very excited about having the school named for my mom. We hope it will inspire you to help our community like my mother wanted to."

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education decided in July to rename Lee Elementary School in honor of Olivia

Nieto Herrera. The school's new name became effective Aug. 1.

The renaming ceremony included the recitation of a student poem and the "Husky Pride Cheer" based upon the school's newly chosen mascot. Students sang "We Are the World" and heard words of encouragement from Congressman Alan Lowenthal, Board of Education Member John McGinnis, LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauser, LBUSD Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools Brian Moskovitz and the school's principal, Christi Granado.

"This is a wonderful, wonderful day," Congressman Lowenthal told the students. "You can take great pride in your school. Olivia was a dear friend of mine. She was a great leader. She was an advocate for kids just like you."

"Many of my brothers went to school with the Herrera family," Superintendent Steinhauser informed the students. "Mrs. Herrera wanted everyone to achieve their dream, and that's what she worked tirelessly for. And that's what we want for you."

Also in attendance was former school board member Mary Stanton, who served recently on the district's school naming committee and nominated Olivia Nieto Herrera for the naming honor. Board member McGinnis recognized Stanton's well received nomination and told the students, "We are very honored to have a school named after someone you can emulate."

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language and culture, Chinese language and culture, and Japanese language and culture.

The blog also discusses dual enrollment opportunities, LBUSD's new Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science – including Sato's Chinese language classes held in partnership with the university – and the popular new Ethnic Studies courses that local high schoolers are taking for university credit. There are also international pathways for students at several local high schools, and efforts are under way to create complementary programming where foreign language acquisition is central to the pathway.

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A Menu Makeover In School Cafeterias

School cafeterias districtwide recently launched some exciting changes, adding new items to their menus and committing to more environmentally friendly practices.

New menu items include chicken and chile tamales cooked in traditional corn husks, strawberry and yogurt parfaits with house-made granola, Salvadoran style bean and cheese pupusas, croissant breakfast sandwiches, enchilada burritos with house-made sauce, freshly cut watermelon, fresh jicama with tajin (seasoning) and more. Entrée salads also received makeovers with the introduction of a BBQ chicken salad with house-made BBQ-ranch dressing, Greek salad with house-made vinaigrette, and whole grain garlic-infused croutons.

New products were sourced for current favorites such as hamburger patties, hot dogs and chicken tenders. As always, menus include a healthful variety of fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, house-made entrees and whole grains.

In addition to the menu makeover, Long Beach Unified School District Nutrition Services proudly announced that school cafeterias will be 100 percent polystyrene (Styrofoam) free by January 2017. Be on the lookout for new eco-friendly containers.

To learn more about school menus and meal programs, go to Nutrition Services in the A-Z index at lbschools.net.

Website's Birthday

The Long Beach Unified School District's revamped, mobile-friendly central website recently marked one year since its launch. Over the past year, the central website at lbschools.net has attracted more than 13.5 million page views. Visitors include cyber-surfers from all 50 states and 180 countries and territories. On any given day, the site attracts about three times the number of visitors it did 10 years ago.

Names in the News

Wilson High School freshman **Windsor McNerny** won first place in a Metro contest to name a tunnel boring machine. The machine will dig new subway tunnels to link existing rail lines in and out of downtown Los Angeles. McNerny chose the name "Angeli," which is Latin for Angel.

In her essay, McNerny said the machine deserves a name that celebrates its purpose and "welcomes it with open arms to our great city." She participated in a ceremony with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti to see a portion of the machine lowered 45 feet into a pit in Little Tokyo. The name "Angeli" is displayed on the side of the machine.

Cabrillo High School art teacher **Alice Bolstad**'s photography students are exhibiting their work in the Toyota Children's Gallery at the Long Beach Museum of Art. The exhibit "Kids at Play" is connected to the work of world-renowned photojournalist Martha Cooper, whose work was recently shown at the museum. Martha Cooper is known for documenting street art of New York City during the 1970s and 1980s. This exhibit will continue through the end of the year.