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Student Achievement Shows Steady Gains

New data show a fourth straight year of student achievement gains in both English Language Arts and math, along with rising rates of college readiness among students in the Long Beach Unified School District.

English and math performance, as measured by state tests, improved for most ethnic and racial subgroups, with Long Beach achieving greater gains than other large school districts in California.

Meanwhile, more and more students are meeting the “A-G” requirements for admission to the University of California and California State University systems. Preliminary data show that the rate of A-G completion here has reached 60 percent, up 15 percentage points over three years.

“A new school year is a time of great promise, and that’s especially true in our schools this year for a number of reasons,” said Christopher J. Steinhauser, who begins his 18th school year as LBUSD superintendent. “Students who attend our schools tend to outperform their counterparts in California. We know this because we study the data, but others have noticed, too.”

Learn more and view video by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Sato’s Drone Team Takes 2nd Nationally

A team of students from Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science won second place and \$1,500 in a national aerial drone design and flying contest held recently in Muncie, Ind.

The “QuadDragons” Drone Team coached by Albert Gallo and Will Chesher competed in the UAS4STEM’s Search and Rescue national competition held at the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Sato team members are Tasha Adler, Alexis Salazar, Youliana Boutros, Stephen Salazar and Henry Samala.

The competition involves high school students completing a waypoint and payload delivery mission using a small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS). In addition to building the sUAS, teams designed and built a delivery mechanism to support a designated payload.

To support the mission, teams had to write special instructions for departure and arrival procedures, and remain within an assigned airspace. The drone also performed a search of an area for items of interest and was capable of delivering items to this area by dropping them from an altitude of 40 feet.

Sato qualified for the nationals by taking first place in the California regionals for the third year in a row. The school celebrated its first graduating class in June.

New Assignments Fill 80 Key Positions

A total of 80 administrators start new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this year.

Promoted to assistant superintendent are David Zaid, Human Resource Services, was director, Employee Relations and Community Engagement; and Kristi Kahl, Research, Planning, Evaluation and School Improvement, was senior instructional director/principal supervisor, Middle and K-8 Office.

Jay Camerino becomes assistant superintendent, High Schools, was assistant superintendent, Middle and K-8 Schools. Christopher Lund becomes assistant superintendent, Middle and K-8 Schools, was assistant superintendent, Research, Planning, Evaluation and School Improvement.

Steve Rockenbach was promoted to director, Employee Relations, Community Engagement and Ethics, was principal, McBride.

Lucy Salazar was promoted to director of community partnerships, was principal, Alvarado.

Cecilia Santos-Camerino becomes instruc-

tional director/principal supervisor, Middle and K-8 Schools, was instructional director/principal supervisor, Elementary Schools.

Promoted to principal are Cheryl Huber, Alvarado, was assistant principal, Monroe/Measure E; Brenda Ocampo, Chavez, was assistant principal, Harte; Rachel Peters, Kettering, was assistant principal, Kettering/Measure E; Nancy Dalton, Stevenson, was assistant principal, Wilson; Patrick Booker, Twain, was assistant principal, Stephens; Jorge Montanez, Hamilton, was assistant principal, PAAL; Kathleen Reed, Nelson, was assistant principal, Jefferson; Alma Black, Tincher, was assistant principal, Lindsey; and Roshann Williams, Washington, was assistant principal, Franklin.

Reassigned principals are Jacqueline Williams, from Twain to Barton; Juan Gutierrez, from Kettering to Edison; Monica Alas, from Smith to Garfield; Lashell Diggs, from Riley to Grant; Claire Alvarez, from Garfield to Herrera; Richard Littlejohn, from Barton to Oropeza; Mona Cook, from Oropeza to Riley; (Continued on next page)



Zaid



Kahl



Camerino



Lund

Longfellow Again Earns National PTA Award

Longfellow Elementary School has earned the National PTA School of Excellence Award for the third time since 2014.

“Congratulations on earning this prestigious recognition, which symbolizes your incredible work as national leaders in developing strong family-school partnerships,” the National PTA stated in its recent award announcement.

To be recognized, PTAs evaluate their family engagement strategies and submit a goal that families, teachers and administrators have set together. Longfellow’s PTA took this challenge to heart.

“Longfellow PTA has a longstanding reputation of being a foundational group that is a key component to Longfellow’s success. We work hand in hand with the administration team, teachers and parents to make sure we are in tune with the school’s and community’s needs,” Longfellow PTA President Mary Yung said. “Longfellow is a stand-out school, not only because of its socioeconomic and racial diversity, but because it’s a school where there is a tremendous amount of support at every level, from all stakeholders who keep the main goal of enriching students’ educational experience and overall well-being at the forefront.”

The National PTA will celebrate winning schools throughout the year via social media, digital publications, training events and advocacy efforts.

Learn more about Longfellow’s successful PTA-supported programs by finding this article at lbschools.net.

Retro Pay Sept. 6

Retroactive pay for Teachers Association of Long Beach members and qualifying non-represented employees will be issued Friday, Sept. 6. The one-time, or “off schedule” payment provides 1 percent of earnings for the entire 2018-19 fiscal year. The salary increase for these employees was approved by the Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education after TALB ratified a contract agreement with a yes vote of more than 97 percent.

Bargaining teams for the school district and the California School Employees Association continue to negotiate. View updates at lbschools.net under Employees > Bargaining Updates.



Black



Booker



Dalton



Huber



Montanez



Ocampo



Peters



Reed



Williams

• New Assignments

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Hugo Figueroa, from Chavez to Smith; Damita Myers-Miller, from Robinson to Gompers; Sal Madrigal, from Stephens to Robinson; Megan Traver, from Washington to Stephens; Gonzalo Moraga, from Wilson to McBride; Michael Navia, from Millikan to Renaissance; and Kimberly Holland, from Renaissance to Wilson.

Promoted to vice principal are Tomika Romant, Lakewood, was administrative assistant, High School Office; Kaisha Irving-Holder, Millikan, was assistant principal, Renaissance; Matt Brown, Poly, was assistant principal, Poly; Renee Shipman, Wilson, was assistant principal, Wilson; and Liseeth Ramos, Measure E/Elementary Office, was assistant principal, Whittier.

Promoted to assistant principal are Nicole Kelly, Addams, was teacher on special assignment, Garfield; Tracy Hall, Dooley, was teacher on special assignment, Carver; Tonie Alfonso, Lincoln, was teacher on special assignment, Bixby; Ann Erskine, Roosevelt, was teacher on special assignment, Signal Hill; Patrice Price, Jefferson, was teacher, Jordan; Torrie Baker, Lindbergh, was teacher, Washington; Brooke Hogan, Lindsey, was teacher, Robinson; Miruna Ouatu-Lascar, Lakewood, was teacher on special assignment, Beach; Arinn Filer, Millikan, was teacher on

special assignment, Poly; Macy Jelinowicz, Millikan, was teacher on special assignment, Wilson; Daniel Yu, Millikan, was teacher on special assignment, Jordan; Edward Steinhauer, Wilson, was teacher on special assignment, Wilson; and Lloyd Wilson, Wilson, was teacher on special assignment, PAAL.

Darron Evans becomes assistant principal, Stephens; he was principal, Edison.

Reassigned assistant principals are Juan Gonzalez, from Dooley to Lincoln; Donna Robertson, from Roosevelt to Grant; Marybeth Murray, from Barton/Smith to Harte; Douglas Jordan, from Riley/Measure E to Naples at Kettering; Charo Darwin Glomah, from Lincoln to Whittier; Danyett Armstrong, from Lindbergh to Bancroft; Jamal Richardson, from Bancroft to Franklin; Mynor Montiel, from Jefferson to Hughes; Eddie Cruz, from Hughes to Jefferson; Julie Sparks, from Lakewood to CAMS; Chris Thompson, from CAMS to Lakewood; Katie Hickox, from Addams to McBride; Nicole Lopez, from Lakewood to PAAL; Shannon Williams-Young, from Millikan to Poly; and Dan Jimenez, from Millikan to Renaissance/Sato.

Promoted to head counselor are Guadalupe Saldana, Browning, was counselor, Chavez; Kimberly Johnson-Aguito, CAMS, was counselor, Jordan; and Gerard Maliwat, Sato, was counselor, Sato.

Reassigned head counselors are Nora Valdez, from Beach to Middle School/K-8 Office; and Mary Martinez, from Reid to Beach/Reid.

Promoted to activities specialist are Michelle Greene, Jordan, was teacher, Franklin; and Connie Granieri, Cabrillo, was teacher on spe-

cial assignment, OCIPD.

Lindsey Evans was promoted to program coordinator, CDC; she was coordinating teacher, CDC.

Promoted to program administrator is Katiria Hernandez, Human Resource Services, was administrative assistant, Elementary Office.

Quentin Brown becomes program administrator, Deputy Superintendent's Office, was principal, Poly.

Promoted to administrative assistant is Christopher Iton, Deputy Superintendent/Education Services, was activities specialist, Cabrillo.

Assigned as administrative assistants are Carmen Hernandez, OCIPD, was assistant principal, Facilities; and Sashya Tullo, High School Office, was assistant principal, Millikan.

Joining the school district as new hires are Desiree Lee, mentoring supervisor, Educare, was site facilitator in early childhood education for Lynwood USD; Astrid Feist, early learning center manager, Head Start, was program coach at Child360 in Los Angeles; and Rosalba Gonzalez, program specialist, Head Start, was pupil service and attendance counselor for the Family Source Partnership Program in Los Angeles USD.

Names in the News

Patrick Henry K-5 Dual Immersion School teacher **Sylvia Padilla** was nominated for the 2019-20 national LifeChanger of the Year Award. Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership. Padilla, a 28-year educator who was instrumental in the creation of the bilingual dual immersion program at her school, was nominated by the parent of a student. Winners are announced via surprise award ceremonies at their schools. Grand prize finalists will be honored during an April ceremony in Florida. Winning nominees receive between \$3,000 and \$10,000 for their school and district.

Cabrillo High School manufacturing and welding teacher **Stephen Marsh** is among 50 semifinalists for the 2019 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching. Winners will be announced Oct. 24. Eighteen winners will split \$1 million in prizes. First-place winners will each receive \$100,000, with \$70,000 going to their school's skilled trades program and \$30,000 to the teacher or team behind the winning program. Second-place winners will receive \$50,000, with \$35,000 going to their school's program, and \$15,000 to the teacher or team.

In Memoriam

Ellen Hecklinger
former librarian
April 5, 2019

Jean Egan
Executive Director, Long Beach CaLL
June 29, 2019

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Dates to Remember

September	
	National Library Card Sign-Up Month
2	Labor Day—Holiday
3	Treaty of Paris Anniversary
5	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child." Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
6	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
8	National Grandparents Day
8	International Literacy Day
8-14	National Arts in Education Week
9	California Admission Day
10	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Staying out of Trouble With Your Friends (Duffy's Story)," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
11	Patriot Day
11	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Harriet Tubman," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
12	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
15-Oct. 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month
15-16	Mexican Independence Days
16	Mayflower Day
17	Back to School Night—Elementary Schools
17	Citizenship/Constitution Day
17	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
17-23	Constitution Week
18	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
19	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Operation School Bus Safety: Be Cool, Follow the Rules," Grades K-2, ed.tv 8
20	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: A Lunch Room Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
21	International Day of Peace
23	First Day of Autumn
24	Back to School Night—Middle Schools
24	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Columbus," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
25	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
26	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
27	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Getting to School Safely is Your Job," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
29-Oct. 1	Rosh Hashanah