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It's Official: I'm Retiring in 2020

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Superintendent of Schools

I have been superintendent of this great school district for 18 years. I love my job. But the time is right to announce that I will be retiring at the end of this academic year.

I have remained connected to this school district ever since I began as a kindergartner here 56 years ago. I started as a teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School 38 years ago. I met my wife on the job. My kids graduated from our schools. I want to publicly thank my family for their support.

I also thank our teachers, support staff, labor partners, administrators, parents and community partners for everything they've done to ensure that our students are ready for college and careers. I thank our Board of Education and the other board members who preceded them during my time as superintendent.

After so many years of working here, I found it difficult to write this statement without
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Names in the News

Cynthia Bater, program administrator for Linked Learning and Career Pathways in the High School Office, was invited by the Washington, D.C.-based Education Writers Association to speak at their recent conference in Chicago. The conference theme was "Education and the American Dream: Pathways from High School to College and Careers." Bater spoke on "Mapping Career Pathways in High School." Afterward, a reporter wrote, "I really appreciated this crash-course on the high school to post-secondary transition. I'm already using the information here to evaluate programs I run across, come up with story ideas and inform my work."

Wilson High School senior **Gabriel Sanders** was awarded a four-year, full tuition scholarship from the Posse Foundation to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits, and trains students with extraordinary leadership potential for this scholarship. Sanders underwent a series of panel interviews with Posse officials and staff of the University of Wisconsin. His goals include studying political science, attending law school and then pursuing a career in criminal law and/or environmental justice.

State Names 3 Distinguished Schools Here

Three schools in the Long Beach Unified School District earned the California Distinguished School Award recently for exceptional gains in student achievement.

"These outstanding schools don't just educate students; they also provide the young people of California the tools they need to be successful after graduation," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond said. "Thanks go to all the staff at these schools – teachers, administrators, classified employees – and parents, who are working together to provide high-quality educational experiences for all of their students."

Elementary schools and secondary (middle and high) schools are recognized in alternate years. This year's awards focused on the elementary grades. LBUSD's Alvarado, Lafayette

and Twain elementary schools were among 323 schools statewide earning recognition. The award is a first for Lafayette, while Alvarado and Twain are repeat winners.

The awards honor schools that demonstrate educational excellence and progress in narrowing achievement gaps. Winners must meet a variety of criteria including exemplary performance on state accountability measures.

"Distinguished School awardees represent examples of not just excellent teaching, learning and collaboration, but also highly successful school climate efforts ranging from real-time conflict resolution to positive behavior intervention," CDE's announcement stated.

The winning schools will be honored Monday, Feb. 10 during a ceremony at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim.

Jordan Pathway Earns Silver Certification

Jordan High School's Media and Communication pathway (JMAC) is the latest to earn Silver Certification from the Linked Learning Alliance. The honor validates that key components of a specialized academic and career pathway are in place.

Following a Linked Learning Certification for JMAC back in 2013, the latest Silver honor reaffirms the continued development of the pathway, which focuses on digital art, video and stage technology, and TV production.

"We are so proud, and we want to let everyone know," Jordan Pathway Coordinator Wendy Ili said.

Certification is based on a series of standards identified by leaders in the Linked Learning field. Schools seek certification from the Linked Learning Alliance to validate the quality of their college and career pathways. The pathways gain Silver certification when they establish the core components of Linked

Learning, or Gold certification when they demonstrate advanced implementation of these components and equitable opportunities for all students.

Linked Learning pathways integrate rigorous academics with technical coursework that is relevant to the needs of local employers. The pathways offer students work-based learning experiences aligned with their classes, and provide support services to help students graduate ready for entry into college and career.

The Long Beach Unified School District also has some of the first Gold certified pathways in the nation, including the Academy of Law and Justice at Cabrillo High School, and two pathways at McBride High School: the Engineering pathway and the Criminal Justice and Investigation pathway. Three pathways at Cabrillo earned Silver designations in earlier months: The Academy of Global Logistics
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BUILDING ON SUCCESS –

This rendering shows a 50,000-square-foot classroom building now under construction and scheduled to open by next fall at Millikan High School. The building was designed to meet the needs of the school's academies, or learning pathways. Read the latest on campus improvements at lbschoolbonds.net.



Jordan to Host College Aid Event

A free workshop to help students and parents applying for financial aid and scholarships is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Jordan High School, 6500 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach.

Sponsored by State Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, the event will include representatives from the California Student Aid Commission along with local financial aid experts to answer questions about the Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA), the California Dream Act, Middle Class Scholarship and more. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, including a list of documentation to bring, go to rendoncashfor-college.eventbrite.com or call 529-3250.

Ed. Celebration is Jan. 25 at Cabrillo

The 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. 25 at the Cabrillo High School Gymnasium, 2001 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach.

Meet principals and teachers, and learn about enrollment options. For more information, contact Dulnari Edirisinghe-Aga at 997-8307.

Cabrillo Holds 3rd Economic Summit

Cabrillo High School hosted its third annual International Economic Summit last month, with more than 100 students participating. The event is a world trade simulation for high school students and is modeled after curriculum from Boise State University. Students compete and learn about globalization, international economics and what it takes to make highly interdependent nations competitive in today's global environment. Teams of students represented 25 different countries, gathering in the gymnasium to build trade alliances, secure resources through imports and exports, invest in long-term projects, and test their knowledge of geography, economics and current events.

Learn more at longbeachcall.org under News > December 2019 E-Newsletter.

Kindergarten Fests

Kindergarten Festivals for incoming 2020-21 kindergartners and their families include parent workshops, free school supplies, dental screenings and lots of fun activities. Following is the schedule of the Saturday festivals, which are planned for 9 a.m. to noon (registration begins at 8:45 a.m.):

- Jan. 11 at Dooley Elementary School, 5075 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach;
- Feb. 1 at Roosevelt Elementary School, 1574 Linden Ave., Long Beach;
- Feb. 22 at Burcham Elementary School, 5610 Monlaco Road, Long Beach.

For more information, call 435-4080, ext. 19.

• Supt. Steinhauser

(Continued from first page) becoming emotional. At the same time, however, our school district is in a strong position with many talented staff and leaders. The future is bright for this organization, and I look forward to seeing the continued progress of our students and schools.

I am fully committed to help with this transition period, and I again thank everyone in our school communities for their support through the years.

• Jordan Certification

(Continued from first page) (AGL), Cabrillo Engineering and Design (CED), and the Specialized Academy of Computer Media, Arts and Animation (SAC-MAA).

The Linked Learning Alliance is a statewide coalition of education, industry and community organizations.

"Having a certified pathway ensures equity for all students. Therefore it is a goal of the district to have every pathway certified. When we heard the charge, Jordan jumped on it," Ili said, noting that other pathways at Jordan also are applying for the certification. "Our pathways strive for excellence and providing equitable, rigorous programs infused with their industry theme."

One example of JMAC's cross-curricular, industry-focused projects is when career and technical education classes teamed up with history teachers. The history unit was America in the 1920s.

"The JMAC students researched the entertainment of the era and created silent films, which were stunning," Ili said.

Learn more at linkedlearning.org.

Safety Symposium

A Youth Empowerment Safety Symposium to help keep young people safe from human trafficking is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Salvation Army, 3000 Long Beach Blvd. in Long Beach.

The symposium is sponsored by the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force in partnership with other community organizations. Workshops, community resources, music, prizes and more will be offered. The event is appropriate for ages 13 plus.

For more information, contact lbhttf@gmail.com.

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Early Childhood Education Event

Early childhood educators can mark their calendars for the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Symposium scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Long Beach Convention Center Promenade Ballroom, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

The keynote speaker is Rebecca Isbell, author of "Nurturing Creativity: An Essential Mindset for Young Children's Learning."

The target audience of early childhood educators includes teachers and administrators involved in kindergarten, transitional kindergarten and other programs.

Continental breakfast and lunch are included. Professional development certificates will be provided. Registration information is coming soon.

For more information, contact the Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee at lbeearlychildhood@gmail.com.

Other participating groups include the Long Beach Unified School District's Child Development Centers, the Mayor's Fund for Education and the Long Beach Day Nursery.

Student Art Exhibit Now Open at LBMA

An exhibit of artwork created by local middle school students will continue through March 15 at the Long Beach Museum of Art, located at 2300 E. Ocean Blvd.

The museum recently held an opening reception for the middle school exhibition "My Long Beach" in the Toyota Children's Gallery, where 85 student artists from six middle schools were honored. Hundreds attended the event, including students' families, art teachers and school administrators.

For the exhibit, students were invited to create a work of art that explores their own community – either the city they live in, their neighborhood or their school. The museum received works in a wide variety of media including paper, acrylics, ceramics, painted mini-canvases, and repurposed books and game boards.

Participating middle schools included Franklin, Hoover, Marshall, Rogers, Stanford and Stephens.

Learn more at lbma.org.

In Memoriam

Rodou Loizides
former nutrition services worker
October 15, 2019

Cheryl Caldwell
former intermediate office assistant
November 27, 2019

Virginia Cochems
former secretary
November 3, 2019

Nancy Moses
teacher, Jordan
December 17, 2019