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LAWNDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO EXPAND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

LAWNDALE, CA - At the November 18, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) announced plans to expand the District's coveted Dual Language Immersion program to Billy Mitchell Elementary School beginning with Kindergarteners enrolling for the 2022-23 school year. The program also operates at Mark Twain Elementary School and Will Rogers Middle School.

"We are excited about this opportunity to expand our Dual Immersion program. This expansion will allow us to continue our efforts in supporting bilingualism and biliteracy," said Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Superintendent of Schools.

LESD's Dual Language Immersion program begins in Kindergarten and uses Spanish and English as the vehicles for instruction in all subjects. The program's goal is to develop students' language skills while providing a broad multicultural understanding and appreciation of cultures in our globalized society.

"Dual Language Immersion offers many benefits for English, Spanish, and bilingual speakers, including robust development in reading, writing, and speaking comprehension as well as a pathway for receiving the prestigious *California State Seal of Biliteracy* on their high school diploma" Dr. Julie Kane, Director of Special Projects, said.

To learn more about Lawndale's Dual Language Immersion program, visit www.lawndalesd.net/di.

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