



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hacienda La Puente Unified Community,

January brought our District an abundance of joy as students, teachers, staff and administrators returned to campuses recharged and ready for the new year.

This month, we celebrated 100 Days of School, observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day and recognized our Board of Education for School Board Appreciation Month.

On behalf of the entire Board of Education, I want to congratulate all our phenomenal student-athletes, Mardi Gras Speech and Debate tournament contestants and visual and performing arts students from across the District for their outstanding efforts and achievements over the past two months. We have numerous sport teams and student-athletes wrapping up their winter seasons as defending League Champions and title-holders, advancing to the semi-finals and preparing for CIF championships. No matter the outcome, we are proud of each and every one of you.

On January 10, students and staff from across the District attended the Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE) Promising Learners Project Grant event, where Conga Kids members showcased a special performance titled, "Discover the African Diaspora Assembly & Introduction to Bridging Families/Communities HLPUSD" to commence the day. The grant, which aims to support youth in foster care and youth who are unhoused through high-quality in-person professional development, online modules, arts integration and social-emotional learning strategies, was presented to Hacienda La Puente in Fall 2023 and will continue its partnership with LACOE for the next three years.

As part of our triumphs during January, we presented to the community our ninth annual State of the District, which provided us the opportunity to highlight our student, staff and District accomplishments, while highlighting the importance of teamwork, collaboration and community. Please visit our YouTube channel to watch the recorded event.

Lastly, I want to remind you all that we are now accepting enrollment applications for the 2024-25 school year. If you know of anyone who works in the District boundaries, has children as early as two years or older, or is looking to advance their child's educational experience, please direct them to our enrollment webpage.

Thank you to all of our students, teachers, staff and community for your continuous support throughout the first half of the school year and I look forward to finishing the school year off strong.

As always, we are **#ProudtobeHLPUSD**.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfonso Jiménez
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent



Hacienda La Puente Unified Presents its 2023-24 Fall/Winter Newsletter



Out Now: Hacienda La Puente Unified's 2023-24 Fall/Winter Digital Newsletter features the successes and celebrations of our students, staff and District during the first half of the 2023-24 school year and highlights recent awards and accolades and much more!

[Click here to read the interactive newsletter!](#)

Hacienda La Puente Unified Highlights Growth, Celebrates Community During State of the District

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District showcased the vast accomplishments of its students, staff and District, while highlighting the importance of teamwork, collaboration and community, during its ninth annual State of the District event on January 18.

The event included an exciting presentation of colors led by the District's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets and La Puente High School Student Board Representative Josiah Hernandez commenced the event by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez then led a comprehensive presentation packed with animations and lively photos highlighting the past year's accomplishments in front of a high-spirited crowd of distinguished guests, Hacienda La Puente Unified's Board of Education, administrators, staff and community members.

"This was my first time attending the State of the District and all I can say is wow – what an amazing experience and fantastic way to jumpstart 2024," Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, Rosa Isiah said. "The amount of dedication, time and heart that went into this event was evident and a testament to the teamwork and pride thriving within our District, not to mention the immense support and presence from our education and administration teams."

[Click here to read more!](#)



ABOVE: Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez welcomes distinguished guests and executive cabinet members to a breakfast where he provided an in-depth presentation during the State of the District event on January 18.



LEFT: La Puente High School Student Board Representative Josiah Hernandez is welcomed by Superintendent Dr. Jiménez before leading the District in the Pledge of Allegiance during the State of the District evening presentation.

Hacienda La Puente Unified Fosters Importance of Equity and Justice Through Ethnic Studies Curriculum

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's high school students are gaining insight into different cultures, histories and perspectives through the District's Intersectional Ethnic Studies classes, which provides them with a deeper understanding of the nuances and complexities that have helped shape society. The District currently offers 11 sections of Ethnic Studies courses across its five high schools, all in the social studies department. These University of California A-G approved courses include curriculum and pedagogy that focus on the struggles and oppression of minority and marginalized groups and center on the importance of movement toward educational and social justice. "I am so excited for my students



Hacienda La Puente Unified educators participate in a training with the University of California, Irvine History Project to learn how to lead students through the Youth Participatory Action Research Project (YPAR).

to make history doing this project for the first time in HLPUSD," Workman High School Ethnic Studies teacher Christine Sardo said. "My students have shared that the Ethnic Studies courses have given them a better understanding of their own identity and those of their families

and community. It's incredibly unique and important that our District can provide a space for students to discuss real-world issues and topics about ethnicity, culture and race." The District's Ethnic Studies course offerings will expand in the 2024-25 school year to

include other disciplines: English Language Arts at La Puente and Los Altos high schools, a Spanish course at La Puente and Workman high schools; and a Film Studies class at La Puente High School. [Click here](#) to read more!

HLPUSD Female Middle School Students Unlock Potential, Celebrate Innovation During STEM Program

Hacienda La Puente Unified eighth-grade girls from across the District journeyed to Whittier College to hear inspiring words and success stories from innovative female leaders and young women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at the 29th annual American Association of University Women (AAUW) Math and Science Conference titled "Unlimited Potential" on January 11. The cutting-edge conference, experienced by HLPUSD's young trailblazers for more than two decades, aims to ignite passion and motivation among girls to dream big, work hard, and pursue careers that have historically been underrepresented. "I enjoyed the conference, and that I had an opportunity to ask the speakers questions," Sparks Middle School student Evelyn Maya said. "I liked that the speakers were able to share their story, where they went to school and how sometimes you go into college not knowing what you want to do. I really enjoyed hearing the Architect Story!"

[Click here](#) to read more!



Eighth-grade students from Orange Grove Middle School share the highlights from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Math and Science Conference with their peers on January 11.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's 2024 Showcase Video

Hacienda La Puente Unified is proud to share its 2024 District Showcase video titled "Partners in Community," which recognizes the employees and dedicated staff that make Hacienda La Puente Unified the perfect educational choice for students, employees and families to thrive.

Please visit our [YouTube channel](#) to watch the video now!




Local Control and Accountability Plan Community Survey

To ensure the District meets the needs of its community, consistent with the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), Hacienda La Puente Unified invites its students, staff and families to participate in a brief survey, and share their anonymous thoughts and feedback. The survey will close on Friday, February 16. The District appreciates the input, as this survey helps continue to improve the programs and services that foster success across HLPUSD.

[Complete the survey](#) today!

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

HACIENDA LA PUENTE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT




Local Control Accountability Plan Community Survey

February 1-16, 2024

Seeking feedback from:

- Students (grades 7-12)
- Staff
- Parents/families



Survey is available in English,
Spanish and Mandarin.

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: An in-person/virtual Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held at 5:30p.m., with a public session beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 8 at the District Office, 15959 East Gale Ave., City of Industry. For more information on the Board agenda, how to address the board and access the meeting, please visit <https://www.hipschools.org/board>.

Hacienda La Puente Unified encourages the community to stay-up-to-date with our Board meetings, including our school site and Bond improvement updates and HLPUSD celebrations. Please visit the Board of Education [webpage](#) to catch up on our District successes.



Stay Connected with HLPUSD

Hacienda La Puente Unified is proud to offer various communication methods for our teachers, staff and District to stay connected with our families.

Please visit the District's [website](#) to get connected today!



District & School Websites
The District and each school have a website featuring important dates, announcements, celebrations, Board of Education meeting information and much more.
www.hipschools.org



YouTube
The Hacienda La Puente Unified School District YouTube channel is an excellent resource for watching our HLPUSD Board meetings, District showcase videos and is the home to our annual State of the District event presentations.
bit.ly/HLPUSDYouTube



Social Media
Follow our social media platforms to stay up-to-date on our student, staff and District success stories, resources and upcoming events.
HLPUSD
@haciendalapuenteusd
@HLPUSD



ParentSquare
HLPUSD provides regular notifications to students, staff and families to ensure convenient communication and engagement between home and the school community. Messages are sent to the email addresses provided to the District. Please visit www.hipschools.org for details.



Peachjar
The District posts digital flyers on activities, events and resources for our families on Peachjar, as well as sending flyers out to families through ParentSquare. Check the HLPUSD Peachjar website to access recent flyers.
bit.ly/3trJ6yp



Canvas
Hacienda La Puente Unified schools use this learning management system to provide teachers, students and parents quick access to assignments, grading, course announcements and much more. Canvas applications are available on the Google Play Store bit.ly/3Gg7pED and Apple App Store bit.ly/3An8RDQ. Please visit www.hipschools.org for details.