



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hacienda La Puente Unified Community,

February was full of excitement as we celebrated students and District successes, honored cultures and traditions across campuses, and celebrated several athletic and academic achievements.

The District celebrated Black History Month, Presidents' Day, Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, and National School Counseling Week with lively student performances, classroom activities, and counselor appreciation events Districtwide.

We also celebrated National School Resource Officer Day on February 15. Thank you to our Chief of Police and Safety John Babbit, our officers, and local law enforcement for all that you do to ensure our schools and community are safe places to learn.

Throughout the month, HLPUSD Board members, students, staff, and the greater community gathered to support our Visual and Performing Arts showcases, the Spelling Bee, and numerous league playoff and CIF games. During the events, school teams shattered records, placed in multiple categories, and took home several league titles and championships.

Additionally, our high school speech and debate students journeyed to Massachusetts to compete in the Harvard National Speech and Debate Tournament, where students showcased their skills in informative speaking, dramatic interpretation, original oratory, humorous interpretation, and more. Congratulations to Los Altos High School's Allison Hernandez for reaching the quarterfinals and qualifying for the Tournament of Champions.

On February 8, our Nutrition Supervisor Brittney Rodriguez's success in rolling out a customized meal cart for students at La Puente High School was featured on the popular food news service, podcast, and magazine [Food Service Director](#). Thanks to her participation in the [Chef Ann Foundation's Healthy School Food Pathway Fellowship](#) program, which teaches fellows how to manage a school nutrition program built around scratch-made meals over 12 months, she was able to bring her ideas to reality by providing students with a customizable chicken, pork, or vegetarian Pho bowl with a variety of ingredients designed to incorporate local ingredients to the meal. We are so proud of Brittney's efforts and look forward to expanding the initiative to TK-8th-grade school sites during the 2024-25 school year.

I want to thank our students, staff, and families who completed our 2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Community Survey sent via our teacher/parent information system and social media throughout the month. We appreciate your input as we continue to improve the programs and services that foster success across HLPUSD.

As a reminder, Hacienda La Puente Unified is accepting enrollment applications for the 2024-25 school year, with child development opportunities available for students ages two and up. If you or someone you know is looking to jump-start their child's educational journey, please visit our enrollment [webpage](#) to learn more and apply to our award-winning school District today.

Thank you to our Board of Education, teachers, staff, and families for your dedication and ongoing support to our students. Winter has been an incredible season for Hacienda La Puente Unified, and I look forward to celebrating more with you all this spring.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfonso Jiménez
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent



Workman High School Girls Wrestling Team Wins First League Title, Advances Eight Individuals to CIF

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District's girls wrestling program at William Workman High School is celebrating a historic 2023-24 season, which saw the team secure its first-ever Montview League championship and qualify all eight team members for the upcoming California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section (CIF-SS) postseason.

Workman High's success is building on the program's rapid growth from a group of three wrestlers in 2021 to eight this season. The Lobos put together dominant performances both individually and as a team as they made their way to the Mountview League Meet on January 23, where they produced five individual champions and three more placers in their respective weight classes, with all eight qualifying for the CIF-SS Individual Wrestling Championships held February 9-10.

"This sport is different from most, in the fact that it has given me a different outlook on life," senior and middleweight wrestler



Workman High School's girls wrestling team won the program's first-ever Montview League title in the 2023-24 season at the league championships on January 12.

Sabine Ticas said. "It also helps me push myself in school and with the simple things in life. My coach always pushes me even when

I have doubts and motivates me to be the best wrestler and captain I can be."

[Click here](#) to read more!

Hacienda La Puente Unified Students Increase Reading Fluency Using Cutting-Edge AI Learning Tool

Fifth-grade students at Baldwin Academy are benefiting from Microsoft Education's public preview of its latest Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning tool, Reading Coach. The free immersive experience harnesses generative AI to help learners produce their own stories and independently practice reading-aloud content that gets them excited about reading. In addition to generating engaging stories from characters and settings selected by students in real-time, Reading Coach also tracks each student's progress to help educators gauge their growth, find areas of opportunity, and earn badges to track their amount of time, proficiency, and reading level.

"We've been using the pilot of Reading Coach for a few months now and I love it and think AI is so cool," fifth-grader Kayleen Torres said. "I like to select a cat as my main character and then choose the setting to be in space, and you don't have to wait at all; AI creates a story for us to read within seconds and afterward gives me feedback on which words I should practice."



From left to right: District Director of Data, Research and Innovation and immediate past principal of Baldwin Academy Lilia Picado, Tech TOSA Teresa Magpayo Castro, KTLA Tech Report Rich DeMuro, Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez, fifth-grade teacher Ana Ruiz, Tech TOSA Ricardo Recinos and students celebrate the generative AI learning tool, Reading Coach, during an exclusive interview on February 15.

Baldwin Academy students, Ruiz and District Tech Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) Ricardo Recinos and Teresa Magpayo Castro were featured on [Microsoft's Digital Transformation News](#) for their efforts and success using the innovative application on January 24.

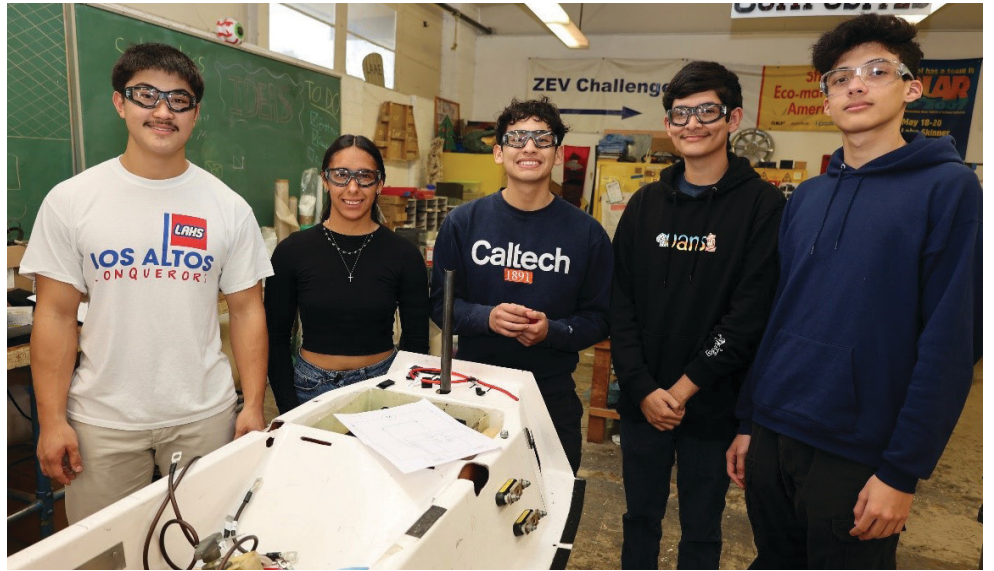
On February 15, KTLA-TV Channel 5's tech report Rich DeMuro visited the school to learn

more about Reading Coach by interviewing students, Ruiz, and Superintendent Dr. Alfonso Jiménez. During his time on campus, students showed DeMuro how the application works by selecting their character components, reading stories, and checking their results together.

[Click here](#) to read more and visit the [KTLA website](#) to watch the segment!

Hacienda La Puente Unified Students Connect Insatiable Curiosity, Problem-Solving Skills through Engineering Pathway

Hacienda La Puente Unified's award-winning engineering pathway has provided hands-on learning experiences, vocational training, and a student-led curriculum centralized around math and science for Los Altos High School students for the past 35 years. With more than 1,000 program graduates, the Los Altos Academy of Engineering (LAAE) continues to grow in popularity each year. Due to its long-standing success, the District expanded the pathway to Newton Middle School at the start of the 2013-14 school year and was launched at Orange Grove Middle School in 2020, introducing seventh and eighth-grade students to computer, science, engineering, and technology (C-STEM) through various courses, electives, and clubs. "When I interviewed as a freshman, Mr. Richter talked to me about how hands-on the pathway was and described the various teams I could join if admitted," senior and mechanical engineering project manager Samantha Sandoval said. "When I first joined LAAE, I didn't know anything that had to do



Los Altos Academy of Engineering mechanical and electrical engineering students work together on their built-from-scratch vehicle "Volt" on February 16.

with engineering. Now I get to help guide my team members by making decisions that will impact the program. I am so proud to graduate this spring with a stole signifying my

completion of the pathway. I look forward to continuing my educational journey and becoming a mechanical engineer." [Click here](#) to read more!

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Reminders

ENROLL TODAY

Hacienda La Puente Unified is all about creating experiences that will last a lifetime for students – experiences inside and outside of the classroom that explore the untapped potential of hands-on learning. Our award-winning school District's extracurriculars, clubs, and programs cultivate community and multiculturalism and prepare students for success in college, careers, and life! Please visit the District's enrollment webpage to give your student the gift of deeper learning!

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Enroll Your Student Today!
2024-2025

Inspiring the Leaders of Tomorrow!

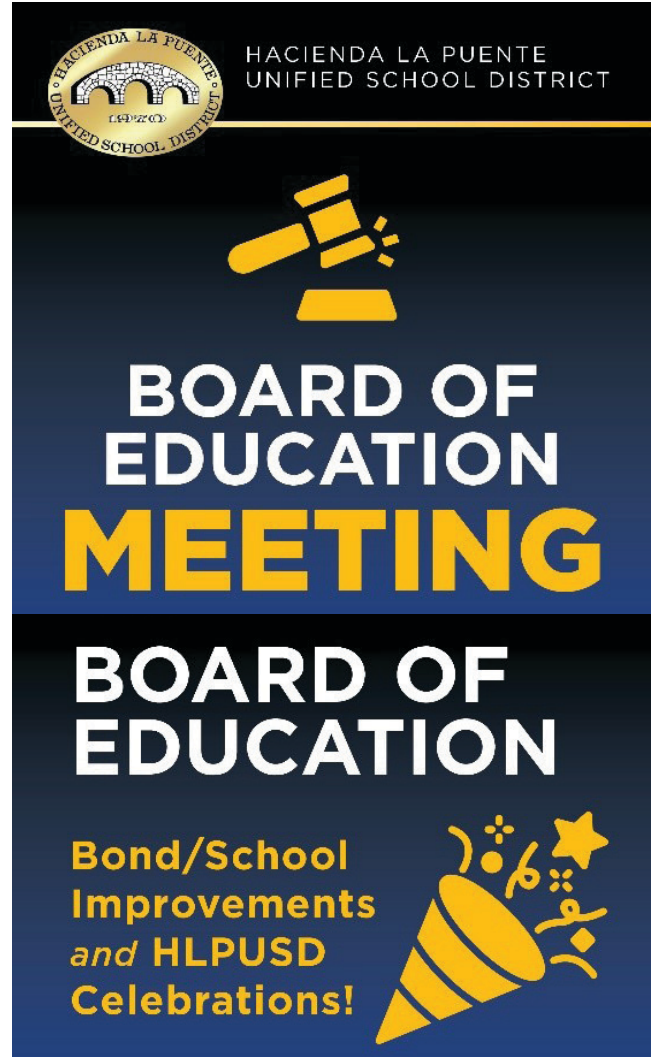
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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: An in-person/virtual Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Thursday, March 14 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.hlpuschools.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.




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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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Bond/School Improvements and HLPUSD Celebrations!



JOIN OUR TEAM

HLPUSD's Personnel Commission and its staff work to establish policies, practices, and procedures for the District's classified employees, which provide essential non-teaching services to students, educators, and the District community. The Personnel Commission is committed to providing professional, efficient, and effective service in attracting and retaining the best-qualified employees who help promote a culture of teamwork, fairness, and an environment dedicated to student success. Please visit hlpusdjobs.org to learn more!



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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.hpschools.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
@haciendalapueunteusd
X @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.hpschools.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/3AGp7eD and Apple App Store bit.ly/3ANBRDQ. Please visit www.hpschools.org for details.