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May 23, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

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**Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Emily Rolfing	<p>I am writing to urge you to consider a comprehensive examination of our current board policies regarding the use of devices, specifically smart phones on campus and on buses. It has become increasingly evident that a one-size-fits-all approach does not adequately serve the diverse ages, grades, and demographics of students within LBUSD.</p> <p>As research and data shows the potential harms of excessive screen time and device use among youth, it is imperative that we prioritize the well-being of our students above all else. Jonathan Haidt's latest book, "The Anxious Generation," underscores the growing concerns surrounding the mental health impacts of childhoods spent on smart phones, screens, and social media. Additionally, initiatives such as the Wait Until 9th for Smart Phones and Wait Until 16 for Social Media movements and bipartisan U.S. Senate bill like the "Protecting Kids on Social Media Act" emphasize the need for proactive measures to safeguard our youth in today's digital age. By adopting a more nuanced and age-appropriate approach, we can start to better protect our youth from the negative effects of the harms of cell phones and social media in our schools. Thank you so much for your consideration.</p>
Gary Kasik for Sensible Laguna	<p>I would like to repeat the request that the board direct staff to include a 35-38 meter competitive pool, that retains and remodels the existing building, as part of the current design work. That solution can address the needs of student aquatics, reduce construction time, minimize neighborhood</p>

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	<p>impact, and cost millions less than the planned 50 meter pool.</p> <p>On March 14 the board approved contracts for over \$2M of pre-construction work on the high school pool modernization project. Those contracts specified a 50 meter pool in the scope of work. At that same meeting President Vickers correctly stated that the decision to proceed with a 50 meter pool needed to be reconsidered given the “new information” from the city pursuing a community pool. Mr. Dixon said that, while more analysis would be needed, it was “likely” a pool smaller than 50 meters would meet district needs.</p> <p>It’s important to note that BOTH the 40 and 50 meter pool options assumed city participation. With the city direction it’s appropriate to evaluate ALL options that address student needs knowing the district has full use of the pool. A 38 meter pool was one of the early options presented to the community.</p> <p>It’s clear a majority of residents oppose a 50 meter pool at the current location. To not even consider a viable option that could save taxpayers as much as \$10M is difficult to defend as fiscally responsible. Please be transparent in the evaluation and provide an update on work in process.</p>
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**Action Item: Approval of the Revised Student Instructional Calendars for the  
2024-25 and 2025-26 Student Instructional Calendars**

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Emily Rolfing	Dear LBUSD School Board Members, I want to start by thanking each of you for your dedication and commitment to our LBUSD community. I appreciate having the opportunity to share our families position regarding the 2026/2027 school calendar at the last board meeting. Thank you for listening and engaging in meaningful discussion regarding this issue, and ultimately approving the calendar. I am writing today to again express my support for the approval of the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 proposed calendars. I write this in support of the LBUSD families and staff that I have heard from as well as our families wishes as stakeholders. By establishing consistency across multiple academic years, we can provide families with greater predictability and stability when planning our own academic and family calendars, extracurricular activities, and other commitments. Thank you again for your support, collaboration, and guidance.
Nicole Livolsi	2024-2025 and 2025-2026 calendar to mirror the 2026-2027 calendar
Anne Bonfeld	Thursday start date, Thanksgiving week off, and for the non school days to be aligned across the schools.
Audra Lillo	Yes
Allison Eggers	Please approve the Revised Student Instructional calendars for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 to align with already approved 2026-27 calendar. We would like consistency through the years. This year was much better on my children's mental health having

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	<p>the entire week of Thanksgiving off as well as starting the school year on a Thursday. It is better overall for the mental health of families and staff. Thank you</p>
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