



2022-23 **REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

Abbott Elementary | Helen Keller Elementary | Lincoln Elementary | Lindbergh Elementary | Lugo Elementary | Mark Twain Elementary | Marshall Elementary
Roosevelt Elementary | Rosa Parks Elementary | Washington Elementary | Will Rogers Elementary | Wilson Elementary | Chavez Middle | Hosler Middle
Firebaugh High | Lynwood High | Vista Continuation High | Pathway Independent Study | Early Childhood Education | Adult Education

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Lynwood Unified School District Community,

It is my pleasure to present Lynwood Unified's **2022-23 Report to the Community**. In this year's report, we highlight the District's recent accomplishments and provide an overview of our most successful projects and programs this year.

It has been a year of tremendous growth for our Lynwood Unified students following the return to in-person learning. With our phenomenal staff, teachers and technological resources at their disposal, our students continue to excel and reach high levels of achievement.

Lynwood Unified is committed to providing safe and engaging learning environments and has made many improvements to our campuses and facilities this school year. The District completed several renovations to the Lynwood High School Bullis campus, which formerly housed Lynwood Middle School, prior to welcoming nearly 1,900 students this fall. The updated technology, facilities and classrooms on our campuses have given our students access to an array of outstanding tools and resources to support their academic goals.

At Lynwood Unified, we are dedicated to supplying a high-quality education that prepares students for academic success. Through our wide variety of programs and rigorous courses, we deliver a challenging curriculum that encourages students to hone both their skills and their creativity.

Our career technical education program provides multiple pathways for students to explore their interests. It has been proven to boost grade point averages, while preparing students for success after high school with highly relevant industry experience and career skills. Additionally, our dual enrollment opportunities and partnerships with local colleges give our students the ability to earn college credit while still in high school – creating a seamless transition to higher education.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you to our community, local partners and families for your ongoing support of our students and our District. Lynwood Unified is a community comprised of dedicated teachers and staff who are passionate about delivering the best education possible. We look forward to continuing to play a vital role in preparing our students for their future.

Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D.
Superintendent



MISSION

The mission of Lynwood Unified School District, the model urban school district, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves their highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to a diverse, global society through an evolving system distinguished by:

- People of great character who inspire and lead by example
- The instilling of courage to be creative
- The transformative uses of technology
- Safe and clean environments
- The inclusion of all voices in our community through equity, access and justice

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FACILITIES

Lynwood Unified Enhances Campuses, Upgrades Facilities

Lynwood Unified has improved campuses across the District with upgraded safety features and instructional facilities thanks to Measure K, a \$93 million bond passed by voters in 2012, and Measure N, a \$65 million bond passed in 2016.

Measure K has funded \$93 million in repair projects and upgrades to date, and Measure N has funded \$65 million in projects to date.

LUSD is grateful to its Citizens Bond Oversight Committee – including Paulette Bradley, Jackie Espinoza, Mariela Menendez, Edith Ornelas and Mayra Scott – for monitoring the spending on behalf of the community.

In-Progress and Upcoming Bond Projects

- Roof and rain gutter repairs
- Lynwood Adult School's elevator modernization
- Barrier removal project to clear obstacles for people with disabilities
- Curb appeal projects at Hosler Middle and Firebaugh High School
- Perimeter fence and new service gate at Helen Keller and Lindbergh elementary schools
- HVAC replacement at Will Rogers Elementary

Completed Bond Projects

- Renovated playground campuses at elementary schools, including new playground equipment, accessible and child-safe materials, shade structures and rubberized surface material for fall zones.
- Facility renovation for Pathway Independent Study school, featuring a new building with three classrooms, two restrooms for students and two for staff, a covered shelter for outdoor eating, parking lot and a new marquee.
- Abbot Elementary and Lynwood High School Bullis received restroom upgrades.
- Chavez Middle School received new paint, resurfacing of playgrounds and new gym floors.
- Hosler Middle received new gym bleachers and electrical system upgrade.
- Lugo Elementary received new flooring in classrooms, upgraded HVAC system, and field, playground and restroom improvements.
- Marshall Elementary received playground repairs, new window tinting and facility painting.
- Entryways at Lincoln, Washington and Wilson elementary schools, as well as Hosler Middle School, were reconfigured to improve safety and ensure controlled access for visitors and safe exit for the campus community.
- Fire alarms were replaced at six sites: Abbott, Lincoln, Lindbergh, Washington, Will Rogers and Wilson elementary schools; Hosler Middle School.



Modernized Campus on Bullis

The 2020 building collapse at Lynwood High School on Imperial occurred because of major construction and structural defects as found by the Division of the State Architect following the in-depth inspection of the state-built 24-year-old campus.

Lynwood Unified responded immediately by repurposing Lynwood Middle School

to fit Lynwood High School instruction and by pursuing funding alternatives. The campus on Bullis Road was outfitted with 47 temporary classrooms to accommodate approximately 1,900 high school students.

To accommodate the shift in instruction while the Lynwood High School Imperial campus undergoes construction, the

Lynwood High School campus on Bullis received a number of upgrades including, concrete repairs, security and safety lighting, a new science and technology building and a new quad area.

Phase Two of improvements will begin in 2023, and will include the construction of a culinary arts space and science labs.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATE

Lynwood Unified Sees Increase in College Acceptance Rates, Academic Achievement

Lynwood Unified School District is committed to providing students with the tools and resources needed for academic success, including career pathways, college-preparatory courses and Advanced Placement (AP) opportunities.

During the 2021-22 school year, Lynwood Unified honored nearly 800 graduates from Firebaugh, Lynwood, Vista and Pathway high schools. In the last two years, Lynwood Unified has seen an increase in

college acceptance rates as a result of an ongoing District effort to provide programs to students that help prepare them for college, career and beyond.

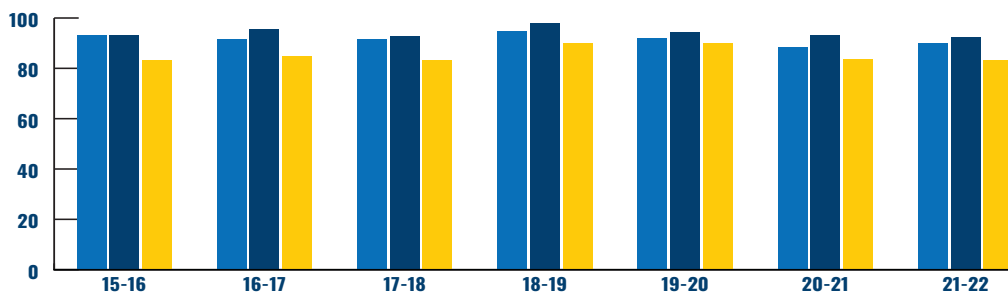
The District's Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Excel program better prepares students for secondary education by teaching them in-depth learning and critical thinking skills, while AP courses offer students a rigorous learning experience that challenges their skills in all corners of academia,

better preparing them for college-level courses. These courses also offer students the opportunity to earn college credit.

Lynwood Unified School District strives to remove financial barriers to success for all students so they can attain their academic goals without obstacles. Students who plan on pursuing secondary education can talk with academic counselors to receive information on scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

FOUR-YEAR COHORT GRADUATION RATES

■ District ■ FHS ■ LHS



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



LYNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2021-22 School Year:

- 72% of applicants were accepted into CSUs
- 50% were accepted into UCs
- 36% were accepted into private institutions

FIREBAUGH HIGH SCHOOL

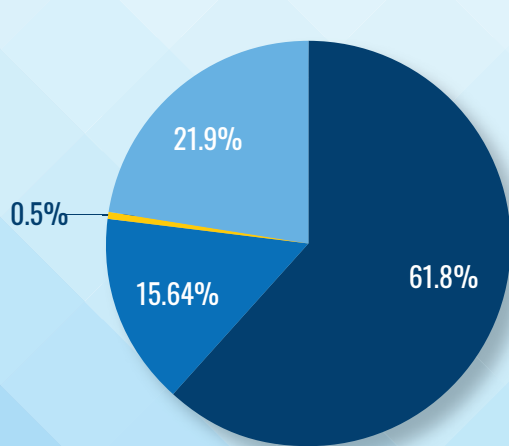
2021-22 School Year:

- 67% of applicants were accepted into CSUs
- 46% were accepted into UCs
- 27% were accepted into private institutions

BUDGET

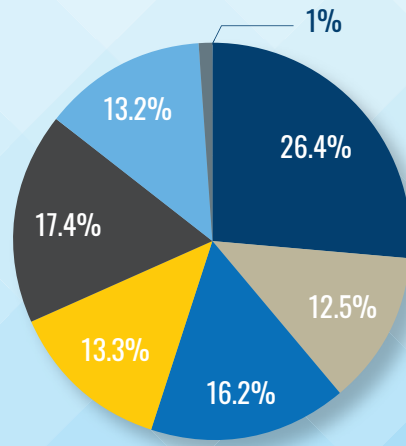
2022-23 School Year: Revenue, Expenditures and Local Control and Accountability Plan

Through prudent financial management, Lynwood Unified ended the 2021-22 school year with a net income in the Unrestricted General Fund and is fiscally solvent moving into the 2022-23 academic year.



REVENUE: \$277.9 million

■ Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
■ Federal Funds ■ Local Funds ■ Other State Funds



EXPENDITURES: \$288.1 million

■ Certified Salaries ■ Classified Salaries ■ Employee Benefits
■ Books and Supplies ■ Services/Operating Expenses
■ Capital Outlay ■ Other Outgo/Interfund Transfers

LCAP

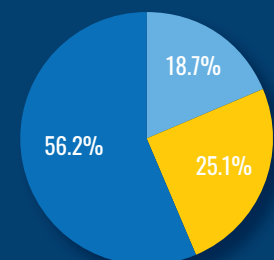
LUSD adopted its Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) in June 2022, after consulting with community stakeholders.

LCAP GOALS

- Goal 1:** Every student will receive a well-rounded, culturally inclusive, high-quality education and will improve academically in English language arts and mathematics as measured by state and local indicators.
- Goal 2:** All English Learners will progressively acquire the academic and linguistic skills that allow them to become proficient in English while giving them access to programs that promote dual language and biliteracy for both English and non-English learners.
- Goal 3:** All students will be taught by highly qualified teachers who are fully credentialed and appropriately assigned in learning environments that are safe and conducive to learning.
- Goal 4:** All students will graduate from high school having had access to meaningful learning activities, an A-G Curriculum, Visual and Performing Arts opportunities, and enrichment programs, personal college and career planning, and access to career pathways.
- Goal 5:** Parent outreach and engagement will increase annually.

LCAP FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Total Base and Augmentation Grant
\$117,598,387



■ Unduplicated Pupil Percentage
■ Concentration Grant
■ Supplemental Grant

ECE & AAPAC

Lynwood Unified Provides Early Childhood Education Services to Young Students

Lynwood Unified School District is committed to ensuring the academic success of all students by providing ample opportunities for students to explore their interests and expand their knowledge from a young age.

The mission of Lynwood Unified's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Department is to provide children ages three and four with high-quality education and childcare services that enhance the childhood developmental process, increasing the likelihood of success in their academic careers.

The District's ECE programs aim to better prepare children to succeed by using curriculum and practices that are based on extensive research in childhood development. Lynwood Unified strives to put the mental, physical and emotional well-being of students above all else.

Lynwood Unified's partnership with St. Anne's

Family Services and the Los Angeles County Office of Education provides students and families with valuable resources, including two new early learning centers for infants and toddlers at Lugo and Abbott elementary schools that opened in March 2022.

Part-day preschool services are available at no cost for Lynwood Unified families on all 12 elementary school campuses, while full-day programs are available at Lindbergh and Will Rogers elementary schools.

For more information on the District's ECE offerings, call the department at (310) 604-3063 or visit the ECE office, located at 12120 Lindbergh Avenue, to begin the enrollment process.



African American Parent Advisory Council Lifts Parent, Student Voices

Since it was formalized in August of 2021, Lynwood Unified's African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) has worked diligently to support the needs of African American students and their parents by providing them with the tools and resources needed for success.

During school closures prompted by the COVID-19

pandemic, AAPAC focused on keeping parents and students engaged. Virtual family game nights were an innovative way for members to get to know one another and receive up-to-date information on what opportunities were available to African American students and their parents.

"It was a very interesting time to start a council, because we were still in the throes of COVID and there was no on-campus instruction," said Dr. Patricia-Brent Sanco, Director of Equity, Access and Instructional Services. "We decided to host online events to keep parents engaged through the end of the year."

One of the largest events of the year was

the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caravan event held in February 2022, during which colleges and universities from around the country visited Lynwood and Firebaugh high schools to recruit seniors. More than \$10 million in scholarships was awarded to graduating seniors, and 500 students received acceptances to schools such as Tuskegee University, Shaw University and Texas A&M University.

The AAPAC took part in the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) conference in March 2022, where parents participated in workshops about student support, engaged in discussions about reducing academic barriers and learned about internships and opportunities available to African American students.

Since the return to in-person learning, the council has offered students one-on-one academic support and helped them create personal learning plans to help ensure their success.



ARTS ENRICHMENT

Lynwood Unified Provides an Education Enriched by the Arts

Lynwood Unified School District is proud to offer a wide variety of arts enrichment opportunities to students from Early Childhood Education to high school, which foster creative expression and aid in the development of life skills such as confidence, concentration, motivation and teamwork. Art classes contribute to a broad and balanced curriculum and help equip students with the knowledge, skills and abilities to thrive in today's world.

Lynwood Unified's elementary schools offer students the chance to participate in arts programs including music, visual arts, dance and more. The Music Center provides integration instruction through video lessons to transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade students at all elementary schools in the District.

Students in second-, third-, fourth- and sixth-grade can receive 30 weeks of in-person

visual arts and theater instruction through P.S. ARTS. Conga Kids offers a dance program for fifth-grade students that includes weekly in-person dance lessons. In addition to these programs, Abbott Elementary School and Washington Elementary School partnered with Turnaround Arts to transform their approach to teaching and learning with arts at the center of the curriculum.

Lynwood Unified's middle schools offer band, art and drama classes to expand the arts education of their students. Hosler Middle School and Cesar Chavez Middle School both have one full-time teacher to provide students instruction in band and visual art. Each school also dedicates two class periods to teaching drama. These opportunities allow students to deepen their education by reaching new areas of learning and fostering the application of new skills.

Firebaugh and Lynwood High School both offer students the chance to play in Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Marching Band, with one full-time teacher at both schools. Additionally, Lynwood High School students can explore careers in culinary arts through hands-on and field experience. At Vista High School, students can participate in an array of other music opportunities, such as guitar, keyboard and drumming lessons. ArtworxLA provides a visual art program to students at Vista High School and Pathway Independent Study, which includes workshops led by professional teaching artists.

Additionally, the high schools offer classes in dance, theater, film studies and media arts, allowing students to hone their talents and develop skills that can be applied in college, careers and beyond.



CTE

Lynwood Unified Offers Students a Pathway to Careers

Lynwood Unified high school students have the opportunity to explore a variety of career fields as they pursue their academic interests, including culinary arts, health and biomedical sciences and film and video production.

LUSD provides 24 career technical education (CTE) subjects to ensure all students can be successful in higher education and the workforce.

On average, CTE students earn higher grade point averages and graduate better prepared for post-secondary placement.

Pathways include:

- Engineering and advanced manufacturing
- Environmental sustainability
- Medical assistant
- Public and community health
- Computer science
- Performing arts
 - Dance
 - Photography



Lynwood Unified School District Receives \$250 Million in State Funding, Plans Begin to Restore Fallen Lynwood High School Imperial Campus

After months of advocating for facility funds needed to support the academic success of current and future Lynwood students, Lynwood Unified School District leaders confirmed \$250 million in financial support from the State of California to restore the fallen Lynwood High School Imperial Campus and make Lynwood Unified School District whole again.

A team from the school District led by Board President Alfonso Morales, Board Member Maria Lopez, Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Gregory Fromm held multiple meetings with the offices of three senators and seven assembly members in Sacramento to seek their assistance as champions for Lynwood following construction failures that led to a building collapse on the Imperial campus back in June 2020.

As a result of the District's efforts and collaboration with state legislators, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, along with Assemblymember Mike Gipson and Senator Lena Gonzalez demonstrated their commitment to the academic success of thousands of Lynwood Unified students by setting aside \$250 million in the state budget for the District to use to rebuild the Imperial campus.

