



Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

August 21, 2025
Virginia Castro, Superintendent



First Day of School at Anderson ES & Rogers MS

Superintendent's Office



Welcome our students to the 2025-2026 school year!



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Welcome all staff at the Annual Welcome Back Breakfast



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Schools hosted their TK/Kinder Orientations and 6th Grade WEB Programs



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Our Leadership Team met for three days of professional development and preparation for the school year. They are ready to knock it out of the park and make a meaningful impact this year!



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Congrats to Mark Twain Elementary for being **1 out of 35 schools** in California to receive the prestigious 2024-2026 National PTA School of Excellence Award!

The graphic is divided into two main sections. The left section features a large yellow ribbon award with a blue circular center containing a white tree and the letters "PTA". Text on the left reads "Congratulations National PTA® Schools of Excellence" and "Congratulations to the California Award Recipients!". At the bottom left, a dark blue box contains the text "2024-2026". The right section is titled "2024-2026 NATIONAL PTA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE CALIFORNIA AWARD RECIPIENTS" and lists 11 schools. An orange arrow points to "Mark Twain Elementary PTA". At the bottom right is a small logo with the text "TODAY WITH TOMORROW TOGETHER".

2024-2026

2024-2026 NATIONAL PTA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE CALIFORNIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ellwood P. Cubberley PTA 33 rd District - Long Beach, CA	Mabel Mattos Elementary PTA Sixth District - Milpitas, CA
Esencia PTSA Fourth District - Rancho Mission Viejo, CA	Mark Twain Elementary PTA ← 33 rd District - Lawndale, CA
Gallatin Elementary PTA 33 rd District - Downey, CA	Mary R. Stauffer Middle School PTSA 33 rd District - Downey, CA
Glenoaks Elementary PTA First District - Glendale, CA	Mary W. Jackson Elementary PTA First District - Altadena, CA
Joaquin Miller Elementary PTA First District - Burbank, CA	Maude Price PTA 33 rd District - Downey, CA
La Merced Academy PTA 33 rd District - Montebello, CA	Ocean View PTA 33 rd District - Whittier, CA

TODAY WITH TOMORROW TOGETHER

Human Resources

Happy
Birthday
Karla!



Good Job
HR Team!



Human Resources



Just a
friendly
reminder...

- Benefits Open Enrollment closes September 5th
- Annual Notifications Due September 26th
- Mandated Trainings Due October 3rd

*September 18th & 25th Tech Support Day
Check your staff newsletter for more information

New Teacher Orientation



Human Resources

Current LESD Employment Opportunities

Certificated	Classified
School Site Social Worker	RAP Program Leader Accounting Technician TK Early Support Provider SELPA Accounting Coordinator

Please Apply @ EDJOIN.ORG
OR
@ www.lawndalesd.net “Career” Tab



Business- Rogers' Groundbreaking Event



Wednesday, Aug. 13th

Business- Mitchell Playground



Business- Nutrition and Wellness Dept.



LESD's Nutrition and Wellness Department, led by Lissette Rooney, received national recognition from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for excellence in the Summer Meal Programs.

The award highlighted LESD's efforts to provide nutrition education, serve locally sourced and student-tested meals, and use innovative marketing to engage the community.

LESD earned the **Gold Award**, the highest level of recognition for nutrition and meal quality.



Educational Services

Background:

- Stakeholder-led plan (Dec 2024–June 2025)
- Prop 28 funding opportunity
- Builds on 15+ years of arts partnerships

Planning Process:

- **Collaborative Approach:** District staff, teachers, parents, students, and community partners
- **Facilitation Method:** “Technology of Participation” model to ensure all voices were heard
- **Outcome:** Shared vision grounded in student needs and community priorities



LAWNDALE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Lawndale Elementary School
District**

Strategic Plan for Arts Education

2025-2030

Educational Services

Four Strategic Directions:

- Culturally relevant arts instruction
- Sustainable, long-term funding
- Stronger community partnerships and engagement
- Access to 21st-century arts learning environments

Alignment to LCAP Goals:

1. **Academic Achievement:** Rigorous K–8 instruction, hire VAPA teachers
2. **Equity & Access:** Prop 28 funding systems, inclusive programming
3. **Engagement:** Partnerships with colleges/museums, parent volunteers
4. **21st Century Learning:** Digital portfolios, reimagined arts spaces



Educational Services

Phased Implementation

- **Phase 1 (2025–2027):** Build digital arts portfolios, map curriculum & partnerships, initiate Prop 28 funding systems, pilot new hiring.
- **Phase 2 (2027–2030):** Scale arts integration, expand professional development, deepen community collaborations, implement facility improvements.

Expected Outcomes

- Greater student participation and visibility in the arts.
- Sustainable funding and staffing models.
- Stronger community connections.
- Students prepared for future creative and academic pathways.



Educational Services

District Professional Development: Starting the Year Strong with Essential Standards, Purposeful Play, Behavior Support and Active Parenting

