

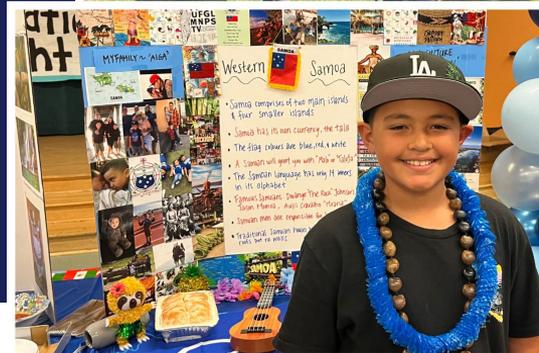


LAWNDALE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# State of the District

October 2, 2025

Virginia Castro  
Superintendent



# District Goals.



## 01 Increase Academic Achievement



Ensure all students learn through access to high quality actions and services that increase academic achievement and civic, career, and college readiness.

## 02 Ensure Access & Equity



Provide high quality actions and services to eliminate barriers to student access to required and desired areas of study.

## 03 Improve Parent & Student Engagement

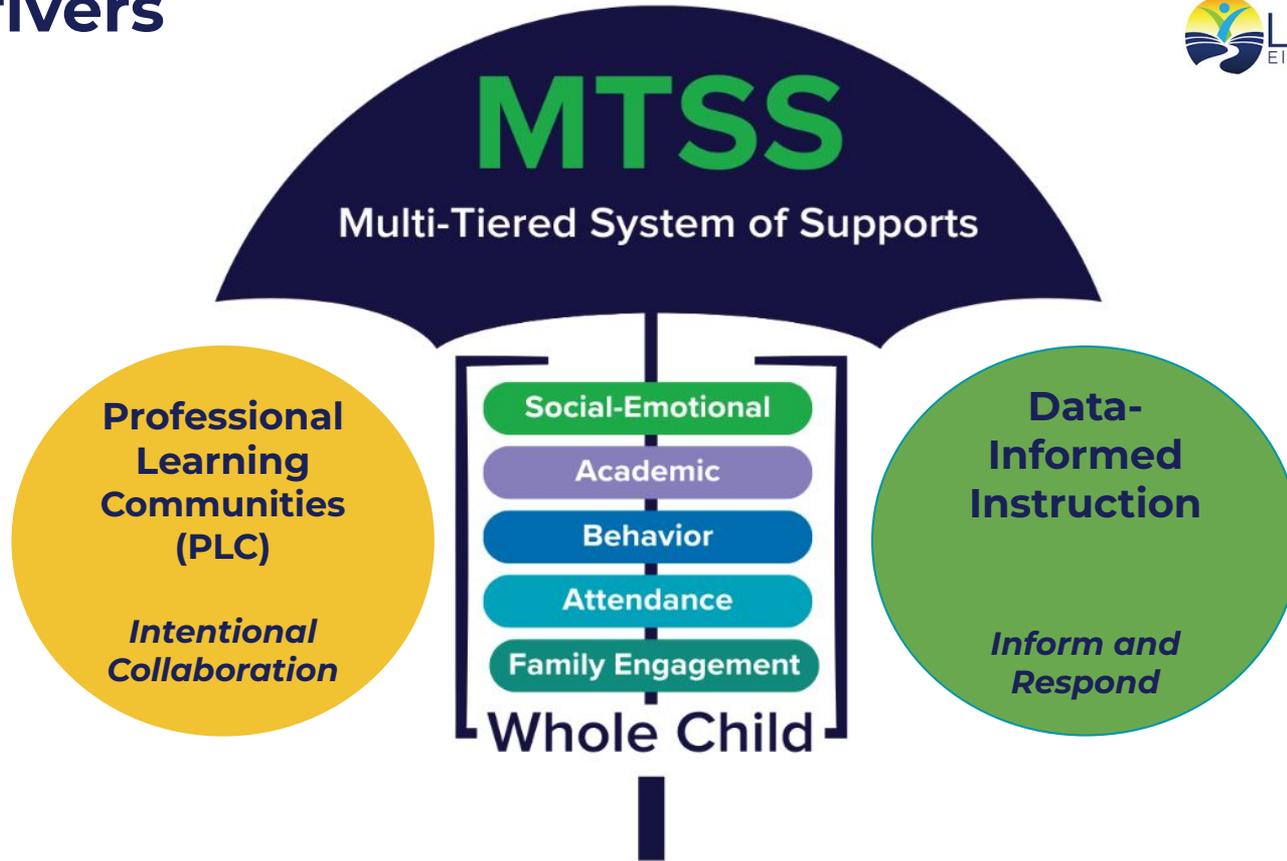


Ensure all schools have safe, welcoming, healthy and inspiring climates for all students and families, so that all students are behaviorally and academically engaged in school and ready to learn.

## 04 Provide 21st Century Learning Environments



Invest in optimal learning environments that enhance student learning and ensure safety.



**Practices that Ensure Access and Equity**

## **Goal 1:**

# **Increase Student Achievement**

Ensure all students learn through access to high quality actions and services that increase academic achievement and civic, career, and college readiness.

# 2025 SBAC District Summary Growth Highlights

50%

## English Language Arts

Average 3rd-8th  
Student proficiency

Site increases  
by **6** or more percentage points

Grade level increases  
between **6-17** percentage points

38%

## Mathematics

Average 3rd-8th  
Student proficiency

Site increases  
by **5** or more percentage points

Grade level increases  
between **6-17** percentage points

33%

## Science

Average 5th & 8th  
Student proficiency

District increase

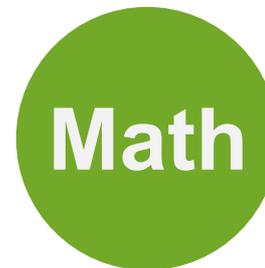
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# 2025 SBAC Special Education Summary Growth Highlights



**SPED SWD**  
**English Language Arts**  
Average 3rd-8th  
Student proficiency

Districtwide increase  
by **5** percentage points



**SPED SWD**  
**Mathematics**  
Average 3rd-8th  
Student proficiency

Districtwide increase  
by **6** percentage points

# 2025 ELPAC

Summative  
ELPAC

**17%** earned a score of **4**,  
the requirement for  
reclassification.

Alternate  
Summative  
ELPAC

**47%** earned a score of **3**,  
the requirement for  
reclassification.

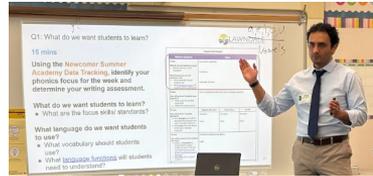
RFEP

**19%** of English Learners reclassified as **Fluent English Proficient**.

# Learnings from Summer Language Academy



**Newcomer, Long Term English Learner, and Dual Immersion students** participated in high-quality language instruction.



**Teachers** participated in targeted professional development, goal setting, data collection, and coaching cycles.



**Parents** attended workshops on how to better support their children's success.

<b>Newcomers</b>	<b>20 - 40 % point growth</b>
<b>LTEs</b>	<b>39% point growth</b>
<b>Dual Immersion</b>	<b>20% point growth</b>

When parents and teachers **work together as partners**, students thrive.

# Summer Camp 2025 Highlights:



## “RAP Quest – Where Learning Becomes an Adventure”

### Scholastic Math Camp

- Supporting the skills of reading and math

### Scholastic Scholar Zone

- Combining science, math and ELA for middle school

### Cesar Chavez Foundation:

- Supporting ELA development using art literature and SEL

### SPARK Reach STEAM:

- “Innovations & Inventions Around the World”

### Middle School Sports Camp

- 2 weeks with Certificated Teachers - Sports: Soccer and Volleyball



### Mindworks STEAM Curriculum

- Middle School “Sight to be Seen” & Elementary “Passport”

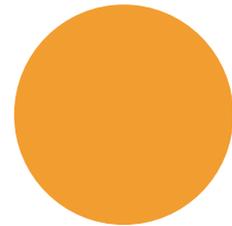
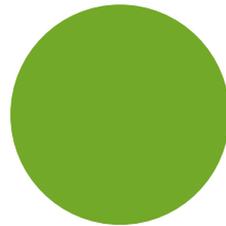
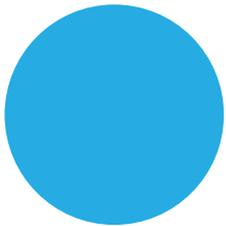
### Frog Street

- TK-Kinder centers based curriculum supporting play as learning, phonics, ELA, Math, Motor Skills

RAP Quest Enrollment: 1,028 students

# 2025-26 Action Steps

Building on our Work



# Student Learning through Quality Teaching, Quality Curriculum

## English Language Arts

- Essential standards work
- Tier 1 Partner Teaching with teacher leader
- Small groups
- Reinforced by personalized iReady MyPath resources

## Mathematics

- Essential standards work
- Tier 1 Partner Teaching with teacher leader
- Three districtwide focus areas:
  - Intentional use of new curriculum
  - Student math discussions DAILY
  - Fostering a growth mindset

## English Language Development

- 30 Minutes of Daily Designated ELD
- Daily Integrated ELD
- Focus on Vocabulary Development



# Student Learning through

## Targeted Support, High-Impact Tutoring Programs



### AirTutors

- For students identified by their teachers
- Invitation-only
- Live, virtual small-group sessions in math/ELA



### HeyTutor

- Open to all 3rd-8th students in **RAP**
- Live, in-person tutoring
- Bilingual tutors
- Start date: 9/29
- Three to Four Times per Week
- 45 minute sessions



# Expanded Day Program LAWNDALE Elementary School District

## Realizing Amazing Potential (RAP)

### Sample of RAP Offerings

- Homework Support
- Tutoring
- Enrichment clubs
- Sports
- SEL
- STEAM
- So much more!



### Program Hours:

- **Before** School - 6:45am - Start of School
- **After** School - School Dismissal - 6:00pm

### HeyTutor

- Open to all 3rd-8th students during **RAP**
- Live, in-person tutoring in Math /ELA
- Bilingual tutors
- Three to Four Times per Week | 45 min.
- **Starting date: 9/29**

## Math Adoption

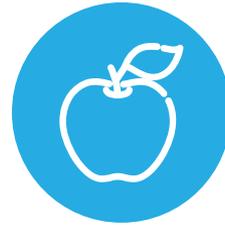
- New Curriculum with Essential Standards work
- Implementation Tools for Teachers

## Data Discussions

- Monitoring student progress in ELA, ELD and Math
- Updated throughout the year

## SEL/Behavior

- Attendance monitoring
- PBIS restorative practices
- Registered Behavior Technicians



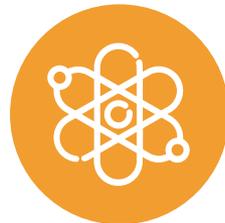
## Professional Learning Community (PLC)

LES D Leadership Teams Learning and Working Together



## Data-Informed Instruction

District-wide implementation of iReady assessments 3x per year, MyPath, and small group instruction for ELA and Math



## Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

California Community Schools Partnership Program: Year 1

# How can parents/guardians help?

## Support Academics



- Monitor Device Usage
- Encourage Learning at Home
- Ask about your child's progress
- Support their target and stretch goals

## Support Attendance

- Emphasize the importance of school attendance
- Target: not to miss more than 10 days all year



## Participate in Family University Parent Workshops



- Active Parenting, Positive Solutions for Families, ESL, SSL, Wellness, Social-Emotional Learning, and more!

## Participate in any way that you can!

- Volunteer in/out of the classroom
- Get Involved! Support school and classroom events
- Keep your teacher/school informed of any life events that might impact your child

## **Goal 2:**

# **Ensure Access and Equity**

Provide high quality actions and services to eliminate barriers to student access to required and desired areas of study.

# California PBIS Recognition



Mark Twain ES



William Anderson ES  
Will Rogers MS  
F.D. Roosevelt ES  
Billy Mitchell ES



Lucille Smith ES  
Jane Addams MS  
Rogers MS

# Recognitions



**2025 Recipient**  
**Anderson Elementary**



**2025 Nominee**  
**Smith Elementary**



**2024-2026 Recipient**  
**Mark Twain**

# California Community Schools Partnership Program

- Site Coordinators partner with families, staff, and community organizations to make sure every student gets the academic, social-emotional, attendance, intervention and enrichment supports they need to thrive—so all students are healthy and prepared for college, career, and life.
- **Save the Date!** Million Male Figures March
  - September 18th - Middle Schools
  - September 19th - Carson & Elementary Schools



# Community Schools Team



**Emilie Leigh**  
District



**Kisalyn Michael**  
Anderson



**Jessica Duarte**  
Green



**Vanessa Clark**  
Mitchell



**Dominique Paris**  
Roosevelt



**Desiree Austria**  
Smith



**Cecilio Martinez Salazar**  
Addams



**Alondra Villafan**  
Rogers

# Expanded Resources

## Health & Wellness

**Lawndale Wellness and Activity Center**  
Monday- Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
4161 Manhattan Beach Blvd  
Lawndale, CA 90260  
(310) 303-6783

Free childhood vaccines available on site every Tuesday from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Services: Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, child vaccines, nutrition, and health workshops.

## ENRICHMENTS

### Realizing Amazing Potential (RAP)

Free before and after-school enrichment program. Contact your school's site supervisor for more information.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

### DPSS

Customer Service Numbers:  
(877) 292-GAIN (4246) or (866) 613-3777  
Services: Tutoring for CALWorks youth

### L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY

Many Los Angeles County libraries offer enhanced resources, tutoring, GED courses, computers, and online services to support your needs.  
Nearby Libraries:

- **Lawndale Library**  
14615 Burin Ave  
Lawndale, CA 90260
- **Hawthorne Library**  
2700 Grevillea Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

## Get In Touch

### District Coordinator

**District Office**  
Emilie Leigh  
Emilie\_Leigh@lawndalesd.net  
(310) 991-2871

### Site Coordinators

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### Mitchell Elementary School

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(310) 702-9323

### Roosevelt Elementary School

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(310) 689-6070

### Smith Elementary School

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(310) 696-8810

### Addams Middle School

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(310) 597-8659

### Rogers Middle School

Alondra Villafan  
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(310) 702-9080



**LAWNDALE**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RESOURCES

## FOOD CENTERS

**Food Pantry LAX**  
Tuesday & Friday 9:15 am - noon  
1355 East Beach Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90302  
(310) 677-5597

**St. Margaret's Center**  
Monday intake appointment  
10217 Inglewood Avenue  
Lennox, CA 90254  
(310) 672-2208

**The South Bay Outreach Center**  
Call for intake interview  
4046 Marine Avenue  
Lawndale, CA 90260  
(310) 675-1364  
sdb@boy-southbay.org

**Hawthorne S.D.A. Church**  
1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am - 12 pm  
3939 Marine Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 676-4313

**St. Paul's Methodist Church**  
1st Thursday 9 am - 11 am  
2600 Nelson Ave  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278  
(310) 370-4319

**United University Church Bethesda**  
Presbyterian Church  
Thursday 2 pm - 4 pm  
14404 S. Crenshaw Blvd  
Gardena, CA 90249  
(310) 515-8526

## FOOD CENTERS

**Cornell Powell**  
Wednesday 1 pm - 2:30 pm &  
Saturday 10 am - 11:30 am  
12250 S. Prairie Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(323) 578-8262

**New Rock of Ages Baptist Church**  
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm  
12946 S. Prairie Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 970-1897

**Ancon Club Los Angeles**  
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 am - 12 pm  
16307 Crenshaw Blvd  
Gardena, CA 90249

**Assembly of God Of Hawthorne**  
Sunday 12 pm - 1:30 pm  
Wednesday 7:30 pm - 9 pm  
3841 W. 130th St  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 675-4137

**ICNA Relief**  
2nd Tuesday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
12209 Hawthorne Way  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(714) 399-4571

**Encounter Community Church**  
2nd Wednesday 9 am - 11 am  
18749 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90504  
(310) 323-2115

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**  
If these locations do not work, you can use the Food Bank's food pantry locator at:  
<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## HOUSING & UTILITY

**St. Margaret's Center**  
10217 Inglewood Avenue  
Lennox, CA 90254  
(310) 672-2208  
[www.catholiccharitiesla.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesla.org)

### Harbor Interfaith

599 W. 9th St.  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
(310) 831-0589  
[isciferentials@harborinterfaith.org](mailto:isciferentials@harborinterfaith.org)

**Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**  
(213) 225-6881  
<https://housing.lacity.gov/housing>

**Safe Parking Program**  
**Volunteers of America**  
(213) 247-6261  
[lfowler@voala.org](mailto:lfowler@voala.org)

**Safe Parking Program**  
**Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)**  
(323) 563-4721  
[cwoods@wlcac.org](mailto:cwoods@wlcac.org)

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**  
(866) 675-6623  
[csd.ca.gov](http://csd.ca.gov)

**Discounted Internet and Computer Program**  
(866) 519-8655  
[everyoneon.org/getconnected](http://everyoneon.org/getconnected)  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)  
(866) 613-3777



# Immigrant Resources

[ACLU Immigrants' Rights](#)

[LACOE Immigrant Relations and Services](#)

[Legal Services Directory](#)

[Red Card](#)

# Early Childhood Education: Setting our Youngest Learners for Success



## State Preschool



**QUALITY  
START**  
LOS ANGELES  
[QualityStartLA.org](http://QualityStartLA.org)

### Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA)

- Tier 5 rated
- Positively and intentionally engage with children to support learning & growth



### Programs

- 2-year old class (NEW)
- Full day classes
- Part Day Classes - AM/PM

### Partnership with Parents

- School Liaison
- Monthly Parent Meetings
- Parenting Programs

### Sites

- Anderson
- Carson
- Green
- Mitchell
- Twain

# **Goal 3:**

## **Improve Parent and Student Engagement**

Ensure all schools have safe, welcoming, healthy, and inspiring climates for all students and families, so that all students are behaviorally and academically engaged in school and ready to learn.

# Families, Schools, District. In Partnership

- Parent Leadership
  - *District Parent Advisory Committee*
  - *Community of Multilingual Families*
  - *African American Parent Advisory Committee*
  - *Lawndale Council Parent-Teacher Association*
  - *Special Needs Family Support Group*
- Support for Parents
  - *ESL Classes at Roosevelt Elementary & Community Wellness Center*
  - *Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) classes*
  - *3rd Annual Volunteer Fair - September 23rd*
  - *Targeted volunteer training, focused on our earliest learners*
  - *Targeted parenting classes to help children prepare for school*
  - 2025-26 [Parent Meetings Schedule](#)



**SPECIAL NEEDS  
FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

EMPOWERMENT | MUTUAL ENCOURAGEMENT | UNDERSTANDING

Join our supportive group for families of children with special needs! We are dedicated to creating a welcoming and informative environment where you can gain valuable insights through our speaker sessions and educational workshops. Connect with other families in our support group for empowerment, mutual encouragement, and understanding. Together, we can build a stronger, more informed community for our children!

**Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Lawndale Elementary School District  
4161 W 147th St., Lawndale, CA 90260

**Contact Us for More Information**

Parent Representative, Brenda Veronica  
brenda\_veronica@hotmail.com

Early Ed Coordinator - Marysol Perez  
marysol\_perez@lawndalesd.net



[www.lawndalesd.net/parents/SNFamily](http://www.lawndalesd.net/parents/SNFamily)

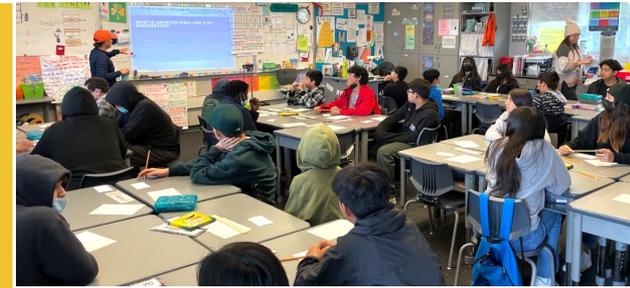
# Partnering with Parents

## Attendance



### Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

- Positive Culture
- School Connectedness



### Students

- Schoolwide initiatives
- Student rewards and incentives
- Student recognition

### Partnership with Parents

- Communication
- Education
- Home Visits
- Offer Support

### Attendance Recovery

- Monthly attendance meetings
- Attendance patterns
- Student Attendance review teams



# Partnering with Parents



## Family University Supports for Parents



### Active Parenting Workshops

- Ages and stages of development
- Building a strong bond
- Your child's growing brain
- Using mindfulness to keep your cool
- Effective discipline young children can understand
- 6 ways to prepare your child for school success

### Positive Solutions for Families Workshops

- Evidence-based, user-friendly workshop series of 7 sessions
- Develop positive and effective parenting behaviors
- Promote children's social and emotional development
- Address the challenging behavior of children ages 2-5 years



### Parent Empowerment Program

- Social Emotional Strategies
- Hands-On Support through Parent Child Interaction Therapy
- Live Coaching through challenging behaviors in controlled environments (1:1)
- PEP Classroom Coaching twice a week

## “RAP in 3D: Dare, Dream, Do.”

### Performing Arts



- Harmony Project
- Princess Feet
- Guitars Antiqua
- Enchanted Learning
- Musical Minds
- Step-by-Step
- Nexplore

### Visual Arts



- Cesar Chavez Foundation
- Arts Attack

### Academic/STEAM



- CodeCampus
- Girl Scouts
- Mindworks
- SparkReach
- ST Math
- Cesar Chavez Foundation
- Scholastic
- Frog Street
- Hey Tutor

### Career Connection/Leadership



- KidGrit
- 100 Black Men/R.I.S.E.
- Find Your Grind
- Podcademy 4 Kids
- Career Technical Education Labs

### Sports



- Southbay Skate Kids
- Mindful Roots
- Sharp International
- Cheer Teams
- Elementary Sports
- Middle School Sports

... and many more Clubs created by our Program Leaders & Teachers!

# Community Partners.

## Improving Outcomes



### **Centinela Valley and South Bay Superintendents**

Partnering with CVUHSD and neighboring districts

- *Safety Training at CV*



### **City of Lawndale**

Partnership with City of Lawndale - Ad Hoc committees and joint events

### **Providence Little Company of Mary**

Community and Wellness Center centralized at Anderson ES

### **El Camino College**

English as a Second Language for LESD families

# Strengthening Our Partnerships



## R.I.S.E.

- Unity in Community ENRICHment Days
- College & Career Tours
- Mentorship



## Trajectory of Hope

- Family Affinity Spaces (Share, Connect, Support)





**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Annual School Year Kick-Off**  
as we come together with our partners:

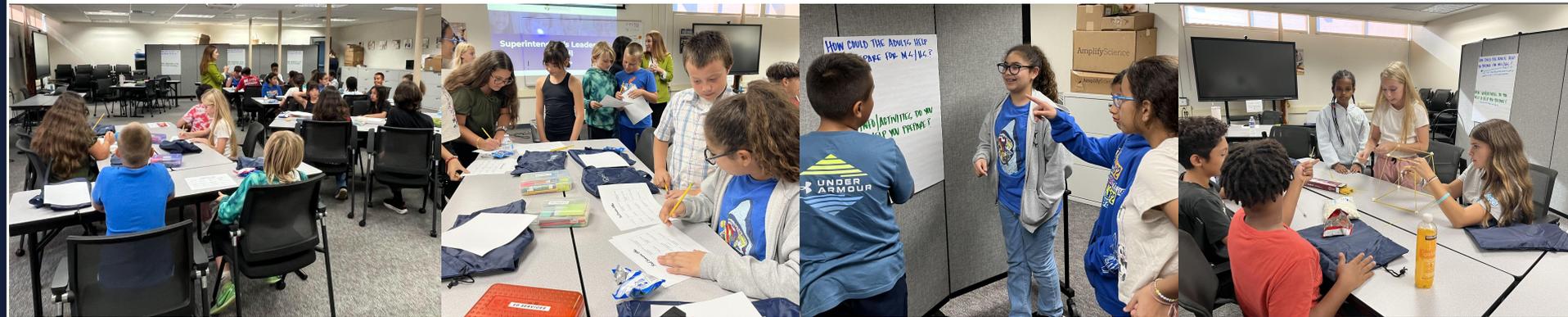
<b>100 Black Men of Los Angeles</b>	<b>Trajectory of Hope</b>	<b>African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC)</b>
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**Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Anderson Elementary School**



# Superintendent Leadership Council

The Superintendent Leadership Council gives nominated students a unique chance to shape the district's future while building leadership skills. Participants gain insights into district operations, share their perspectives, and make a meaningful impact on our school community.



**Goal 4:**  
**Provide 21st Century**  
**Learning Environments**

Invest in optimal learning environments that enhance student learning and ensure safety.

# TREC. Makerspace

## Elementary Makerspace Labs

- All 3rd - 5th grade classes attend twice a month to participate in grade-level specific lessons with support from Makerspace Lead Teachers.
- K-2nd grade classes attend to experience center rotations using different Makerspace tools and learning experiences.



# TREC. MS Computer Elective

## 6th grade

- 6th grade computer elective curriculum using Project STEM and Scratch.

## 7th grade

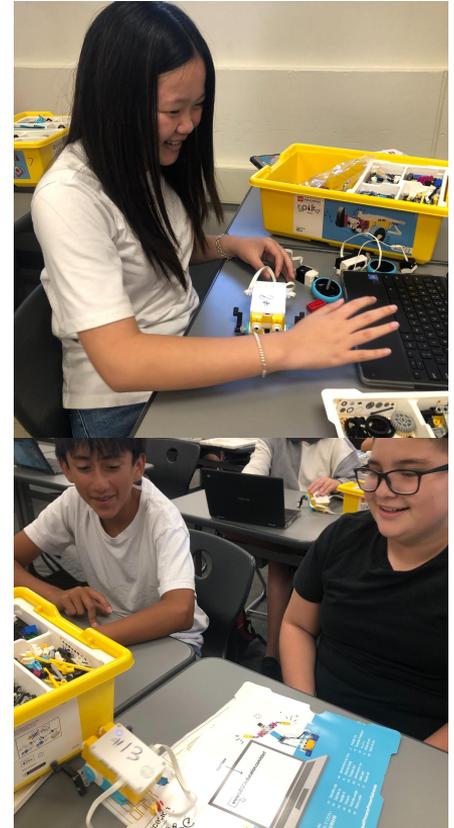
- 7th grade computer elective curriculum using Project STEM, Scratch, and Lego Spike Prime.

## 8th grade

- 8th grade computer elective participating in First Lego League (Robot Game, Innovation Project, and design model)

## ELD

- Designated ELD classes will go to the library twice a month for STEAM infused lessons designed to support specific English language development.



# Facilities. Projects

## 2-Story Building (14 Classrooms)

- Rogers MS (In-progress), Funding: Measure EE

## Upcoming Play Structure Project

- Roosevelt Elementary, Funding: Measure L



# Facilities. Completed Projects



## Mitchell Playground

- Completed: Aug 2025
- Funding: Measure L



## Twain Playground

- Completed: Nov 2024
- Funding: Measure L

# Facilities. Completed Projects



## Rogers MS Administrative Building

**Completed:**

January 2025

Funding: Measure L & ESSER

# Facilities. Completed Projects



## Digital Marquees (Anderson & Addams)

**Completed:**  
July 2025

# Facilities. Digital Marquees



**2025-26**  
**Replace marquees @**  
**Twain**  
**Smith**  
**Green**  
**FDR**  
**Mitchell**

# Upcoming Fencing Projects



## Completed Schools

Anderson  
Twain  
Addams

## Remaining Sites

Green  
Carson

# Increased Safety Measures



# Nutrition



**2024 Turnip the Beet!**  
**Gold Award Winner**



# Next Steps.



***#MakingAnImpact***



# Questions and Answers