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Newsletter

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SPOTLIGHT

Chavez Elementary Principal Dr. Brenda Ocampo, staff, and parents organized a Día de los Muertos event for students, families and the community. Altars created by students honored family, culture, tradition and remembrance.

IN THIS ISSUE

- **Family Leadership Institute October 24 & 25**
We had almost 70 LBUSD families, register and participate in the FLI. (see page 3)
- **Parenting Partners, Calm & Kind, and Family Meals Challenge October 28 & 29**
Almost 15 Elementary and Middle School staff and parents learned alongside one another as they participated in a trainer model workshop. (see page 3)
- **What is Amira—a new Reading Difficulty Screener (see page 4)**
- **November Budget Update (see page 4)**
- **Parent Group Meeting Schedules (see pages 2 & 5)**



Together, we are Building a Better Future—IN and WITH Our Community!

As we enter November, we're filled with gratitude for the families, staff, and community partners who make our district stronger every day. Your partnership—whether through volunteering, attending events, or supporting learning at home—continues to shape a welcoming and connected school community.

We're especially thankful for the over 80 parents who joined us for the powerful two-day Family Leadership Institute in October. Your energy, ideas, and commitment to leadership inspire us all. We also look forward to hearing how families across our district are engaging in Parenting Partners, Calm & Kind, and the Family Meals Challenge at their schools. Thank you to the parents and staff launching these efforts and creating space for connection, conversation, and growth.

This season also reminds us of the power of showing up—for one another and for our students. Consistent school attendance remains one of the most important ways families can support student success. Every day matters. When students are present, they build knowledge, confidence, and meaningful relationships. Thank you for all the ways you partner with us.

Dr. Lucy Salazar



Parent Engagement Groups



**DISTRICT
COMMUNITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
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**DISTRICT
ENGLISH LEARNER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
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PARENT GROUPS

In addition to CAFE, families can participate in district parent groups that build on the expertise and experiences they bring, while providing meaningful opportunities for leadership, growth, and learning. These groups bring parents together to learn about district initiatives, share input, and collaborate on ways to support all students. By joining, parents not only strengthen their own leadership skills but also help shape the future of our schools and community.

DCAC is made up of parent representatives from LBUSD Title 1 schools. Parents are provided opportunities to be involved and informed about their children's education. Parents are encouraged to share the meeting's information with other parents at their schools. **Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20th Virtual Via Zoom - 5:30pm**

DELAC is a way for parents to become involved in their child's education at a district level. Each month, DELAC Representatives, parents, district leaders, and community members participate in meetings. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 2nd at Browning High School - 9:30am**



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PARENT VILLAGE
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
for NATIVE AMERICANS
and NATIVE ALASKANS**
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SPV is a community of care and support for Parents and Caregivers of Black children. LBUSD is committed to centering the unique needs of our community members and engaging in a way that affirms their cultural identities. **Next Meeting: Monday, December 8 at Teacher's Resource Center - 5:30pm**

Our program is designed to ensure American Indian (AI)/Alaskan Native (AN) students in the Long Beach Unified School District have equal access to educational opportunities. Parents, guardians, district staff, and community partners participate in the planning of curriculum and events. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18 at Browning Multipurpose Room - 5:30pm**

Parent Workshops

Learning, Growing, and Empowering Together: IN and WITH Community



C.A.F.E.

Community And Family Engagement

NEW

We are excited to invite you to our C.A.F.E. series for parents. Click [HERE](#) to see our schedule!



A series of workshops designed to support and empower families to become full partners in their child's education. LBUSD parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Transportation, childcare, homework help and translation services are available.



Join us on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at Browning High School at 5:30pm



Retired Lieutenant Colonel Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch

The Family Leadership Institute (FLI)

FLI's primary objective is to teach parents and caregivers the art and skill of family leadership in support of academic achievement and life success. The FLI is also committed to produce a cadre of knowledgeable and committed parents and caregivers who actively support school and community efforts to benefit their children and encourage other families to do the same. We recently had a record number of families come together for the two-day event.

Parenting Partners Workshop

The Parenting Partners Calm & Kind workshop was another opportunity for LBUSD families and schools to support their children academically, emotionally, and socially while promoting engagement and leadership.





Support for Families Impacted by Delayed SNAP Benefits

We are aware that the delayed distribution of SNAP benefits may add to the stress for some families who rely on these resources. Ensuring students have access to meals and support remains a priority for our district.

All Long Beach Unified schools continue to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to students every school day. Students enrolled in our after-school programs also receive a meal.

Specifically: School Support staff is available to connect students and families with local food banks and community-based resources.

All K-8, Middle, and High School Wellness Centers maintain on-site food pantries (while supplies last). Families and students are welcome to visit throughout the school day; no appointment required.

For additional community resources, **call 211** to be connected with the most up-to-date local food and support programs.

Click on this LINK for locations.



Reading Difficulty Screener (Amira)

Reading Screener Q&A

Beginning this spring, all K-2 students will participate in the state-required reading screener using Amira Learning. This brief assessment helps teachers better understand each child's reading development so we can provide the right support early. [Click here to read the Family Q&A about the Amira Reading Screener.](#)

High School Choice Application

Future Class of 2030!

We're excited to support our 8th-grade students and families as you plan for high school in Fall 2026.

- **School of Choice Applications open in ParentVUE on November 10, 2025.**
- **New or returning LBUSD residents can begin submitting enrollment documents online starting October 13, 2025, to access School of Choice.**

[Click Here for resources to guide your next steps](#)

School of Choice Office

Helpline: (562) 997-8306

HSMSChoicehelp@lbschools.net

Join Us for a Site Night

2025-2026 High School Choice Site Visits
Thursday, November 11 8:00am - 8:00pm Wendwood High School for the Arts 225 E. 10th St., CA 90802
Thursday, November 13 8:00am - 8:00pm California Institute of Art and Design (CIAD) 4011 Wilshire Blvd., CA 90804
Monday, November 17 8:00am - 8:00pm Watts High School 4601 E. 10th St., CA 90804
Tuesday, November 18 8:00am - 8:00pm Wendwood Park College High School 3880 Colton Ave., CA 90805
Thursday, November 20 8:00am - 8:00pm Jordan High School 4000 Broadway Ave., CA 90805
Tuesday, December 2 8:00am - 8:00pm John A. King Academy of Mathematics and Science 1000 Broadway Ave., CA 90805
Wednesday, December 3 8:00am - 8:00pm Cabrillo High School 3200 Grand St., CA 90805
Thursday, December 4 8:00am - 8:00pm Polytechnic High School 5000 Lincoln St., CA 90805
Monday, December 8 8:00am - 8:00pm Mills High School 7025 E. Pacific St., CA 90805
Tuesday, December 9 8:00am - 8:00pm Lakewood High School 4000 Broadway Ave., CA 90805
Wednesday, December 10 8:00am - 8:00pm Mills High School 2000 Broadway Ave., CA 90805

HS APPLICATION WINDOW: NOVEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 12, 2025
800-997-8306 | HSMSCHOICEHELP@LBSCHOOLS.NET
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We'd like to express our gratitude to all our LBUSD families for your support and dedication to all our LBUSD students. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.

Monthly Budget Updates

Last month, we shared an update on our challenging financial condition. Due to enrollment losses and attendance rates that have not rebounded since the pandemic, our current revenues are not sufficient to cover rising costs. Increasing student attendance is one of the most effective ways to balance our budget, as attendance directly impacts the state funding we receive. This month, we are launching our **You Belong / #AttendanceMatters** campaign to support a Districtwide effort to improve daily attendance, strengthen student belonging, and protect essential student services.

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LBUSD Board of Education Updates

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Board of Education Newsletter
October Edition

Board of Education Meeting Highlights:

View the highlight videos from the October meetings.

[Meeting Highlights - Oct 1](#) [Meeting Highlights - Oct 15](#)

Next Board of Education Meeting:
Wednesday, November 5, Regular Meeting
[View the Board of Education Meeting Schedule](#)

Watch on YouTube:
Complete broadcasts of all past and upcoming meetings are available on the [LBUSD Board of Education YouTube Playlist](#)

Board Policies:

No new or updated policies approved this month.
[View District Policies](#)

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Engage

Check this section each month for upcoming workshops, parent group meetings, and district events.
Don't miss opportunities to connect, learn, and engage with our school community.

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2	3	4 Parent University (Virtual) 6:00pm	5 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	6 Parent University at Browning HS 5:30pm VIPS TB Risk Assessment at Browning High School at 4:00pm	7	8 Sankofa Saturdays
9	10 Sankofa Parent Village Meeting at TRC 5:30pm	11 VETERANS day	12 CAC Teacher Resource Center 6:00pm	13	14	15 Sankofa Saturdays
16	17	18 EONA at Browning 5:30pm	19 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	20 DCAC Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual	21 C.A.F.E. at Browning 9:30am	22
23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Tree illustration	27 Break!	28	29
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Parent University

PARENT UNIVERSITY
2025-2026 Complete Workshop Schedule

Workshops include: Tech Prep for 2025 Parents, Parenting Through Teenage Conflict, Making Sense of Educational Testing, College Readiness, Social Media and Cyberbully, and more.

C.A.F.E.

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2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Time | Hours | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Topics include: SCAP, CLEVER Parent Tip, and more.

DCAC

DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Time | Hours | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Topics include: District Community Advisory Committee and more.

EONA

EONA
2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Time | Hours | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Topics include: For Native Americans and Native Alaskans and more.

DELAC

DISTRICT LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Time | Hours | 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Topics include: District Lands Advisory Committee and more.