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SPOTLIGHT

The Educational Opportunities for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives (EONA) held their first meeting of the year, featuring a cultural component with a traditional Tongva basket-making workshop led by Tribal Cultural Collections Manager at Cal State University, Long Beach, Mitzla Aguilera and her mom. EONA meets monthly—to find out more, [click here](#).

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

As we close out the calendar year, we're proud to continue growing our partnerships with families across the district. This month marks the launch of our new C.A.F.E. (Community and Family Engagement) sessions—a space designed to bring forward the topics families have asked for in a warm, engaging environment. These sessions are focused on building parent capacity, empowering families with tools and knowledge to support their child's educational journey. Our team is also deeply involved in the High School Choice process, working alongside 8th grade families and school sites to ensure students and caregivers feel supported and informed as they plan for the next chapter. Parent University continues to provide timely, evening workshops tailored to parent needs.

In December, we're offering "Introduction to Special Education," a session designed to help families better understand the special education process and how to confidently support their child's learning needs. We are grateful for the trust you place in us and for your continued partnership.

Dr. Lucy Salazar



Parent Engagement Groups



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.

DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DCAC is made up of parent representatives from LBSD 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, December 18th at Browning High School - 5:30pm**

DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, January 6th at Browning High School - 9:30am**



SANKOFA PARENT VILLAGE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SPV is a community of care and support for Parents and Caregivers of Black children. LBSD is committed to centering the unique needs of our community members and engaging in a way that affirms their cultural identities. **Next Meeting: Monday, January 12 at Teacher's Resource Center - 5:30pm**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for NATIVE AMERICANS and NATIVE ALASKANS LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, January 20th 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



At our recent parent workshop, families heard from two engaging presenters. Pre Williams, representing Long Beach City College, shared valuable information about Dual Enrollment opportunities for both middle and high school students, helping families understand how students can begin earning college credit early.



We also welcomed Cameron Smith, LBUSD Director of School Safety, who provided an overview of the Office of School Safety's commitment to creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for all students—regardless of immigration status. He discussed key components of our district's safety plans and the many ways the School Safety team collaborates with school sites to ensure campuses remain safe places where students can focus on learning.

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY
Empowering Our Immigrant Students and Families

The California State Bar is committed to the success of all students and believes that every student who should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families irrespective of their country of origin or immigration status.

If U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Appears at an LBUSD School:

- Every LBUSD school site and employee has been trained on the responsibilities in the event of an ICE agent visit.
- Staff members, parents and guests should immediately refer ICE agents to the school administrator for designated responses.

Resources for Students and Families

- LBUSD 1902-409-5070
- Los Angeles County Office of Education supports school districts, students and parents with information and resources to address needs around immigration policies including ferry preparation, legal advice, enrollment and health care.
- Local Beach Resources (Enrollment) 477-202-1910
 - Organization dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of California tenants to safe, decent and affordable housing.
- Local Beach Legal 1902-400-4800
- Legal Services (Immigration) 1902-400-4800
- Centro CIRA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment and advancement of Latino/Hispanic communities.
- Latino in Action 810-938-9341
 - Latino in Action will organize the production and opportunity gap for Latino students working within the educational system to create positive change.

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SCHOOL SAFETY
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cameron Smith
Chief, Office of School Safety

Key District Contacts

- LBUSD School Safety 1902-991-8000
- LBUSD Student Support Services 1902-999-4070
- Provide resources and programs to support the academic, social, emotional and behavioral success of students and their families.
- For Elementary School support, visit Long Beach Unified's Family Resource Centers
- For Secondary School support, visit Long Beach Unified's Student Resource Centers

Know Your Rights

- Know Your Rights: All people, regardless of immigration status, have rights under the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution, Local Resource Centers, LBUSD and you to preserve and defend their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents show up at home.
- When interrogated by federal immigration officials, you have the right to stop talking, leave the field card to the officer and remember that you do not have to answer any questions.

Join us on Friday, December 19, 2025 at Browning High School at 9:30am



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, January 8, 2026 at Browning High School at 5:30pm



DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thank you to everyone who joined our DCAC meeting on November 19 via Zoom. Superintendent Dr. Jill Baker and LBUSD staff Steve Rockenbach (Employee Relations), Nicole Lopez (Principal, Long Beach School for Adults), and Margaret Lam (Fiscal Services) shared updates on the district budget, the Civility Workgroup, and programs at Long Beach School for Adults.

If you haven't joined DCAC yet, parent/guardian representatives are invited to our next in-person meeting on December 18 at Browning High School, 5:30–6:30 p.m. We hope you can join us!



EEP Staff assisted families at school sites with High School Choice applications at Stephens Middle School and a Parent University: School Engagement Series presentation at Poly High School.





Friday, December 12, 2025
171 W. Bort St., Long Beach, CA 90805
 10am

Join us at our new North Long Beach location! Learn about our programs, meet our staff and students and experience our new campus!

[Click on the image for more information](#)



Parenting Partners at Stanford Middle School

Parent Community Facilitator, Amie Chikami from Stanford Middle School held a Parenting Partners workshop for parents from Stanford and Marshall Middle Schools.

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 Close in ParentVUE on December 12, 2025.

[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

Day	Time	School	Address
Thursday, November 13	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Redondo High School For the Arts	2225 S. St. St., CA 90804
Thursday, November 13	6:00pm - 6:30pm	California Academy of Arts and Sciences (CAAS)	10000 S. St. St., CA 90804
Friday, November 14	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Wilcox High School	10000 S. St. St., CA 90804
Monday, November 17	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Stanning Early College High School	2800 Orange Ave., LB, CA 90804
Monday, November 18	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Jerome High School	6000 Atlantic Ave., LB, CA 90804
Monday, November 20	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Site Academy of Mathematics and Science	10000 S. St. St., CA 90804
Monday, December 2	5:00pm - 7:00pm	California High School	2000 Orange Ave., LB, CA 90804
Thursday, December 4	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Palatka High School	4000 Atlantic Ave., LB, CA 90804
Monday, December 8	5:00pm - 7:00pm	McKee High School	10222 Palatka Ave., LB, CA 90804
Monday, December 9	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Lakewood High School	4000 Atlantic Ave., LB, CA 90804
Monday, December 10	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Milliken High School	2000 Broadway Ave., LB, CA 90804

SEE APPLICATION WINDOW NOVEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 12, 2025
 842-997-8306 | HSMSCHOICEHELP@LBSCHOOLS.NET
 LBSCHOOLS.NET/ENGAGE

December Budget Updates

There are several significant budget activities underway in LBUSD. The journey towards fiscal stabilization, amid significant enrollment decline, reduced revenue, and the anticipated loss of federal resources, will require strategies that are both short term and long term in impact and enable the District to maintain its focus on educational achievement. With a focus on Vision 2035 and the Board's Goals and Guardrails, staff continues to face the challenge of making difficult choices to prioritize and stabilize the District's budget. These challenges are expected to persist over at least the next five years.

lbschools.net/budget.



[Click on the image to watch a video](#)

Resources for Families during Winter Break

As we head into Winter Break, we know families may be looking for support, enrichment, and fun ways to spend time together. To help, we've gathered a list of local resources available throughout the break. From meal assistance programs and day camps to toy drives, there's something for everyone. Click on the links.



Day Camps

Food Pantry



Toy Drive



Wishing our LBUSD Community a wonderful Winter Break and Happy New Year!

LBUSD Board of Education November Edition

Board of Education Meeting Highlights:

View the highlight videos from the November meetings.

Meeting Highlights - Nov 5

Meeting Highlights - Nov 19

Next Board of Education Meeting:
 Wednesday, December 10, Special and 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:

[Click on the image to watch a video](#)

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.

December

S M T W TH F S

	1	2 DELAC Browning High School 9:30am	3 CAC Browning High School 6:00pm	4	5	6 Sankofa Saturdays
7	8 Sankofa Parent Village Meeting at TRC 5:30pm	9 EONA at Browning 5:30pm	10 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	11 Parent University at Browning HS 5:30pm	12	13 Sankofa Saturdays
14	15	16	17 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	18 DCAC Meeting Browning High School 5:30-6:30 p.m.	19 C.A.F.E. at Browning 9:30am	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	WINTER BREAK					

Parent University

2025-2026 Complete Workshop Schedule

Up-Parent Workshops 8:30am - 11:30am

- 10/16 - Parenting for Success: Teacher Collaboration
- 10/23 - Making Sense of Educational Testing: Introduction to Standardized Testing
- 10/30 - College Success: The ABC's of College Planning
- 11/6 - Social Media and Cyberbully: Introduction to Social Media
- 11/13 - Parenting Your Child Through Adolescence
- 11/20 - Understanding IEP's

Webinars

- 10/16 - Wellness Center and Family Relationships
- 10/23 - High School Registration Process
- 10/30 - Special Education Enrollment Process
- 11/6 - Parenting for Success: Teacher Collaboration
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Informational Videos

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C.A.F.E.

C.A.F.E. 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Time | Hours | 10/16
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Dates | Fees | Meetings

- 10/16 - C.A.F.E. Meeting
- 11/6 - C.A.F.E. Meeting
- 11/13 - C.A.F.E. Meeting
- 11/20 - C.A.F.E. Meeting

CLERK Fee

- 10/16 - \$100.00
- 11/6 - \$100.00
- 11/13 - \$100.00
- 11/20 - \$100.00

DCAC

DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026

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5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Dates | Fees | Meetings

- 10/16 - DCAC Meeting
- 11/6 - DCAC Meeting
- 11/13 - DCAC Meeting
- 11/20 - DCAC Meeting

EONA

EONA 2025-2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Location | Leger
Browning High School Multi-Purpose Room

Dates | Fees

- 10/16 - EONA Meeting
- 11/6 - EONA Meeting
- 11/13 - EONA Meeting
- 11/20 - EONA Meeting

DELAC

DISTRICT LANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Time | Hours | 10/16
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Dates | Fees | Meetings

- 10/16 - DELAC Meeting
- 11/6 - DELAC Meeting
- 11/13 - DELAC Meeting
- 11/20 - DELAC Meeting