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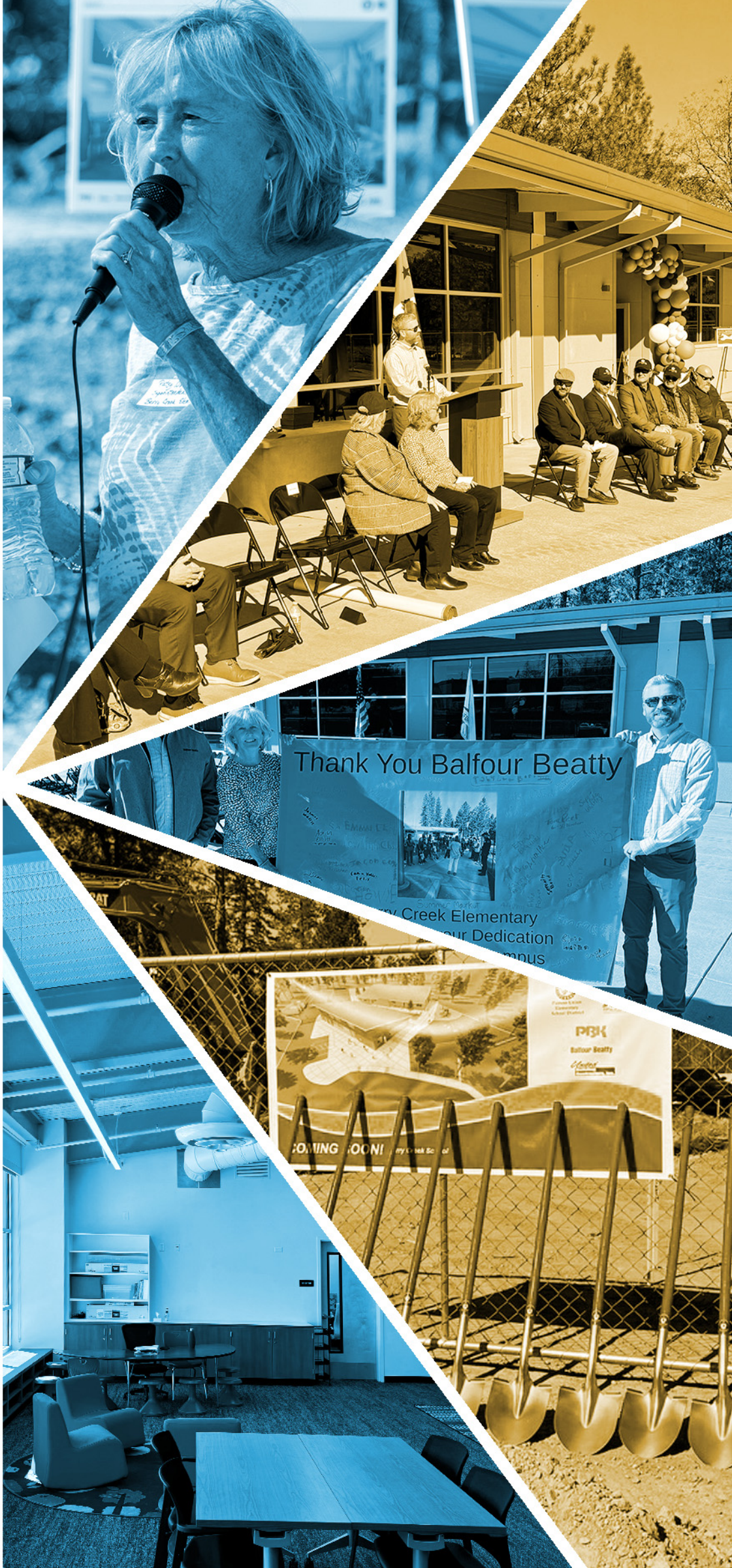
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Dr. Debra Duardo
Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools

Helping Students Find Joy, Voice and Balance

As the school year draws to a close and we look ahead to summer, I find myself thinking not just about academic milestones, but about the emotional and mental space our students are navigating right now.

This school year has brought new ideas, new conversations, and new directions for education. Our students are paying attention. They're curious, engaged and thinking deeply about the world around them. Even when the issues are complex, they're asking thoughtful questions and seeking to understand how changes might affect their lives and their schools.

Now more than ever, our students need to know that their voice matters. That even in uncertain times, they are not powerless. One way we're supporting this is through the L.A. County Superintendent Student Advisory Council, which brings together student leaders from across the district to share their perspectives and help shape district priorities. These conversations have been eye-opening and inspiring.

Building on that work, the Los Angeles County Office of Education is proud to be hosting an upcoming Student Empowerment Summit on June 20,2025, a day designed to spark dialogue and equip students with the skills, resources and tools they need to thrive in their schools and classrooms. This is an opportunity to build connections, share experiences and gain practical strategies for academic, emotional and social success. It's one more way we are affirming that students are not just the future, they are part of the solution today.

At the same time, we recognize that thriving isn't just about having a voice, it's about balance. As adults, we must encourage our students to live full, joyful lives. A whole, healthy life includes moments of play, creativity, connection and rest. Whether it's sports, art, service or quiet reflection, students need time and space to discover what brings them joy and makes them feel whole.

May is a season of transition. As each school year ends, new opportunities emerge. Let's help our students step into those possibilities with confidence and hope. Let's model optimism, encourage balance and continue to create the kind of schools where every student can feel seen, heard and supported.

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ABC Unified School District

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An Unwavering Academic Focus



Dr. Gina Zietlow
Superintendent

At ABC Unified School District, our mission is to foster a community of lifelong learners, collaborative problem solvers, effective communicators, and empathetic and conscientious leaders by offering innovative and high-quality educational programs in a safe and supportive environment.

Our commitment to student academic achievement is at the heart of everything we do. We proudly serve over 21,750 Preschool - 12 and Adult School students across 30 schools, encompassing the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, and parts of Lakewood, Long Beach, and Norwalk. For the past 60 years, ABCUSD has dedicated itself to educating and empowering the children of the communities we serve.

Our academic focus is unwavering, with programs designed to help students achieve their goals. College and career readiness are key priorities, with our secondary schools offering 12 Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways ranging from video game design to sports medicine. Additionally, about a third of our secondary students participate in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. We recognize the essential role of technology in education and are proud to ensure that every student has access to their own device.

ABCUSD's success is reflected in our accolades: nine National Blue Ribbon Schools, 18 California Distinguished Schools, 17 California Gold Ribbon Schools, 19 California School Boards Association Golden Bell Awards, and all five middle schools are designated as California/National Schools to Watch. These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our teachers, staff, and administrators, who work hand-in-hand with students and families to ensure academic success.

Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District

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A Stronger, Supportive Learning Community



Dr. Eric Sahakian
Superintendent

In an ever-evolving public education landscape, it is essential that we respond with purpose and care. As Superintendent of Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District (AADUSD), I am dedicated to strengthening support for our staff, students, and families. By deepening cultural awareness, integrating mindfulness practices in the classroom, and expanding parent education, we are building a more connected and empowered learning community.

Embracing Cultural Competency — Cultural competency is vital to creating an inclusive and equitable school environment. Through practices like cultural humility, responsiveness, and awareness, our staff can better understand and connect with students from diverse backgrounds. These principles help ensure every student feels seen, respected, and valued—fostering a sense of belonging that supports both academic and personal growth.

Promoting Student Well-being — To support students' emotional and academic development, AADUSD has implemented universal, school-based preventative programs. Among these, mindfulness-based interventions stand out as powerful tools for reducing stress and improving focus. Teaching students to regulate emotions and stay present helps build resilience and creates a calm, productive classroom environment.

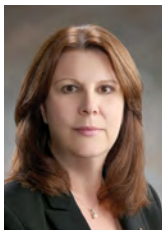
Empowering Parents Through Education — Parents are vital partners in student success. In response to community feedback, we've expanded parent education offerings around key topics such as bullying prevention, emotional wellness, and resilience. These opportunities equip families with strategies to support their children's growth and reinforce the values taught in school.

At AADUSD, we believe we are stronger together. By fostering cultural competency, supporting emotional well-being, and engaging families, we are creating a foundation where every student can thrive.

Alhambra Unified School District

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Student Voice, Leadership, and Excellence



Dr. Denise R. Jaramillo
Superintendent

In our richly multicultural, multilingual community, the award-winning Alhambra Unified School District serves 15,000 students across 18 campuses with a deep commitment to relationship-centered excellence, equity, and whole-child education.

Recent years have seen powerful steps forward in student leadership: Each year, AUSD now welcomes a student board member and a 12-member elected student advisory council. These additions reinforce our belief that student voice belongs at the heart of every decision. From classrooms to boardrooms, we are empowering students to lead with purpose and confidence, on campus and in the community.

Our dedication to academic excellence and equity includes Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), mental health and wellness services through Gateway to Success, and ongoing EDI initiatives. AUSD is proud to be a district where students not only thrive academically, but also grow as compassionate, civically engaged leaders.

Our academic excellence was recently exemplified by two AUSD Academic Decathlon teams placing in the top five in California and advancing to the national level competition. Our schools continue to earn accolades, including Distinguished Schools, Blue Ribbons, and the Golden Bell Awards. Most recently, AUSD was named as the Best Public School District in the San Gabriel Valley by readers of Southern California News Group newspapers.

With thriving Dual Language Immersion programs, robust VAPA and STEAM education, Dual Enrollment partnerships, and a $259 million bond supporting facility and technology upgrades, AUSD is committed to creating innovative, inclusive environments where students can shine.

It is my privilege to serve our extraordinary AUSD community, where students come first…and lead the way.

Antelope Valley Union High School District

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Our Vision: Dream. Aspire. Achieve.



Greg Nehen
Superintendent

At the heart of AVUHSD is a commitment to fostering inclusivity and innovation. We believe every student, regardless of background, deserves the opportunity to dream big, aspire to greatness, and achieve their full potential. These beliefs drive our work, ensuring our schools are places where all students feel valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

To further solidify our commitment to our students and community, we are to announce the launch of our new strategic plan in 2025. This plan, developed through collaborative input from our educators, students, families, and community partners, will chart a course for continued growth and innovation. In the plan, we prioritize:

Inclusive: Creating equitable opportunities for all students, ensuring every learner has the resources and support they need to thrive.

Innovative Learning: Fostering a culture of creativity and critical thinking, leveraging technology and cutting-edge practices to prepare students for the demands of the 21st century.

Social Emotional Wellbeing: prioritizing every student's mental health and social-emotional support.

Community Partnership: Strengthening our connections with local businesses, organizations, and families to create a supportive ecosystem for student success.

We focus on post-secondary options for all graduates and strive to produce lifelong learners who are prepared to navigate and succeed in our ever-changing world. I am proud to lead a district filled with passionate and skilled educators, students who are committed to reaching their full potential, and a community that wholeheartedly supports our efforts. Together, we are building a brighter future for the Antelope Valley.



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Arcadia Unified School District

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Celebrating Healthy Partnerships



Dr. David Vannasdall
Superintendent

As 2025 unfolds, we continue to be deeply honored and inspired by the recognition Arcadia Unified has received in this year's *Niche* rankings: in the top 1% of Best School Districts in the Nation, the #9 Best School District in California, and #1 in Los Angeles County for Best Places to Teach. These accolades are a meaningful reflection of the dedication and passion poured in daily by our students, educators, staff, families, and community.

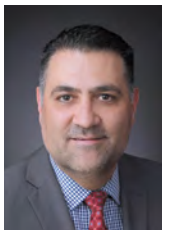
These continued acknowledgments reinforce the importance of the values we live by: Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Empathy, and Resilience. These principles guide our mission to provide every student with a transformative educational experience that nurtures both academic excellence and emotional well-being. Looking ahead, we're inspired by the incredible potential that lies within our collective efforts—from teachers, counselors, and students, to parents, administrators, and community partners. Together, we remain dedicated to empowering our learners to grow into compassionate, innovative, and impactful individuals.

We are most excited about the work ahead of us as we get started on our journey utilizing Measure AS funds to support our renowned educational and co-curricular programs. With continued dedication, collaboration, and a shared sense of purpose, we look forward to achieving even more milestones that enrich the educational experience. As the year progresses, there's a renewed sense of optimism and excitement for what lies ahead—and for all that we will accomplish together in building a bright and meaningful future for our school community.

Azusa Unified School District

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Innovators, Leaders and Changemakers



Arturo Ortega
Superintendent

The Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) is proud to serve over 6,000 students across 12 schools in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, offering a comprehensive education from Preschool through Adult Education.

AUSD provides a strong foundation for academic excellence, featuring college preparatory programs such as Advanced Placement (AP), an Early College Program, and International Baccalaureate (IB). Students also have access to diverse career pathways and academies, including a cutting-edge STEM Pathway, an Academy of Health Sciences, and an Academy of Automotive Design.

The District is home to an award-winning TK-12 Visual and Performing Arts program, where students can explore mariachi, orchestra, and band starting at the elementary level. Additional enriching opportunities include California State Preschool, Spanish and Mandarin Dual-Language Immersion, computer coding, and a competitive athletics program at the middle and high school levels.

At AUSD, we are dedicated to empowering students to reach their full potential and make meaningful contributions to their communities. We foster critical thinking, effective communication, and compassionate leadership. By offering diverse academic and extracurricular programs, we ensure that every student finds their passion and pathway to success.

Our graduates continue to earn acceptances to top colleges and universities in California and nationwide and have been awarded an impressive amount in scholarships and grants.

AUSD students are innovators, leaders, and changemakers. Discover more about our thriving educational community at azusa.org.

Baldwin Park Unified School District

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Achieve with BPUSD



Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza
Superintendent

At Baldwin Park Unified School District, we remain steadfast in our mission of Ensuring High Achievement for All Learners — from our youngest students in Early Childhood Education to those pursuing their goals in Adult and Community Education. Our commitment to academic success and lifelong learning is at the heart of everything we do.

Across our District — which includes eight elementary schools, the BP STEM Academy, three middle schools, two comprehensive high schools, one continuation high school, and robust early childhood and adult education programs — we strive to provide every student with access to a meaningful and future-ready education.

Looking ahead, we are inspired by the opportunities we continue to bring to our students in today's evolving industries. From pathways in Mental Health, Digital Printing, Projection Mapping, Esports, and Drone Technology to updated courses in Visual and Performing Arts, Baldwin Park Unified is expanding access to both technical and creative experiences. Whether students find passion in the arts or innovation in science and technology — they can discover and thrive here.

We are also emphasizing new avenues for student voice and support, including expanded Social-Emotional Learning initiatives, inter-District mentorship opportunities, and the launch of a new Superintendent's Student Advisory Council — all designed to keep the needs and well-being of our students at the forefront.

We are equally proud to strengthen our award-winning programs, such as Dual Language Immersion, GATE, and Before- and After-School enrichment, all of which reflect the diverse and dynamic needs of our learning community.

At BPUSD, students are encouraged to explore, achieve, and lead — all within a supportive and equity-driven environment.

Bassett Unified School District

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Steadfast and Focused



Dr. Alejandro Alvarez
Superintendent

The Bassett Unified School District maintains a strong commitment to academic excellence and community engagement. The district's 3-Year Strategic Plan, which emphasizes financial stability, facility enhancements, college and career readiness, and improved communication, drives its decision-making process. Its successful implementation is evident in the academic success of its schools compared to surrounding districts. With a graduation rate of 97.1% and high school passing rates on the state exams, Bassett USD is outperforming surrounding school districts and most surrounding high schools. At the primary levels, the district has invested its resources in providing its primary teachers with a strong foundation in teaching reading, which will be used to achieve the district's goal of having all students reading at grade level by third grade.

In alignment with its Strategic Plan, the district has made significant progress in improving its school facilities. Strategically utilizing funds from bond measures, the district recently opened its new Bassett High School Aquatics Center, where students can compete in the CIF league for both swimming and water polo. To support local community involvement and participation, the district will be working with local agencies to open the aquatics center to community members. In addition, the district is investing in upgrading the fields at two of its K-8 schools by renovating them with state-of-the-art artificial turf football/soccer and track fields. Our students will have an opportunity to practice and play on similar fields to those they will compete on during their high school years.

BUSD is steadfast in its focus on improving the academic and social/emotional outcomes of its current and future students.

Bellflower Unified School District

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BUSD Together: Unified in Purpose



Lisa Azevedo
Interim Superintendent

At Bellflower Unified School District, we take great pride in being a vibrant public school district nestled in the heart of southeast Los Angeles County. Our district encompasses 15 award-winning schools, 10 elementary schools, 2 comprehensive middle/high schools, 1 continuation high school, 1 independent study academy, and 1 community day school. Together, we nurture an enriching environment where every student can thrive.

What makes BUSD truly special? Our Spanish Dual Immersion Program offers bilingual and biliterate opportunities for elementary and middle school students, fostering inclusivity from an early age. Personalized learning is at our core, featuring small class sizes, early college courses through Cerritos College, home independent study, and engaging after-school programs. We are dedicated to early childhood education, providing part-day preschool and full-day transitional kindergarten designed for our youngest learners. Our Career Technical Education pathways—ranging from aviation to e-sports and health occupations—equip students with invaluable real-world skills. In support of mental health and wellness, we have established Wellness Centers at each of our schools, ensuring students have access to licensed professionals whenever they need support.

We are also proud to announce that nine of our school sites have been recognized by the California PBIS Coalition for outstanding implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, reinforcing our commitment to a positive school environment. Additionally, partnering with industry leaders such as celebrity chef and author Jamie Oliver, we are promoting healthy eating through a 10-step skills lesson that connects nutrition with mental well-being.

Together, unified in purpose, we uphold our values of equity, achievement, and community, preparing our students for life beyond our programs.

Beverly Hills Unified School District

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World-Class Educational Opportunities



Dr. Alex Cherniss
Superintendent

Families across the nation are drawn to Beverly Hills for its world-class educational opportunities. With a community that holds high expectations, BHUSD consistently delivers on its promise of Educational Excellence.

The 2024-2025 school year marks the exciting opening of El Rodeo Elementary School—a fully modernized, state-of-the-art campus that positions BHUSD at the forefront of public education. Equipped with the most advanced security system of any public school district nationwide, El Rodeo exemplifies our commitment to safety and innovation. As part of this transition, the District Office moved to the Hawthorne School campus and the students have relocated to the new El Rodeo campus.

Beverly Vista Middle School offers a rich academic experience, including access to the BulldogAid Wellness Center and over 40 dynamic electives designed to inspire exploration and creativity.

Beverly Hills High School leads in academic innovation, featuring future-ready facilities like the College and Career Center, the NormanAid Wellness Center, and high-tech classrooms that support engaging instruction.

From TK through 12th grade, BHUSD has built over 40 college and career pathways, providing students with real-world exposure and rigorous coursework. We are proud recipients of the College Board's Academic Excellence and Access Awards, affirming our dedication to equitable access to Advanced Placement programs.

Our district offers acclaimed programs in GATE, Intellectual Intervention, Multilingual Learning, and Specialized Academic Instruction, alongside vital support services such as Occupational Therapy, Counseling, and Speech/Language Services.

BHUSD proudly serves approximately 3,100 students across four schools. Learn more at www.bhusd.org/pathways.



Bonita Unified School District

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Empowering Success, The Bonita Way



Matthew Wien
Superintendent

At Bonita Unified, we continually seek new ways to raise the bar for academic achievement, extracurricular success, and student opportunity. This year, our students and staff have once again demonstrated what is possible when a district remains focused on preparing every student to live their purpose by providing a well-rounded education.

Bonita Unified achieved its highest-ever scores on the 2023-24 state assessments in English language arts and math and fully mitigated the academic effects of the pandemic in both subjects – a feat achieved by less than five percent of unified school districts in the state. These successes also paved the way for the District's 21st California Distinguished School award and California Model Continuation High School redesignation.

Beyond the classroom, students continue to thrive in the arts and athletics. This year, a record 28 BUSD students were selected to perform in Southern California Vocal Association Honor Choirs, and for the second time in five years, Bonita High School choirs delivered a masterful performance at Carnegie Hall, showcasing the strength of Bonita Unified's performing arts programming on a national stage.

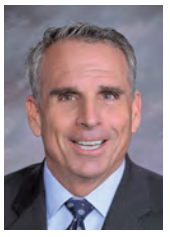
Our student-athletes have also achieved historic seasons. The San Dimas High School girls water polo team won the CIF Southern Section (CIF-SS) Division 4 championship, and both Bonita and San Dimas high schools' girls flag football teams qualified for the postseason in the inaugural year of CIF-SS play.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated educators, families, and resilient students. By maintaining our focus on equity, mastery, and results, we are creating the conditions for every student to grow, achieve, and lead with purpose.

Castaic Union School District

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Where Passion and Purpose Equate to Success



Bob Brauneisen
Superintendent

Founded in 1889, the Castaic Union School District (CUSD) in northern Los Angeles County serves approximately 2,000 students across four schools. CUSD fosters a learning environment where passion and purpose drive remarkable achievement.

At the core of CUSD's educational philosophy is teacher clarity—educators clearly communicate learning objectives so students understand not only what they're learning, but why it matters. This clarity empowers students to thrive academically while building confidence and perseverance.

CUSD is also a leader in social and emotional learning, understanding that students achieve their best when they feel safe and supported. With the help of dedicated counselors and thoughtful programs, students build essential life skills like resilience, empathy, and self-awareness.

A hallmark of the district is its commitment to full inclusion, ensuring equitable access and opportunity for all learners. Students with diverse needs learn side-by-side with their peers in inclusive classrooms that celebrate differences as strengths—preparing all students to succeed in a diverse world.

CUSD teachers bring genuine passion to their work, continually refining their practice through collaboration and professional development. Their commitment inspires students to find purpose in their own learning journeys.

Through a thoughtful blend of intentional instruction, emotional support, and inclusive practices, CUSD transforms opportunity into achievement. The district's balanced approach promotes both academic rigor and personal growth, creating a nurturing environment where every student is encouraged to discover their potential and prepare for lifelong success.

Centinela Valley Union High School District

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Supporting the Whole Student



Dr. Stephen Nellman
Superintendent

Serving students from the South Bay communities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Lennox, Centinela Valley Union High School District is committed to providing an educational environment in which all students succeed. Beyond meeting graduation requirements and attaining academic proficiency, our Graduate Profile ensures CVUHSD students are College and Career Ready Individuals, Effective Communicators, Ethical Leaders, Independent and Collaborative Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers, and Socially Aware and Responsive Community Members.

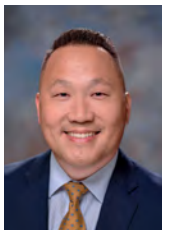
The District also recognizes the need to support the whole student by providing a healthy, safe, engaging, supportive, and challenging educational environment. Our safe schools offer students engaging programs such as CTE Academies, Dual-Enrollment and Certification programs, Spanish Dual Language Immersion programs, CA State Seal of Biliteracy, CA State Seal of Civic Engagement, American Sign Language, AVID, Co-Taught Courses for students with disabilities, Honors and AP courses, and College and Career Centers to provide post-high school guidance. Additionally, our District and Site Equity Coordinators, Intervention Specialists, Wellness Centers, and Social and Emotional Supports Specialists create a culture of empathy and respect in our schools.

CVUHSD is committed to placing "Students First" in every decision, and embracing social justice, equity, and inclusion for all. These practices, combined with the support of a highly qualified and culturally competent staff, have permitted our schools to quickly adapt our educational programs to meet the needs of students in these challenging times. If you are interested in our schools and programs, please call (310) 263-3172 for more information. We'd love to have you join the CV family.

Charter Oak Unified School District

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San Gabriel Valley's Best Kept Secret



Dr. Danny Kim
Superintendent

Charter Oak Unified School District (COUSD), located in the San Gabriel Valley, serves students in Covina, Glendora, and San Dimas. For 130 years, we've provided a nurturing and challenging learning environment dedicated to empowering all students, especially those striving to be the first in their families to attend college, to achieve their academic dreams. Our long history reflects our enduring commitment to putting students first.

COUSD offers a robust STEM program that cultivates critical thinking and problem-solving skills. From introducing scientific principles to our youngest learners to offering advanced pathways that award both high school and college credit, we prepare students for future careers. Our innovative partnership with Mt. San Antonio College, which pilots in the fall, will allow students in our sports medicine program to graduate with substantial progress toward an associate's degree in kinesiology.

Our commitment to a well-rounded education is evident in our award-winning Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs. Students have the opportunity to showcase their talents on stages across the country and even internationally, enriching their lives through unforgettable cultural experiences.

At COUSD, we understand that student well-being is paramount. We've prioritized social-emotional learning by increasing mental health staffing, placing counselors and social workers at every school, and creating dedicated wellness rooms. We provide the support system students need to navigate the challenges of today and thrive in the future. At COUSD students are empowered to excel in academics, arts, and life.

Claremont Unified School District

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Renewed Harmony at Claremont HS



Dr. James Elsasser
Superintendent

Claremont Unified School District continues its proud legacy of supporting the visual and performing arts with the renovation of the 1960s-era music building at Claremont High School. Completed in just eight months, this revitalized space aligns with The CUSD Commitment—the district's strategic plan—by enhancing Focus Area 1: Academic Achievement and Instruction and Focus are 2: The Whole Child through more accessible and inspiring music education.Though the project was originally part of Measure G, it was ultimately completed through alternative funding and with continued support from the Claremont community. Key improvements include modernized lighting, state-of-the-art audiovisual capabilities, new HVAC, ADA-compliant entrance ramp, practice rooms and offices, and expanded storage tailored to choir and band needs. Teachers were integral to every stage of planning, ensuring the newly designed spaces support enhanced instruction and student engagement. The single-level band room now reflects real-world performance settings, and the upgraded choir room fosters better acoustics for powerful, high-quality rehearsals.

Beyond its structural enhancements, the updated facility stands as a beacon for community involvement. With improved accessibility, the campus can host diverse events and further strengthen ties with local arts organizations. In April 2025, the district celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, featuring student performances that showcased the talent nurtured within these walls.

From silver and gold rankings at "Festival of Gold" competitions to the Chamber Singers' achievements at international festivals in Sydney and Carnegie Hall, Claremont High School's choirs have proudly represented the district's longstanding dedication to arts excellence. With this updated, inclusive environment, CUSD remains committed to enriching students' musical journeys for years to come.

Compton Unified School District

501 S. Santa Fe Ave., Compton, CA 90221 • 310/639-4321 • www.compton.k12.ca.us

Leading in Educational Excellence



Dr. Darin Brawley
Superintendent

Compton Unified School District continues to set the standard for educational excellence, marked by high graduation rates and strong college and career readiness. In 2024, CUSD achieved a 93% graduation rate—ranking #1 in both Los Angeles County and statewide among districts of similar size and demographics. The district's College & Career Indicator (CCI) reached an impressive 50%, also earning top honors in the county and state.

CUSD's flagship college access initiative, *Compton Goes to College!*, received the 2024 Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association. The district also earned several other major accolades this year. Its College & Career Department was honored with the 2024 Power of Hope Award, and the District Administration Leadership Institute (DALI) recognized CUSD with a Districts of Distinction Award for Ed-Tech Innovation. Additionally, CUSD was named a 2025 Magna Award Grand Prize Winner by the National School Boards Association.

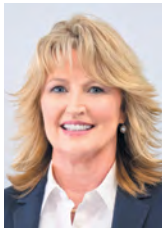
School sites also shined: Roosevelt and Tibby Elementary were named 2025 California Distinguished Schools, and Laurel Street Elementary was designated a 2025 New School to Watch by the California League of Middle Schools. Bursch, Emerson, and Kelly Elementary joined the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools program, bringing the district total to 15. Compton Early College High School earned Gold status on the AP School Honor Roll, while Dominguez High made the Bronze list and was named an ACT School of Excellence.

CUSD looks forward to opening the new $250 million, state-of-the-art Compton High School campus this August.

Covina-Valley Unified School District

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Innovative Education. Unlimited Potential.



Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer
Superintendent

Covina-Valley Unified School District is a place where students are empowered to explore their passions, gain real-world experience, and pursue excellence. With award-winning programs, cutting-edge facilities, and dedicated educators, every student is equipped to achieve success.

Beginning in elementary school, students build essential skills through a new hands-on STEM curriculum, dual immersion classes, and robust arts programs. These early experiences spark creativity, cultural awareness, and diverse interests, laying a foundation for lifelong learning. In middle school, students build on these foundations through opportunities like AVID, Project Lead the Way, and STEM programs. All three C-VUSD middle schools, recognized as 2025 re-designated Schools to Watch by the California League of Middle Schools, exemplify academic excellence and student support.

At the high school level, rigorous academic programs including Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Enrollment allow students to gain the knowledge needed for future success. Through 24 diverse career technical education pathways, students develop skills in high-demand industries, including aviation, cosmetology, business, healthcare, agriculture, and engineering. These pathways provide industry-relevant training, certifications, and partnerships.

Outside the classroom, C-VUSD nurtures leadership, innovation, and community engagement. Covina High School's Golden Bell-winning, student-run thrift shop, Colt Outfitters, is a shining example of students making an impact while developing entrepreneurial and service-oriented mindsets.

At Covina-Valley Unified, every student is encouraged to dream big and take on new challenges. Thank you to our Board of Education, staff, faculty, and community members for their partnership in providing an innovative education that inspires every student's unlimited potential.

Culver City Unified School District

4034 Irving Place, Culver City, CA 90232 • 310/842-4220 • www.ccusd.org

Leading the Way with Culver Pride



Dr. Brian Lucas
Superintendent

Culver City is known as a small town inside the big city of Los Angeles, with an excellent public school district. We benefit from being independent and nimble, and having close ties to city government and the community at large. As the 4th most diverse school district with high academic standards and achievement includes five elementary schools, with Distinguished School, and Blue & Gold Ribbon designations. Culver City Middle is a California School to Watch. Culver High is a California Democracy School. Embracing the arts with best-in-class arts education begins with visual and performing arts, music and dance in all five elementary schools. Our middle and high schools offer Career Technical Education (CTE) and afterschool pathways into film, music, visual arts, theatre art and dance. We expanded our innovative Game Design pathway through our signature Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) program, fortunate to benefit from living in the Heart of Screenland, now Streamland. Our highly competitive sports program, including football, water polo, basketball, soccer, volleyball and tennis, annually sends team to CIF playoffs, often bringing home championships. Symbolic of CCUSD's forward-thinking approach in public education, CCUSD was the first district in California to offer dual-language immersion programs, opening Spanish K-5th in 1971, and Japanese K-5th in 1994, which have served as models for other public school districts across the country. Our high school curriculum focuses on educational opportunities and academic rigor for every student, as we offer more CTE classes such as child development and architecture; innovative courses such as Environmental Design for Social Justice and Statistics for Social Justice, and new AP classes. CCUSD was one of the first districts in the country to offer Advanced Placement in African American studies. CCUSD does not wait to follow. CCUSD leads the way with immense Culver Pride.

Downey Unified School District

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Award-Winning Schools



Dr. John A. Garcia, Jr.
Superintendent

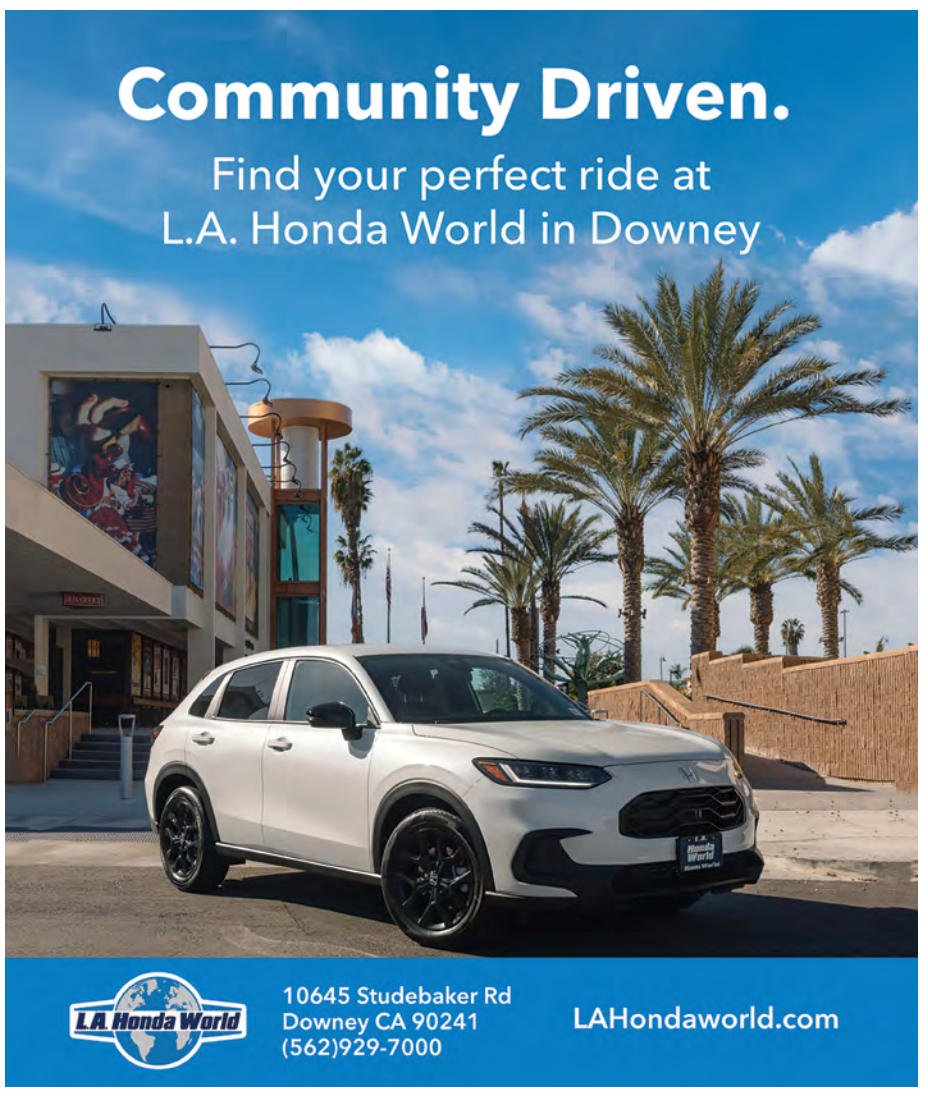
Downey Unified is located approximately 12 miles south of Los Angeles within driving distance of scenic mountains and beaches. For decades, our schools have enjoyed the reputation of an outstanding school system. Our mantra is "Our Kids Deserve the Best…" and this drives all our daily practices. The city of Downey is a highly desirable location for families because of the opportunities provided by our award-winning schools. Downey Unified's graduation rate of 96% exemplifies our Vision of preparing students to be college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character.

We are proud to have 11 of our 13 elementary schools are designated as Apple Distinguished Schools, a globally renowned merit where only 37 schools in the state of California and 889 globally have earned this designation. We also have physical Wellness Centers and/or Spaces at each of our 21 schools where students are able to find mental health and wellness supports from licensed professionals at any time during the day.

Downey Unified provides students with STEAM classes/programs such as robotics and coding courses beginning as early as TK and access to state-of-the-art facilities, CIF champion sports and cheer, and over 23 Career Technical Education pathway offerings.

In addition to our strong academic programs, we offer the nationally recognized CHARACTER COUNTS! program districtwide. This character education program, which is integrated into academic, discipline, and athletics, is based on the following Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

On behalf of our Board of Education and employees, I welcome you to come visit to see for yourself what sets Downey Unified apart from other districts.



Duarte Unified School District

1620 Huntington Drive, Duarte, CA 91010 • 626/599-5000 • www.duarteusd.org

Where Everything We Do Touches the Future



Dr. Nadia Hillman
Superintendent

At Duarte Unified School District, we believe that everything we do touches the future. This belief guides our work each day—whether in the classroom, on the playground, or behind the scenes. Our efforts are fueled by heart, passion, and an unwavering commitment to student success.

A Culture of Caring and High Expectations: We are a community of learners dedicated to providing the knowledge, skills, and inspiration each student needs to thrive in college, career, and life. We believe that strong relationships and high expectations lead to lasting success. True belonging goes beyond inclusion—it means every student knows their voice, efforts, and presence matter.

Innovative, Student-Centered Programs: Our academy-based learning model engages students through hands-on, relevant experiences that prepare them for the future:

- Early Childhood Education, welcoming students as young as two, builds language skills and confidence for a strong start
- International Baccalaureate (PYP & MYP) at Maxwell Academy
- Dual Language Immersion at Beardslee Academy
- STEAM & Creative Arts Academies at Royal Oaks and Valley View
- Early College Program with Citrus College—30% of Duarte High School students are enrolled in college-level courses
- CSArts Pre-Professional Conservatories for students in grades 6–8
- Cinematic Arts Instruction with industry internships and real-world experiences
- Culinary Pathway with a state-of-the-art teaching kitchen at Duarte High School
- Work-Based Learning Opportunities in partnership with City of Hope
- New Athletic Complex at Duarte High School

Join a district where every child is seen, supported, and inspired. Enroll today at www.duarteusd.org. Welcome to Duarte Unified—let's make a difference together!

East Whittier City School District

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Opening the Door to Every Child's Future



Dr. Marc Patterson
Superintendent

At EWCSD, success isn't just measured by academic achievement, but by development of the five essential skills of Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Community. That's why we go beyond the conventional curriculum to offer a wide array of enrichment opportunities aimed at discovering new passions, fostering creativity, and developing leadership traits. From academic clubs to our dance program, students have the opportunity to explore interests beyond the classroom. EWCSD's Broad Course of Study initiative also offers students valuable opportunities to develop 21st century skills during the instructional day. Our STEM classes ignite innovation among students and prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow's world. In addition, our art and music programs nurture self-expression and imagination, allowing students to try new things and become more creative. Our extended P.E. program builds teamwork qualities and enhances personal growth.

We also believe in the importance of empowering student voice through leadership opportunities. Through our Student Advisory Committee and the Student Board Member programs, EWCSD is building a foundation of success for students that will pay dividends far beyond their time in our district. Students in these leadership roles learn the importance of collaboration, community involvement, and communication to enhance their school communities. In light of our efforts in this area, we were very proud to earn a CSBA Golden Bell Award for Student Leadership this past year.

By empowering students to excel academically, socially, and personally, we are working each day to accomplish our mission of "Opening the Door to Every Child's Future."

Eastside Union School District

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Everyone Contributes, Every Student Achieves



Dr. Jezelle Fullwood
Superintendent

Eastside Union School District, located in the city of Lancaster within the Antelope Valley, has a strong focus on ensuring that all students are provided equitable opportunities to access rigorous and engaging instruction as well as varied enrichment opportunities that supports student learning. In addition, we seek the various ways in which to meet the social emotional needs of our students to remove barriers and leverage our student's many strengths. The district serves approximately 3,100 preschool through 8th grade students within four elementary schools, one middle school, and one transitional learning center. This year, we will launch a new developmental preschool for 3- year-old students. We believe that providing early instruction, enrichment, and social-emotional developmental opportunities will help our students and the community, as a whole.

Our mission is "To provide a rigorous education in a safe, inclusive learning environment with caring, passionate professionals who prepare students to reach their highest potential." And we strive to deliver on this promise through our adopted district goals which include:

1. Improve teaching for student learning, achievement, and success.
2. Promote a safe and caring learning environment.
3. Foster a team commitment.
4. Operate with increasing efficiency and effectiveness.
5. Improve outcomes for low-performing student groups

We are excited about the potential of our students and the community in which we serve. We are dedicated to meeting each and every student where they are and to providing the foundation needed to have all students rise to the highest levels imaginable. I am proud to be the superintendent of a district that represents hard work and an unwavering commitment to our students, their families, and the entire community within the Antelope Valley.

El Monte City School District

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Elevating Education through Experiences!



Dr. Maribel Garcia
Superintendent

This year, we doubled down on providing real-life experiences for our students to complement their learning and elevate everything that is El Monte City School District (EMCSD).

Through creative planning, we sent all 4th graders to Sacramento, 6th graders to Outdoor Science Camp, and all 8th graders to Washington, DC at no cost to them or their families. At EMCSD, we believe public education has two primary functions: educating students and supporting our community. In addition to the study trips, we provided swimming lessons to all 2nd graders, launched a pilot bike riding class for 3rd graders, and all 5th graders received dance lessons. These experiences are designed to capture students' interests while teaching life skills.

Our creative planning did not end at the student experience; we also wanted to elevate experiences for our staff and families. That's why we revamped our school calendar by adding Enrichment Days, which are non-work days for teachers and optional attendance days for students, providing strategic breaks throughout the year to alleviate burnout and provide families with options and the gift of time. Students who attended school on these optional days received themed instruction from local educational partners that revolved around robotics, engineering, music, local history lessons, and study trips. We have had overwhelming positive feedback, with 87% of our families wanting these Enrichment Days to return next year.

We entered this school year with the goal of reimagining school for our community, and I am proud to say we succeeded!

El Monte Union High School District

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Committed to Student Achievement



Dr. Edward A. Zuniga
Superintendent

El Monte Union is a District on the rise, committed to student achievement and college and career readiness while cultivating lifelong learners and supporting our parents and community. There is so much good news to report!

For the third straight year, five El Monte Union scholars have earned QuestBridge National College Match scholarships. They will attend elite universities, including Stanford, Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Yale, and Pomona College.

El Monte Union visual and performing arts students and athletes continue to excel. El Monte High School senior Alexander Gonzalez made history as the first Lion to be selected for the California Choral Director Association's All-State Honor Choir, while South El Monte and Mountain View musicians represented the District in the 2025 Tournament of Roses Honor Band. The Arroyo and Rosemead high school boys basketball teams recently faced off in the CIF Southern Section (CIF-SS) Division 5A championship game, with Arroyo securing its first-ever CIF-SS title.

Through popular initiatives like our Parent Involvement Academy and College and Career Family Conference, El Monte Union proudly supports our families. We recently celebrated the grand opening of our new state-of-the-art Family and Community Engagement Center, which will serve as a hub for workshops and events that connect parents with skills to support their children and promote mental health and wellness.

El Monte Union is also proud to have four students serving on the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, where they have been helping to shape conversations on public education issues.

Thank you for supporting El Monte Union!

El Rancho Unified School District

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Premiere Education for All Students



Dr. Marco A. Villegas
Superintendent

The El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) is committed to uncompromising excellence in academics, student safety, and overall well-being. We proudly serve the Pico Rivera community, educating approximately 7,000 students across 14 schools from TK–12, including an adult education program. ERUSD is home to award-winning schools that exemplify our dedication to high-quality education. All three of our middle schools have earned the prestigious School to Watch designation, demonstrating excellence in academic achievement, developmental responsiveness, and social equity. Additionally, Birney Tech Academy was recognized this year as a California Distinguished School, affirming our district-wide commitment to student success. Our campuses offer a rich variety of world-class programs and enrichment opportunities, including Project Lead the Way, robotics, Academic Decathlon, competitive athletics, cheer/dance, and premiere music programs. We also offer specialized academic pathways such as Dual Language (Spanish), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), AVID, and Career Technical Education (CTE), with multiyear options that guide students toward college and career readiness. Starting from early learning—including a dual language preschool—our students are academically equipped, socially prepared, and empowered to thrive in an increasingly diverse and dynamic world.

We are also proud of the major advancements in our facilities, most notably the grand opening of the state-of-the-art Don Memorial Stadium, new sports fields, and an aquatic center. These modern facilities reflect our investment in both academics and extracurricular excellence, providing our students with the tools and spaces they need to succeed. Our dedicated, highly qualified teachers and support staff set the standard for excellence. With committed leadership from our Board of Education, we remain united in the belief that "All students will be inspired to thrive in an ever-changing world." Realizing this vision requires the collective effort of our entire community.

El Segundo Unified School District

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A Bright and Sustainable Future



Dr. Jason Johnson
Superintendent

The El Segundo Unified School District (ESUSD) is setting bold goals for the next three years, ensuring a student-centered, career-driven education. Through an inclusive process, the district is engaging the school community to establish a clear, strategic direction that prioritizes excellence, community, and legacy.

At the heart of ESUSD's vision is Pathways to Excellence, which strengthens academics, extracurriculars, and athletics to develop well-rounded students. A graduate profile will define the essential skills and attributes students need to succeed in college, careers, and life.

Students thrive in a strong, connected community. The Community of Well-Being initiative invests in student services and social-emotional wellness, ensuring a safe, inclusive learning environment. By strengthening community partnerships and promoting cultural relevancy, ESUSD fosters a school environment where every student feels valued and empowered.

To remain a leader in education, ESUSD is committed to innovation and stewardship. The Legacy of Innovation and Sustainability enhances facilities, budget, technology, and environmental initiatives, ensuring sustainable progress. A strong emphasis on safety provides secure, modern campuses for students and staff.

With a clear vision and commitment to excellence, ESUSD is preparing students for the future while honoring its legacy of innovation and community engagement. By keeping students at the center of every decision, the district is shaping a bright, sustainable future for all.

Garvey School District

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PROACTIVE in Expanding our Influence!



Anita Chu
Superintendent

Garvey stays proactive in expanding our circle of influence to achieve our mission for our students, families, and community.

Proactive in **Developing Future-Ready Global Leaders:** Leadership development has been the heart of the District's vision. Emerging from the pandemic, we have recommitted to developing ALL students as leaders equipped with academic competencies, emotional strengths, and moral integrity to advance local and global communities. To this end, our schools continue to reinvigorate signature programs, including the "Leader in Me," Dual Language Plus, and STEAM (e.g., esports) programs.

Proactive in **Fostering "Cradle to College" Learning:** Garvey is expanding partnerships with early learning and higher education agencies to provide students with "Cradle to College" learning. Through the District's early learning department, we serve children as young as 18 months old and pregnant mothers. In 2025-26, the District will relaunch an early college program through a partnership with the East Los Angeles College, offering STEM and foreign language classes to seventh and eighth grade students. Additionally, schools have embraced the college readiness initiative, engaging students in college visits and goal-setting.

Proactive in **Nurturing the Underserved Students & Families:** To achieve excellence for all, multi-tiered intervention programs are provided for struggling learners. Wellness centers offer social-emotional supports in a nurturing environment. The school-based health clinic provides accessible on-campus healthcare services. The California Community Schools Partnership Program grant has also given schools additional funding to build community partnerships to provide integrated support services for students and families.

Despite the prevailing challenges, Garvey continues to stay proactive in expanding our influence to provide a safe, happy, and vibrant haven where ALL can thrive.

Glendale Unified School District

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Preparing Our Students for Their Future!



Dr. Darneika Watson
Superintendent

Glendale Unified School District continues to thrive under the leadership of Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson. The district has increased its focus on maximizing academic achievement and fostering a positive culture of learning while creating endless pathways for student success. Ten GUSD schools have earned the U.S. Office of Education's highest designation, the National Blue Ribbon and 26 GUSD schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools. The district proudly offers dual immersion programs in seven languages: Armenian, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish, and six magnet schools focused on technology, world languages, and visual and performing arts. GUSD also offers a wide variety of Career and Technical Education pathways beginning in middle school.

In collaboration with Glendale Community College, GUSD offers students multiple opportunities to earn college credits before graduating high school, including the innovative Hoover High Early College Academy and Glendale High Cloud Computing and Computer Science Academy. This year, the Early College Academy was recognized with a CSBA Golden Bell Award. Additionally, GUSD partners with Digital Promise and Verizon Innovative Learning Schools to increase digital equity and provide middle school students with state-of-the-art technology education and tools.

In the past three years, GUSD has transformed five elementary schools into hubs for community support as part of the Community Schools Partnership Program and opened "wellness centers" at every middle and high school to improve students' mental health and well-being. The district remains committed to collaborating with educators and staff in partnership with families to prepare every child for success in college, career, and life.

Glendora Unified School District

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GUSD – The Place to Be



Dr. Dominic J. DiGrazia
Superintendent

As we surge into the Spring and Summer months ahead, the Glendora Unified School District (GUSD) is poised to enhance its established traditions, while integrating innovative programs (such as Aviation and Dual Language Immersion) that our students rightly deserve. We are excited about the possibilities that await our students as we work in collaboration with the Glendora community to offer the very best in education.

This year, in partnership with the Glendora Education Foundation (GEF), we opened up interactive Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics (STEAM) Labs at each of our five elementary schools, with both middle schools, Goddard and Sandburg, set to open their Labs in August.

It is our goal to ensure that each student's journey in GUSD (from elementary, to middle, and culminating with high school) provides them with the tools to succeed, with their future aspirations only limited by their imaginations. As our highly decorated graduating class begins to finalize their future adventures, whether it be enrolling in a 4-year university, local junior college, enlisting to serve our country in a military program, or completing a certification to enter the workforce, there is a deep sense of pride in, and support of, each individual and their journey traveled with us.

GUSD is "The Place to Be." In order to maintain this mantra as a yearly norm, we are committed to consideration of every opportunity to enhance the student, staff, and community experience by seeking out additional enhancements and innovations that match the level of our expectations. We look forward to supporting our students in the pursuit of their dreams and aspirations!

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

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Transformative Learning, Pathways



Dr. Alfonso Jiménez
Superintendent

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District is committed to providing students with the tools and opportunities to explore their passions in an innovative environment. Through hands-on learning, students gain real-world skills, preparing them for higher education or the workforce in all industries.

This year, HLPUSD earned recognition at the state and national levels. High school students won the Congressional App Challenge and the Youth Court Program earned a Golden Bell Award. Teachers were honored in fields like computing, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (C-STEM) and dual language instruction, while several schools were named Schools to Watch and a Model Continuation School. These accolades reflect the collective dedication of our community to student success.

Our students benefit from rigorous Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, including a Public Safety program recognized as a National School of Excellence. Students can earn college credits for free, participate in the International Baccalaureate Career Pathway (IBCP) program, and our youngest learners can enroll in Dual Language Immersion programs. These opportunities prepare students for careers in a globalized world.

Thanks to our community, HLPUSD provides a safe, rigorous environment for students. Measure BB has enhanced classrooms and expanded creative spaces, while the California Community Schools Partnership Program offers academic and emotional support. Prop 28 funding enriches our visual and performing arts programs, and through our general fund, we invested in a new inclusive playground to ensure all students have equal access to recreation.

These accomplishments highlight HLPUSD's commitment to high-quality education focused on growth, innovation, and student success, and we look forward to what the rest of the school year brings.

Hawthorne School District

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Our Kids, Their Future



Dr. Brian Markarian
Superintendent

At Hawthorne School District, we believe that every child holds the potential to change the world. Our commitment to preparing students to embrace opportunities and overcome challenges is reflected in the way we support them academically, behaviorally, and social-emotionally.

We are focused on equipping students with critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative skills that will serve them well in an ever-changing world. Our rigorous curriculum meets the diverse learning needs of all students, ensuring they develop a strong foundation in core subjects while also fostering creativity and curiosity through innovative programs. Through personalized learning and targeted intervention, we ensure every student receives the support they need to thrive.

In addition to academic growth, we promote positive expectations and encourage respectful, responsible, and safe behaviors. We utilize the Capturing Kids' Hearts framework to foster a culture of belonging for all students, staff, and families across our eleven school campuses. Our staff is dedicated to creating safe and nurturing environments where everyone feels valued and connected. Through counseling services, social-emotional learning programs, and mental health resources, we empower our students to develop self-awareness, manage emotions, and build strong interpersonal skills.

By focusing on the whole child, we ensure that our students leave us not only with knowledge and skills, but also with the confidence and resilience to navigate whatever lies ahead. After all, our kids are our future - and their future has never looked brighter.

Hermosa Beach City School District

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Everybody is a Reading Teacher



Dr. Susan Wildes
Superintendent

As we approach the close of another exceptional school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible strides we have made together in enhancing academic outcomes for every student in the Hermosa Beach City School District.

This year, we reaffirmed our commitment to academic excellence with a strong focus on increased rigor and the adoption of a new, high-quality English Language Arts curriculum that aligns with the Science of Reading. Our journey began with a powerful district-wide book study, *The Knowledge Gap*, which brought together educators and staff in a shared exploration of the foundational role literacy plays across all content areas. We are incredibly proud of the collaborative work the HBCSD community has done to increase their knowledge and dedication to research-based practices.

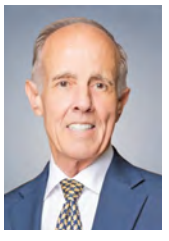
From there, we launched a comprehensive curriculum adoption process that was as inclusive as it was thorough. Teachers, classified staff, librarians, parents, administrators, and a board member came together to thoughtfully evaluate resources and strategies rooted in evidence-based literacy instruction. Their collective insights and dedication ensured that the curriculum we selected not only meets the highest academic standards, but also supports the diverse learning needs of our students.

We are thrilled to announce that full implementation of this new curriculum will begin in the 2025–26 school year. This marks a significant step forward in our district's ongoing mission to provide all students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to thrive as confident, capable, and critical readers, writers, and thinkers who communicate effectively.

Inglewood Unified School District

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A Community United for Student Success



Dr. James Morris
County Administrator

Inglewood Unified is transforming, driven by a shared commitment to the students and families of Inglewood. Through collaboration and investment, we are redefining education to equip every student for success.

At the core of this change is our focus on facilities, instruction, and attendance. Modernized classrooms, enriched curriculum, and engagement are building a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

This summer, we will begin the development of a new, state-of-the-art Inglewood High School, more than just a facility, it's a commitment to provide students with an innovative and inspiring place to learn.

Through a philanthropic initiative, we are developing a community sports complex to provide student-athletes with top-tier facilities, recreation, and wellness programs that promote teamwork and leadership. In partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, we are bringing a YMCA to Inglewood, expanding access to health and enrichment programs for youth and families.

Beyond facilities, Inglewood Unified is expanding specialized programs to prepare students for college and careers. The Iovine and Young Center will develop skills in design, technology, and entrepreneurship. Our Early College Program allows students to earn college credits in high school, while Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways offer hands-on training in high-demand fields. Our sports programs continue to instill leadership, teamwork, and school pride.

These efforts thrive because of our community's support. The Board of Education, elected officials, families, and educators are united in fostering a culture of excellence. Inspired by new opportunities, our students rise to the challenge every day.

Inglewood Unified is more than a district, we are a community of change. Together, we are shaping a future where every child is ready for the world, equipped and empowered for success.

Keppel Union School District

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Unity. Resilience. Purpose.



Dr. Priya Darbari
Superintendent

As Superintendent, I'm honored to lead a district grounded in unity, resilience, and purpose. This year has shown the power of what we can accomplish together for our students and families.

Guided by our motto—**"Encourage, Empower, Educate: Seeking excellence, striving for greatness for every student"**—we've made meaningful strides that reflect the heart of Keppel Union.

I'm proud to share highlights from a transformative year:

- **Our Early Literacy Initiative** launched successfully, helping all students build strong academic foundations.
- **Modern, flexible classrooms** were introduced at several sites, fostering creativity, movement, and engagement.

Though small, Keppel Union is mighty. We continue to lead with heart and innovation. Through partnerships with **LACOE's CDOL** and the **SCALE UP! 2.0 Project**, students have benefited from enriching experiences like Disneyland field trips, **Conga Kids, SPORT,** and **AWARE**—infusing arts, SEL, culture, and leadership into their learning.

These opportunities bring our mission to life in powerful ways.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to uplifting student voice, deepening family partnerships, and ensuring equity and excellence across all classrooms.

Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together. — Vincent Van Gogh

This quote reflects the spirit of Keppel Union. I'm grateful to lead alongside such dedicated educators, staff, and families—united in our vision of joy, opportunity, and success for every student.

La Cañada Unified School District

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Our Success is Intentional



Wendy Sinnette
Superintendent

La Cañada Unified School District is a learning community committed to personal growth and academic excellence. All facets of the district work to ensure intentional success. Part of the fabric of the community, La Cañada schools inspire a national standard for high academic achievement, citizenship, and student well-being. LCUSD emphasizes safety, security, and belongingness as a priority on each of its school campuses. The district operates three elementary schools and a combined grades 7-12 middle and high school. Current student enrollment is approximately 4000. Each school in the district has developed a comprehensive Responsive Teaching Plan, Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Plan, and has adopted Stanford's Challenge Success initiative to ensure that all students receive appropriate tiers of support in mastering academic standards and in developing their social, emotional, and physical health and resilience. La Cañada Flintridge is home of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Descanso Gardens. The professional residents of La Cañada are attracted to the city because of its excellent schools and its strong community spirit. Parent participation and involvement in the schools are extensive as evidenced by a robust La Cañada Educational Foundation which contributes over 2 million dollars annually to the district and the active volunteerism and program support of the PTA at each school site and the Spartan Boosters at LCHS 7-12. Approximately 99% of graduating seniors enroll in post-secondary schools, with students attending their best fit colleges and universities across the nation. All of its schools have been named National Blue Ribbon schools, with Palm Crest and Paradise Canyon Elementary Schools recognized in 2021. La Cañada High School 7/8 was named a National Forum "School to Watch" school four times, most recently in 2023. All LCUSD schools have been designated as California Distinguished Schools, with its three elementary schools recognized again in 2023.

Las Virgenes Unified School District

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Every Kind of Excellence. Every kind of Future



Dr. Daniel D. Stepenosky
Superintendent

Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) is ranked among the nation's top districts and encompasses 15 schools, spanning preschool through high school, and serving the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village. LVUSD is a destination district with superior academics, award-winning music and art programs, and championship athletic programs. The District is known for its incredible team of administrators, teachers and staff, an engaged and supportive School Board, strong city and academic partnerships, and an innovative business community. LVUSD's accolades include California Distinguished Schools, *U.S. News* Best High Schools, U.S. Blue Ribbons, California Gold and Green Ribbons, an AP Honor Roll District of Distinction, and students who are accepted into the most prestigious universities and colleges.

LVUSD offers a myriad of innovative programs appealing to a diverse student body including Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Early College Academy, GATE, Dual Language Immersion, a Waldorf-Inspired K-8 school, and a variety of career pathways such as Culinary Arts, Sports Medicine, and BroadCast Journalism. Students have access to a robust counseling and wellness program that has specialists available in the areas of college guidance, as well as social-emotional and family counseling. LVUSD has adopted and implemented Social Justice Standards and a Social Justice high school class. We are committed to supporting our staff with cutting edge professional development and ensuring all of our students feel welcome, included, and supported. We are thankful for our outstanding Las Virgenes community, who supported the District's recent $340 million school bond approval for technology, safety and building improvements, and upgrades will further enhance LVUSD's ability to offer each student an environment in which to thrive.

Lancaster School District

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Where Life's Journey takes Flight



Dr. Paul M Marietti
Superintendent

Serving over 14,000 preschool through 8th grade students in the Antelope Valley and employing over 2,000 dedicated staff, the Lancaster School District is committed to providing safe, inclusive learning spaces where the whole child is educated, nurtured, and inspired.

Thanks to the support of our community, we have successfully passed Measure LS, a $122 million bond dedicated to modernizing our schools. This vote reflects a shared commitment to improving the learning environment for all of our students. The funds from this bond will go toward updating classrooms, upgrading facilities, and ensuring that every student has access to a safe and modern space to learn and grow.

Lancaster School District is deeply committed to the science of reading. This means we are strengthening our efforts to ensure that every student reads at grade level by the end of third grade. The science of reading is a research-backed approach that helps guide our literacy instruction, and we are confident it will set our students up for lifelong success.

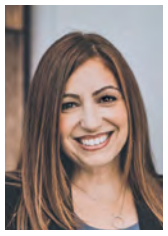
Our expanded learning programs provide critical support for students and families, offering enrichment opportunities, after-school activities, and academic help that extend beyond the school day. With these expanded resources, we are fostering a strong connection between schools, families, and the community to support student success at every level.

Lancaster School District - where life's journey takes flight!

Lawndale Elementary School District

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Community Schools Grant



Virginia Castro
Superintendent

The Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) is proud to announce that seven of our schools have been awarded a Community Schools Grant!

This grant represents a major step forward in providing student-centered support that extends beyond the classroom and into the community. The Community Schools model is rooted in four key pillars: integrated student supports, expanded learning time and opportunities, family and community engagement, and collaborative leadership. Together, these elements help create a school environment where all students can thrive.

With this funding, LESD will strengthen existing programs and introduce new services to address the academic, social, and emotional needs of students and families. One of the first steps will be hiring Community Schools Coordinators at each of the seven schools and at the district level. These coordinators will work closely with families and community partners to connect students to essential services, enrichment opportunities, and mental health and wellness resources.

The grant was awarded in recognition of Lawndale's unwavering commitment to equity and student success. This initiative deepens our ongoing work to engage families as true partners in their children's education. By fostering collaborative leadership, we aim to ensure that all voices—students, families, educators, and community members—are heard and valued in shaping school programs.

This grant reaffirms LESD's commitment to building a nurturing, inclusive, and responsive educational environment. We are excited to expand our partnerships, strengthen supports, and continue building a strong foundation for every student's success.

Lennox School District

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A Recipe for Success!



Gabriela Tavitian
Superintendent

The Lennox School District proudly serves over 3,900 students across our state preschools, five elementary schools, and one middle school. As we chart our course *On the Flight Path* to Success, we're cooking up a winning recipe for the 2025–2026 school year by blending three essential ingredients: **Academic Success, Family and Community Engagement, and Resource Equity and Efficacy.**

With a renewed focus on student achievement, the district is prioritizing rigorous, standards-based instruction, data-driven practices, and personalized learning strategies to help every scholar soar to their full academic potential.

Academic success begins in the classroom, but learning thrives when supported beyond school walls. That's why family and community engagement is a key part of our recipe. Through open communication, inclusive events, and strong partnerships with local organizations, Lennox is building a nurturing and connected learning environment. Families are not just participants—they are vital collaborators in their children's educational journeys, reinforcing learning at home and strengthening school-to-home bonds.

Just as critical is our focus on resource equity and efficacy. Lennox is committed to ensuring that every student, regardless of background or neighborhood, has access to high-quality materials, modern technology, and skilled educators. By strategically allocating resources and continuously assessing their impact, we are closing opportunity gaps and maximizing educational outcomes.

Together, these three ingredients create a powerful foundation for success. With academic excellence, engaged communities, and equitable resources, Lennox is ready to serve a school year filled with growth, opportunity, and achievement.



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Little Lake City School District

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Where Every Child Can Thrive



Jonathan Vasquez
Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Little Lake City School District, I am proud to reflect on the 2024–2025 school year and the success we have seen across all nine of our schools. Our district once again surpassed both state and county averages in Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science—a reflection of the incredible dedication of our teachers, classified staff, students, and families.

All of our schools have been recognized for academic excellence, closing achievement gaps, and fostering positive learning spaces. We are proud to be Gold Ribbon Schools, PBIS award winners, and honorees of the California Business for Education Excellence. Our two middle schools have earned "California Schools to Watch" and "Nationals Schools to Watch" awards.

This success is rooted in the strong partnerships we have built throughout our school community. The collaborative efforts between educators, support staff, and parents have created a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment where every child can thrive. Our district's motto— "Students First. Results Matter. Whatever it Takes," is not just a slogan; it is the guiding principle behind our daily instruction and decision-making.

In every classroom across our schools, our educators deliver focused, data-driven instruction designed to meet the individual needs of each student. We believe in nurturing the whole child, and we are proud to provide a learning environment where students are encouraged to reach their full academic, social, and emotional potential.

With efforts from the districts amazing staff, we continue to build a future where all students can thrive and succeed to the best of their abilities.

Long Beach Unified School District

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Creating a Better Future Together



Dr. Jill Baker
Superintendent

At Long Beach Unified School District, we continue to roll up our sleeves and do the work, day by day, heart by heart, to ensure every student has access to a high-quality, equitable education. Our 2024–2025 school year has been marked by meaningful progress, rooted in our Strategic Plan: Creating a Better Future Together, and guided by the belief that public education must serve every child, in every school, without exception.

This year, we proudly opened the Center of Black Student Excellence—a space created with love, intention, and purpose. It's more than a building; it's a visible commitment to our students and families, showing we see them, hear them, and honor their brilliance. Designed to affirm cultural identity, elevate student leadership, and expand opportunity, the Center reflects our ongoing work to create environments that mirror the diversity and strengths of our students.

We also continue our effort, Standing in Solidarity: Empowering Our Immigrant Students and Families, offering support and affirming schools for those affected by federal immigration policies. With a focus on legal access, mental health, and inclusion, this work reinforces a foundational truth: every student deserves to feel safe, welcomed, and ready to succeed.

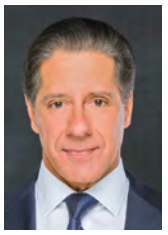
Thanks to community support for Measures E and Q, we launched major construction at Long Beach Polytechnic High School and Washington Middle School—projects that foster innovation, connection, and achievement.

As a lifelong educator, I'm proud of our team's continued commitment to students. Together, we're building a brighter, more inclusive future for every student in Long Beach Unified.

Los Angeles Unified School District

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Beyond Limits



Alberto M. Carvalho
Superintendent

Los Angeles Unified has been a force for change in the national discourse over the past several years — shattering expectations and defying limits. Our attendance and graduation rates have increased. We have increased student achievement. In fact, we reached a historic moment by outpacing the State of California in reducing the number of state-identified low performing schools. Our students are achieving success regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

In my third year, I continue to be amazed by the resilience of Los Angeles. Our communities have experienced tragedy due to the wildfires in January. Schools across the District were affected, and three schools were severely impacted. Our team has been working diligently toward rebuilding while providing a safety net for employees and families. This includes additional investments in natural disaster resilience, critical infrastructure upgrades to strengthen our facilities against climate impacts, and addressing the environment within our schools through more greening and shading projects. These are the right investments at the right time for the right reasons.

We are a school system on the move, where education meets innovation and every student has the tools to dream big. At Los Angeles Unified, opportunity isn't a privilege—it's a promise.

Los Nietos School District

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A Standard of Excellence, Every Day, in Every Way



Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba
Superintendent

At Los Nietos School District, we are proud to uphold a "Standard of Excellence, Every Day, in Every Way." This commitment is evident in how our students, families, and staff work together to build a culture of achievement, personal growth, and well-being.

A shining example of this is our Students Run Los Angeles (SRLA) program, recently honored with the prestigious Golden Bell Award. This recognition celebrates the program's success in empowering students through long-distance running—instilling perseverance, teamwork, healthy habits, and essential life skills that extend far beyond the race course.

We are also proud to have completed our Strategic Plan, a forward-thinking roadmap designed to meet the evolving needs of our entire school community. At the heart of this plan is our Portrait of a Scholar—a vision of the knowledge, skills, and character traits we aim to cultivate in every student. This framework ensures our scholars are prepared not only for academic success but for meaningful experiences in high school, college, career, and life.

Equally important is our district-wide unwavering focus on health and wellness. We are committed to creating a safe, positive, and nurturing environment where students, families, and staff feel valued, supported, and respected. This holistic approach strengthens our community and fuels our mission to educate the whole child.

As Superintendent, I am inspired daily by the dedication and unity of our Los Nietos School District family. Together, we are raising the bar and shaping a brighter future—where excellence is not just a goal, but a shared way of life.

Lowell Joint School District

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Destination District



Jim Coombs
Superintendent

The Lowell Joint School District strives to be among the leading districts throughout the State of California, holding true to our traditional American core values since 1906. Our outstanding teachers focus on our #1 priority, which is student success. This is evident in the fact that our students' scores exceed the scores of Los Angeles and Orange County as well as the State of California. We are honored to serve our communities of La Habra, La Habra Heights, and Whittier. Each of our six schools are Distinguished, Gold Ribbon, and California Business Excellence Schools. Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate is also recognized as a three time "Schools to Watch." Lowell Joint has been awarded eight CSBA Golden Bell awards in the last eight years, and two National Magna Awards from the National School Board Association. The importance of education, family, and traditional American values are the bedrock of LJSD, as is our emphasis on higher education, personal integrity, and Character Education.

Specialized academic programs include coding & robotics, STEAM Innovation Labs, Dual Language Immersion, and ARTS FOR ALL: band, choir, dance, theater, media and fine art. Rancho-Starbuck is proud to provide students the Pre-AP/IB Honors Academy, VAPA Academy, AP Computer Science and AP Spanish Language, Robotics and Engineering, eSports which transition into our local high schools and onto post-secondary education.

Together the people of Lowell Joint make Lowell a Destination District where we focus on ensuring that our students have the foundation to be globally competitive and grounded in traditional American values.

Lynwood Unified School District

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Empowering Scholars for a Brighter Future



Dr. Gudiel R. Crosthwaite
Superintendent

Lynwood Unified School District is a model urban school district that empowers nearly 14,000 scholars across our schools to Unlock Brilliance and achieve their college and career goals.

Our dedicated educators collaborate with families to provide personalized academic and wellness support in positive school environments that promote equity, access and justice while ensuring student success.

Lynwood students explore STEM and dual language immersion programs, award-winning athletics and the arts while accessing career technical education (CTE) pathways in e-sports, biomedical sciences, engineering, performing arts and more. Our graduates attend top universities like Stanford, Yale, UCLA and HBCUs.

We take pride in our dual enrollment program, where Lynwood High School students earned a high school diploma and an Associate degree from Compton College in June 2024. This program, also at Firebaugh High School, offers free college credits.

Now in our second year as a Community Schools District, we continue strengthening family, teacher and community partnerships to enhance student outcomes. We are also equipping students and educators with the tools to leverage Artificial Intelligence effectively. With two Schools to Watch and a Model Continuation High School, we continuously strive for educational excellence.

Thanks to a newly passed bond measure, we will upgrade schools, enhance security and create safe learning spaces. Reconstruction at Lynwood High School's Imperial Campus continues, with deep soil mixing taking place this spring as we design revamped athletic facilities.

Thank you for being part of our community, where everyone is valued and empowered to succeed!



Manhattan Beach Unified School District

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Committed to the Success of All Learners



Dr. John Bowes
Superintendent

Manhattan Beach Unified School District (MBUSD) is a high-performing public school district committed to the academic success and social and emotional well-being of every student. MBUSD thrives because of its strong, collaborative community. From our outstanding staff and committed families to PTAs/PTSAs, the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, MBX, and additional partners, each contributes meaningfully to the success of our schools.

Our award-winning campuses are consistently recognized for their excellence. Most recently, Pacific Elementary was named a 2025 California Distinguished School, an honor all of our K-12 schools have also received. Mira Costa High School has a graduation rate of 99.4%, and our students go above and beyond to be leaders of tomorrow. MBUSD ranks among the top districts in California for student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics. For four consecutive years, we have had a graduating senior selected as an Edison International Scholar with plans to pursue studies in the STEM field. MBUSD is committed to a Climate of Care and ensuring that all of our campuses are safe, inclusive, and thriving environments. We are grateful to our dedicated educators and staff for their support and commitment to student success. MBUSD's Personalized Learning Framework is designed to ensure that every student achieves academic success, where instruction is tailored to the student's strengths and interests, and is well-positioned to be a lifelong learner.

Serving over 6,200 students across eight campuses, MBUSD continues to grow with the support of our community. We are especially grateful to Manhattan Beach voters for passing Measure RLS, a local funding measure that will provide essential facilities upgrades to our schools and help ensure continued excellence for generations to come.



Monrovia Unified School District

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Empowering Students



Dr. Paula Hart Rodas
Superintendent

At Monrovia Unified School District (MUSD), we believe in educating the whole learner, ensuring that every student develops the skills, knowledge, and character to thrive in an ever-changing world. Our MUSD Learner Profile serves as a foundation for student success, guiding our approach to academics, social-emotional learning, and personal growth. By focusing on the whole student, we create a foundation for lifelong success.

The Learner Profile focuses on five key attributes. We encourage students to be Creative & Analytical thinkers by fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and the ability to express and defend their ideas. Our students also develop Resilience & Adaptability, learning to persist through challenges, embrace feedback, and believe in their capacity for growth. As Responsible & Globally Minded citizens, MUSD students reflect on their actions and recognize their impact on their communities and the world. Through meaningful group work, students become Collaborative problem-solvers, engaging with diverse perspectives and working toward common goals with purpose and respect. Finally, we nurture an Empathetic school culture where students treat one another with kindness, respect, and understanding, helping to build a supportive learning environment.

These values are embedded in everything we do, from classroom learning to extracurricular programs, arts and STEM education, leadership opportunities, and service-learning initiatives. By integrating the Learner Profile into every aspect of our schools, we prepare students to be innovative thinkers, engaged citizens, and compassionate leaders.

MUSD takes pride in empowering students to reach their full potential and create a better future for themselves and their communities.

Mountain View School District

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Inspiring Each Student to Succeed



Dr. Raymond Andry
Superintendent

In the Mountain View School District (MVSD), we believe that Success Starts with Showing Up. From preschool through eighth grade, we are committed to each student's academic success by inspiring them to show up, unleash their potential, and achieve excellence every day.

MVSD is dedicated to providing the highest quality instruction and strong social-emotional support in and out of the classroom. Every school has counselors and mental health partners to support student well-being. Our innovative programs include STEAM, AVID, SEAL, Spanish Dual Language Immersion, PBIS, Visual and Performing Arts, Band, and a strong college-bound culture. We're also proud to be one of only four LA County Disney Imagination Campus districts and to offer nationally recognized nutrition, health, and family engagement programs.

Technology enhances every learning experience at MVSD. Each classroom features large, interactive touch-screen displays for engaging instruction. Our 1:1 device program provides iPads for TK–1st grade and Chromebooks for 2nd–8th grade. Access to digital tools is safeguarded to keep students safe and focused.

We create a districtwide culture of success through meaningful learning experiences—college and museum field trips, the District Chess Tournament, Math Field Day, Speak Up Speech Competition, Artist and Writers Celebration, and the long-standing MVSD Run Club.

Our free Max After-School Programs offer exciting enrichment in robotics, coding, foreign language, sports, cheer, cooking, and more.

Every day, as our students show up for their education, we strive to provide a strong foundation that inspires lifelong learning and prepares them for the next step in their academic journey.

Newhall School District

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Academic Excellence



Dr. Leticia Hernandez
Superintendent

We have much to celebrate at the Newhall School District! We are extremely proud of all of the academic accomplishments we have made this past year. Nine schools were included on the 2024 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll, and three of our schools were designated as California Distinguished Schools for 2025. With these honors comes hard work from our school communities.

Our motto, "Empowering Every Child, Every Day," exemplifies our commitment to providing students with the best opportunities to excel in a dynamic and nurturing environment. Our classrooms are innovative learning environments that offer highly rigorous instruction, focusing on the individual needs of each child. Whether it is our Dual Language Immersion programs, science programs, or music and arts programs, our students have a variety of opportunities to excel.

Our focus on learning, collaboration, and results drives our daily work as a Professional Learning Community. By continuing to focus on our students and their needs, the Newhall School District is committed to maintaining and enhancing the educational quality that makes it so unique. This year, with the Prop 28 funding, we have expanded our arts program to include theatre and digital media. Our students will now have the opportunity to enhance their artistic abilities while continuing their strong academic education.

In the Newhall School District, our goal is for our students to develop all the qualities they need to be successful in their future endeavors.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

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Building on a Proud Legacy



Dr. Natasha Baker
Superintendent

Norwalk-La Mirada is building on a proud legacy as we move forward with a shared vision for a thriving future. We believe in the potential of every student, supported by a dedicated team of teachers and administrators committed to delivering high-quality instruction that prepares students for an evolving world.

This year, we are emphasizing writing to ensure rigorous instruction and deep learning. Our teams meet weekly in Professional Learning Communities to explore writing in mathematics, using the Inquiry Cycle to analyze student work and share best practices. In English language arts, targeted professional development is helping to elevate student writing through data-informed strategies and collaborative planning.

We are also actively engaged in the WASC Focus on Learning (FOL) process—a comprehensive self-study and accreditation framework centered on the question: "How can we continuously enhance student learning?" All district high schools and the Adult School participate in this process. In California, WASC accreditation is a critical marker of a school's commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement.

Our schools continue to earn recognition for these efforts. Three schools have been named Apple Distinguished Schools. Benton Middle School was added to the California Schools to Watch list, and eight of our schools have been recognized in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

At Norwalk-La Mirada, our mission of college and career readiness is a promise to our community—to provide every student and family with the tools they need to thrive. Together, we are leading the way toward a bright and successful future.

Palmdale School District

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Over a Decade of the Palmdale PROMISE



Dr. Raul Maldonado
Superintendent

As we celebrate over a decade of the Palmdale PROMISE, we reflect with pride on our enduring commitment to *Pursuing Remarkable Opportunities to Marshal Innovation, Inspiration, and Imagination for Success and Engagement (PROMISE).* Over the past ten years, this guiding principle has not only shaped our mission but has also transformed relationships, elevated student expectations, and redefined how we deliver innovative and robust instructional programs.

The Leadership Team and School Board remain unwavering in their dedication to "Palmdale LEADS," fostering a culture of respect, collaboration, and forward-thinking innovation. With this year's theme, *"Trust, Inspire & Saddle Up for Success,"* we encourage everyone—students, staff, families, and community partners—to explore the unique potential and brilliance that lies within us all.

Our commitment to excellence is evident in our continued emphasis on dual-immersion education, career technical pathways, the arts, and the integration of advanced technology. These initiatives ensure our students are equipped with the skills and confidence to succeed as global citizens prepared for the challenges of the future.

Our students are taking on greater leadership roles, driving their own learning and future opportunities. Meanwhile, our strong and flourishing community partnerships highlight our collective progress and solidify Palmdale's position as a national model of educational excellence.

It is a privilege to serve during this transformative era. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, the Palmdale PROMISE will remain our beacon of hope, guiding us toward continued achievement, cultural enrichment, and shared success.

Together, let us trust, inspire, and achieve greatness—because "*Palmdale LEADS!*"



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

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A Bright Future for PVPUSD



Dr. Devin Serrano
Superintendent

Reflecting on the past year, it's clear the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District is on an exciting path toward a bright future, building on its successful past. As superintendent, I am proud to lead a district committed to the growth, success, and well-being of its students.

We are fortunate to have a deeply engaged school district community. In 2024, we took a significant step forward with the passage of Measure SOS, a $297 million facility improvement bond measure that will fund the repair of classrooms, labs, and school facilities. This investment will ensure that our students are prepared for future academic and career success.

In September 2024, Palos Verdes High School earned prestigious recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School—one of only 356 schools nationwide. As an Exemplary High Performing School, PVHS was acknowledged for being among the top performers in California. Further, PVHS and Palos Verdes Peninsula High School each received the highest level of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Our athletic programs also had an outstanding year. Four high school teams captured state championships in football, girls' volleyball, tennis, and girls' golf. These achievements not only highlight athletic excellence but also the dedication, sportsmanship, and character of our student-athletes.

PVPUSD continues to invest in unique programs that support our students, families, and the broader community. At Lunada Bay Elementary, we offer a dual language immersion program in Spanish and English, fostering bilingualism, cultural understanding, and academic excellence.

With a commitment to excellence and a forward-thinking approach to education, the future of our district is full of promise.



Paramount Unified School District

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Empowering Students in Paramount Schools



Dr. Joshua L. Lightle
Superintendent

Paramount Unified School District serves approximately 12,000 PK-Adult Education students across twenty (20) campuses. Our Mission is: …to empower every student to achieve their full potential by providing innovative, high-quality educational programs tailored to their individual needs and goals. We are committed to fostering a life-long love of learning in a safe and supportive environment where students from diverse backgrounds feel valued and inspired.

Our Learner Profile identifies the attributes we desire all students to embrace, and they are as follows:

Purposeful Communicator: Learners use multiple means, know their audience, and are able to convey messages clearly and concisely.

Effective Collaborator: Learners understand how to contribute, navigate, and work well with others in different settings.

Universal Advocate: Learners advocate for inclusion, equity, and justice. Learners are not limited by their circumstance by demonstrating grit and persisting through obstacles.

Empowered Learner: Learners understand the complex responsibility of the multiple strategies to contribute to leading others. Learners see the importance of multiple individuals contributing to a common goal.

Responsible and Empathetic Citizen: Learners are empathetic to the feelings and circumstances of others. Learners reflect on how they support diversity.

Competent Thinker: Learners access their knowledge with a critical, creative, innovative, and academic mindset to interact with the global community.

Accomplished Learner: Learners are equipped to regularly apply their wide breadth of knowledge in their daily lives.

Through strong partnerships and open communication, we will work collaboratively to empower our students to become successful, resilient, well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

Pasadena Unified School District

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Restoring, Rebuilding, and Rising



Dr. Elizabeth J. Blanco
Superintendent

At PUSD, our culture of *with*, where every student is welcomed, included, and supported, is the foundation of our work. Our strong community of employees, families, and partners is helping us restore, rebuild, and rise together as we move forward. With a focus on academic excellence in environments that prioritize the well-being of our students, the voices of students are stronger than ever, elevated from the classroom to the boardroom, shaping decisions and the future.

Following the devastation of the Eaton Fire, our commitment to student wellbeing and academic excellence are unwavering. PUSD's preschool and transitional kindergarten (TK) programs spark curiosity and build resilience, helping children balance imaginative play with the exploration of language, math, science, and the arts. Our youngest learners are building academic foundations and skills in collaboration and shared responsibility.

PUSD's wide range of academic programs welcomes all learners from preK to 12. From world languages (Spanish, Mandarin, French, and Armenian) to early college and career technical education, the visual and performing arts, STEM, and International Baccalaureate, our students are becoming lifelong learners ready for today's world. Thanks to a third consecutive magnet grant, PUSD offers an environmental science magnet, cross-cultural learning, and a middle school arts conservatory.

PUSD's educators, families, and community partners are collaborating to transform education and empower students to achieve success. And we're rising stronger than ever.



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Pomona Unified School District

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Student Success is Our Success



Darren Knowles
Superintendent

At PUSD "Student Success is Our Success." The work that our students and staff do day in and day out is paying off. We are so honored to receive our 7th "Golden Bell" award from CSBA. The "Pomona Health Career Ladder" is a ground-breaking partnership between Western University and PUSD. This outstanding program empowers students as health care professionals.

The University of La Verne and PUSD won the prestigious 2024 "Exemplary School-University Partnership Award." This recognition highlights collaboration making educational resources accessible to families.

Fremont Academy Senior Aylin Hernandez-Carlos, who achieved a 5.0 GPA, exemplifies our success. Four students, two from Garey High School and two from Diamond Ranch High School, earned full ride "QuestBridge Scholarships."

Their success is mirrored in our teachers. Joseph Shim, Pantera Elementary, is our "Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year", and Mireya Jimenez, Westmont Elementary, was named the "California Teacher of the Year" by the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE).

Thirty schools earned honors in Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), with the California PBIS Coalition. Sixteen schools were "Recognized as Model Program" (RAMP) schools by the American School Counselor Association. PUSD has the most RAMP schools by one district in California.

Pantera and Golden Springs were named to the "California Distinguished Schools" list. CABE also honored Pantera Elementary with the 2025 Seal of Excellence. PUSD's English Language Learner reclassification rate jumped to 15.9% and seven of our eight valedictorians are reclassified ELL's.

We could not be more proud of our students and staff who have made these awards and honors possible. "Student Success is our Success."

Redondo Beach Unified School District

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Passion and Purpose through Ikigai



Dr. Nicole Westley
Superintendent

In RBUSD, we value a Japanese concept, **Ikigai**, which means *your reason for being*. In Japanese, 'Iki' means 'life' and 'gai' describes one's value or worth. Ikigai is what brings one joy, life purpose, and the inspiration to get out of bed each day. Good news, according to the Japanese, we all have Ikigai. For some, it takes some soul searching to find it, while for others it comes easily. In RBUSD, our goal is to provide students with a learning environment rich with experiences and opportunities that will help them discover their Ikigai and realize their passion and purpose. Ikigai is the pilot light that keeps our inner flame of ambition burning. We believe this flame enhances our students' academic journey.

In RBUSD, measurable actions and goals are important to ensure we continue working together towards a shared vision, as we focus on our three-year Strategic Plan (found at www.rbusd.org). As important, we reflect on how we can each positively impact others' goals, intentions, and Ikigai. Often, our life's worth is enhanced when we focus on enhancing the lives of others. In RBUSD, we understand the exponential impact we have as a united school community. Team RBUSD is committed to focusing on the "whole child" where student safety, health, and social emotional wellbeing are as important as academic growth. Simply put, we want all students to be successful and significant both in and out of the classroom and enjoy their experience while they journey through RBUSD. We are proud of our thriving school community, and are committed to keeping the momentum going in 2025-26!

Rosemead School District

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Relationships. Systems. Distinction!



Dr. Philip D'Agostino
Superintendent

The Rosemead School District (RSD) has consistently demonstrated a commitment to excellence, as evidenced by numerous recent achievements and innovative programs led by our staff, teachers, and principals. Notably, all district schools have been honored with the Platinum Award from the California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coalition. This prestigious recognition underscores the dedication of students, staff, and the community in fostering positive behaviors and creating supportive learning environments. Each of our schools has much to celebrate as well. Mildred B. Janson Elementary School has achieved Lighthouse recertification as a Leader in Me School, reflecting its unwavering focus on leadership, innovation, and a strong school culture. The recertification, valid for two years from October 23, 2024, highlights the school's commitment to unleashing the highest potential in students, staff, and parents. In the realm of science education, Savannah and Emma W. Shuey Elementary Schools have distinguished themselves through their participation in the Science Olympiad. Their teams' dedication and hard work have led to commendable performances, showcasing the district's emphasis on STEM education and collaborative learning. Muscatel Middle School has expanded its offerings by introducing a full-time art teacher and additional student clubs, enriching the educational experience and fostering creativity among students. Furthermore, the district's schools have been recognized as Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll recipients, highlighting consistently high levels of student academic achievement and efforts to close achievement gaps. These accomplishments reflect RSD's dedication to providing a holistic and enriching educational experience, preparing students for future success.

Rowland Unified School District

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Empowering Students for their Future



Alejandro Flores
Superintendent

Rowland Unified has been the educational home to students for generations. Our award-winning schools led by our strong and cohesive Board of Education are a cornerstone of our community, making it a wonderful place to live and learn. As the new Superintendent, I am thrilled to be part of a district that values traditions while embracing the best teaching and learning practices.

Our district is vibrant with innovative ideas and dedicated to continuous improvement. These efforts are essential for ensuring that our programs remain of the highest quality. Our commitment to enhancing student achievement guarantees that our students will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for future success. This commitment also involves finding innovative ways to maximize the community's investment in our educational system.

In Rowland Unified, choices abound for students with International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools, Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, GATE, AVID, Career Technical Education Pathways, Spanish and Mandarin Dual Language Immersion Programs, Music, Arts and Athletics and a focus on STEAM… Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math.

We are proud of the many awards our schools have received: including four state 2025 Honor Roll Schools, California Distinguished Schools, and all our schools received 2024 California PBIS awards for establishing positive behavior supports for all students.

The district is grounded in our Guiding Principles, a framework developed by out staff, families and community, with a unified vision, a portrait of a graduate and goals and measures. We work together to support every student, every day and are proud of **Our District Promise: Each student is VALUED, SUPPORTED, ENGAGED and EMPOWERED for the future of their choice.**

San Gabriel Unified School District

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Empowering the Future with Student Voice



James "Jim" Symonds
Superintendent

In the San Gabriel Unified School District, we believe our students are not only the focus of our work, they are essential partners in shaping it. Over the past several years, SGUSD has made intentional strides to elevate student voice and agency, recognizing that students must be active participants in designing the future of education.

Our Superintendent's Student Advisory Council has led this charge. One of their most impactful projects was the creation of "student-friendly" descriptions of our Portrait of a Graduate competencies: Creative Thinker, Collaborator, Global Citizen, Empathetic, Communicator, and Resilient, making these ideals accessible and meaningful to their peers. The Council also developed a promotional video to share our Portrait with the wider community, a compelling example of student-led storytelling in action.

Today, students in SGUSD hold seats on every major district committee, including the Educational Advisory Committee, Budget Stabilization Committee, Artificial Intelligence Committee, and Equity Committee. They serve on interview panels for new hires, ensuring that student perspectives inform key decisions. Our Student Governing Board Members now cast provisional votes and receive compensation for their service, in alignment with new provisions in the Education Code.

These changes were born from a simple but powerful realization: when students are empowered to lead and trusted as thought partners, the entire system becomes more inclusive, forward-thinking, and responsive. At SGUSD, we are proud to lead with our students, and even prouder to follow their lead into the future!

San Marino Unified School District

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Future Proofed Excellence



Dr. Linda de la Torre
Superintendent

Nestled in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley, San Marino Unified School District (SMUSD) offers a living testament to what is possible when a community rallies behind its schools. Guided by the Board of Education's Four A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics, and Activities, SMUSD nurtures every dimension of a child's growth and development.

Although SMUSD receives among the lowest per-pupil allocations in California, its students consistently achieve some of the highest scores on state and national measures. This paradox of limited funding and exceptional outcomes is no accident; it reflects an uncompromising culture of excellence. SMUSD parents contribute their time and resources, and alumni return to mentor the next generation, proving that our success is a shared responsibility.

At the center of this system are professional educators, administrators, and classified staff who tirelessly personalize instruction, integrate emerging technologies, and model lifelong learning. Their devotion ensures that rigorous coursework is balanced with award-winning visual and performing arts, strong athletic programs, and numerous student-led clubs and service organizations.

The Board of Education bolsters this work, crafting forward-thinking policies that uphold high expectations while championing wellness initiatives, from our Medical Arts Academy and campus wellness centers to robust dance, drama, speech, and debate, media arts, business, and world-language offerings.

Graduates leave San Marino college and career-ready, but also culturally fluent, empathetic, and equipped to navigate an interconnected world. By design, they are astute lifelong learners who embody the very ideals this community holds dear.

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Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

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Learning that Connects



Dr. Antonio Shelton
Superintendent

At the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), our mission is clear: to ensure extraordinary achievements for all students while simultaneously closing the achievement gap. This vision guides our work and pushes us to embrace transformative approaches that foster meaningful learning experiences, uplift every student, and address disparities head-on.

We believe that real equity means meeting each student where they are, providing the tools, opportunities, and support they need to thrive. Through restorative practices, we nurture inclusive school communities where students feel safe, respected, and heard. With Project-Based Learning (PBL), we spark curiosity, encourage collaboration, and help students see the real-world relevance of what they learn. Through Career Technical Education (CTE), we empower students to explore interests, develop practical skills, and access pathways to success beyond high school.

Belonging, curiosity, and empowerment are not just words, they are the foundation of an educational experience that prepares students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. By investing in transformative approaches, SMMUSD is creating schools where every student can achieve at the highest levels and feel a true sense of purpose, possibility, and pride.



Saugus Union School District

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Together, WE Achieve More!



Dr. Colleen Hawkins
Superintendent

The Saugus Union School District (SUSD) continues to emphasize student wellness ensuring students have the foundational skill necessary to benefit from all academic opportunities provided to them. Maslow before Bloom (basic human needs before academic needs) has driven the school district since January of 2020 and remains the bedrock of District culture.

Like many school districts, SUSD has seen increases in its chronic attendance rate and decreases in its average daily attendance rate (ADA). The 2024 California Dashboard reported the district's chronic attendance rate at 5.7% (i.e., students missing 10% or more of their days enrolled). This is a decrease of 5.1% in a single year. The district's ADA is at 96.5%.Preventative measures and monitoring ensure that parents understand the connection between positive student attendance, positive student mental health, and positive student academic progress.

SUSD continues focusing on the wellness of all members of the organization. The programs/practices implemented across the district are designed to wrap students in the security of physical and social-emotional wellness. In 2023, SUSD was honored to have all 15 of its school sites nationally recognized as part of the Healthiest Schools in America. SUSD had 9 of its schools nationally recognized as part of the 14 All-Star (recognition in all nine areas of the award program) winning schools. In 2024, SUSD saw all sites recognized again and 13 sites receive All Star awards.

South Pasadena Unified School District

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A High-Quality Public Education



Dr. Geoff Yantz
Superintendent

Established in 1886, South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD) serves approximately 4,700 students at three elementary schools, one middle school, and one comprehensive high school. SPUSD has earned a reputation for providing high-quality, public education and attracting families who value challenging academic programs and outstanding teachers. SPUSD students earn honors at the local, state, and national level. All three elementary schools and the middle school have earned National Blue Ribbon Schools awards and California Distinguished Schools honors. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks South Pasadena High School as a Best High School in its national and California rankings.

SPUSD receives support from parents and community members through the South Pasadena Educational Foundation, local PTAs, and booster clubs. A $98 million bond measure has improved facilities including a new SPHS STEM Building and Athletics Facility, a renovated SPMS Arts Building, and new arts classrooms at the elementary schools, among other modernization projects. Parcel tax funds, renewed in 2023, help keep class sizes manageable and pay for arts programs, counseling programs, and advanced instruction in academic areas including science and technology.

Opportunities for students abound in academics, arts, and athletics. Students are exposed to various pathways including electives in engineering, biomedical science, business, and visual and performing arts. SPUSD employees help students reach their individual potential by developing their intellectual abilities, emotional maturity, unique talents, and love of learning.

In June, I am retiring. I look forward to seeing SPUSD's progress and continued focus on *Every Student, Every Opportunity, and Every Challenge.*

South Whittier School District

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Success for Every Student



Dr. Gary Gonzales
Superintendent

South Whittier School District (SWSD) is an award-winning district that is comprised of 5 elementary schools (TK-6) and a middle school (7-8) located in the unincorporated area of Whittier and proudly serves approximately 2260 students. The District's motto is "Success for Every Student" and is evident through the intentional actions and high expectations of our Trustees and the commitment and dedication of our classified, certificated and administrative staff members. Collaboratively, we work together to ensure that every child has access to a rigorous and appropriate education in a clean and supportive environment where they can grow and thrive academically and emotionally. SWSD is committed to providing every student with a world-class education that includes opportunities such as AVID, Spanish Dual Immersion, STEM (PLTW & robotics), VAPA (Mariachi, dance, band, and art), and concurrent enrollment in a local community college. Additionally, students and families have access to before and after school programs and to our award-winning Mental Health Program and many other services to ensure a well-rounded scholastic experience. SWSD students develop skills and characteristics that prepare them to transition into high school, college and eventually the workforce. SWSD students are supported in an educational environment where they are engaged in conversation, projects, performances and presentations that utilize critical thinking skills so that they are prepared to compete in and contribute to a global society.

Every SWSD employee has a hand in making the District the best it can be and the power to positively influence students by fostering healthy relationships, supporting students in their challenges, and providing access to a robust and broad curriculum. We look forward to working with the entire community in providing the optimal educational environment for SWSD students.

Temple City Unified School District

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A Place to Learn, Grow, and Shine



Dr. Arthur Cunha
Superintendent

Temple City Unified School District is proud to be ranked among the top 50 school districts in all of California. We serve a vibrant and diverse group of over 5,300 students, from preschool through adult transition, across four elementary schools, one intermediate school, one high school, an alternative learning center, and an early learning academy. Our schools are led by an amazing team of educators and staff who are dedicated to creating an environment where every student can thrive.

We are always looking for new ways to spark excitement for learning and make our families proud to be part of TCUSD. This year, we launched a brand-new Visual and Performing Arts program (VAPA) at all our elementary schools, giving students hands-on experiences in visual art, music, dance, and theater. We also celebrated 60 years of musicals at TCUSD with a special "Encore" performance featuring alumni from every decade and students from 2020 who finally got to perform on stage after their musical was canceled due to COVID. It was a proud moment for TCUSD.

Our passion for learning doesn't stop with the arts. Interest in science and engineering is growing fast, with opportunities across all schools. Our Oak Avenue Science Bowl team placed an impressive 6th in the nation, and our HelioTech Solar Car team took 2nd place in their

first-ever Solar Car Challenge race. Plus, our students are diving into underwater robotics through the SeaPerch Challenge and earning top medals at the Elementary Science Olympiad competitions.

Looking ahead, Temple City High School is preparing for the opening of a brand-new, state-of-the-art Sports Complex that will serve all students. We're also excited to launch our first Mandarin Dual Language Immersion program this fall. At TCUSD, students always come first—and we're excited for all the amazing things still to come!

Sulphur Springs Union School District

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All Students Learning at High Levels!



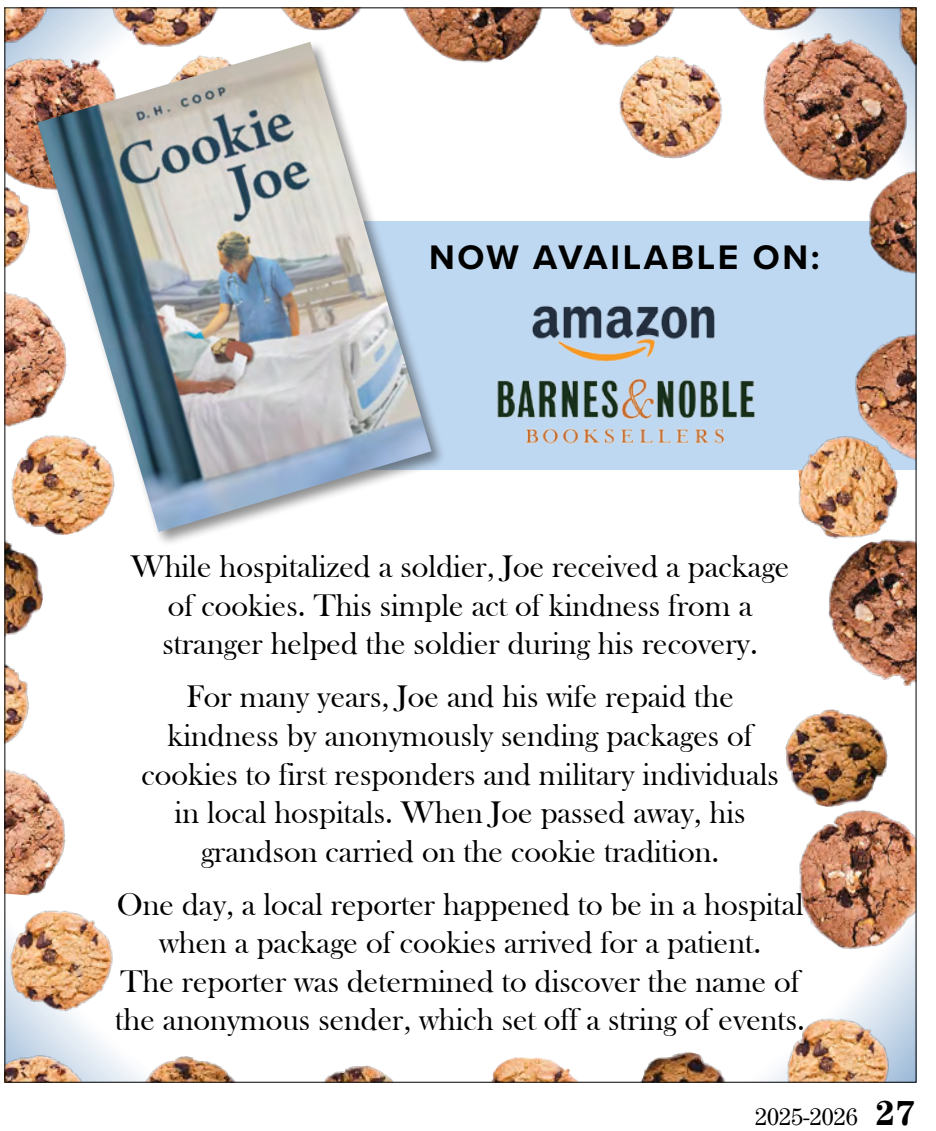
Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi
Superintendent

Sulphur Springs Union School District (SSUSD) Board of Trustees and staff continue to be dedicated and committed to providing approximately 5300 students access to achieving academic excellence in all areas. Through our six state preschools and nine elementary schools, the District offers enriching and engaging learning opportunities for students of all ages. The District is very proud to have a very diverse population of students, with over 31 different home languages spoken. Teachers take the time to educate students around the five core competencies of social emotional learning to further support all students.

As a District, we believe that a strong partnership between home and school is fundamental to all students' success and well-being. Staff are committed to partnering with families to create a powerful support system that empowers students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, families and staff can unlock our students' full potential and help them build a bright and successful future.

District staff are focused on the important work in supporting the academic growth and excellence of our students. Certificated, classified, and administration have come together to make significant strides in developing and strengthening the District's Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Staff engage in meaningful conversations around student data and effective instructional strategies. They share best practices and resources, and ensure that PLC discussions are consistently centered on understanding and addressing the diverse learning needs of all students.

As the Superintendent of the Sulphur Springs Union School District, I will continue to focus on creating a powerful and sustainable system of support that empowers every student to achieve and excel academically. Further, the Board of Trustees, staff and I will continue to ensure that each and every student achieves academic excellence in supportive and nurturing environments.



Torrance Unified School District

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Shared Vision for Student Success



Dr. Tim Stowe
Superintendent

Nestled in the heart of the South Bay, Torrance Unified has built a long-standing legacy of award-winning excellence. Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our teachers and staff, our community named us **"Best Public School District in the South Bay"** for four consecutive years and **"Favorite Workplace**" last year.

Our high-quality academic and enrichment programs support students throughout their educational journey, from preschool through adult school. We offer a wide array of opportunities, including 16 Career Technical Education pathways across 11 industry sectors, STEAM initiatives, early college readiness options, dual language immersion and biliteracy experiences, civic engagement projects, creative and performing arts, and competitive athletics.

Torrance Unified is recognized statewide and nationally as a leader in digital literacy and artificial intelligence (AI). Through early-adopted policies and our **TUSD AI Exploration Program** we equip teachers and staff to guide students in developing responsible, effective use of AI both in the classroom and beyond.

Our **Portrait of a Graduate**, (tusd.org/gradportrait) outlines a shared vision for the competencies and skills our students will develop before graduating. These elements ensure our students become well-rounded individuals, ready to succeed in any career or college path they choose and prepared to shape the future of our global society.

We invite you to visit **www.whytusd.org** to discover why families continue choosing Torrance Unified for their children's education, generation after generation!



Valle Lindo School District

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Soaring Together



Dr. Elizabeth Evans
Superintendent

Grounded in a legacy built across 160 years, Valle Lindo School District is a place where every student is seen, valued, and encouraged to pursue their goals. As we enter 2025, we remain guided by our tradition of rigorous academics, meaningful family partnerships, and a heartfelt commitment to celebrating each learner's unique experiences and cultures.

Anchored by transformative teaching methods and a future-focused approach, our educators nurture curiosity, resilience, and leadership in every student. Our dual language immersion programs in Mandarin and Spanish widen horizons and foster global awareness, while our thriving band, orchestra, and dance ensembles showcase the power of creativity and collective dedication. The achievements of New Temple Elementary and Shively Middle School—recognized with numerous state and national accolades—speak to a time honored practice of teaching excellence, innovation, and support for every child's success.

Meeting the shifting demands of our era and rising to the ever-evolving challenges and opportunities ahead, we've strengthened our community college partnerships to offer dual enrollment for middle schoolers, opening doors to advanced studies and diverse college and career pathways. Alongside families and the broader community, we are creating an environment where each individual is affirmed, every voice is valued, and the pursuit of both personal and academic growth is met with compassion and high expectations.

We invite you to join us on this journey of "Soaring Together," where together our students thrive through rigorous coursework, rich cultural experiences, and the support of a caring community committed to helping them become their best, most empowered selves.

Walnut Valley Unified School District

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KIDS FIRST – Every Student, Every Day



Dr. Robert P. Taylor
Superintendent

Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD) is a premier district committed to "KIDS FIRST – Every Student, Every Day." Our exceptional teachers and staff prepare students to thrive in a rapidly evolving, competitive global economy through rigorous academic programs and real-world learning. With comprehensive STEAM offerings—science, technology, engineering, arts, and math—students gain the 21st Century skills needed for success.

In 2025, WVUSD once again earned an A+ grade and was ranked among the top 2% of over 10,000 public school districts nationwide in the Niche Best School Districts in America report. Our high-performing high schools continue to shine as some of the best in California.

The district has received numerous accolades, including National Blue Ribbon, California Distinguished School, Exemplary Arts Education Program, CSBA Golden Bell, and NAMM Best Community for Music Education awards.

This year, we proudly celebrated our 26th annual "A Class Act" Cornerstone Awards Banquet, honoring twelve outstanding classified employees whose dedication exemplifies the heart of Walnut Valley. In addition, Tina Moffa of Collegewood Elementary was named District Teacher of the Year, a testament to the high caliber of our educators.

WVUSD also hosted its inaugural "Let's Talk: A Conversation with Families and District Leaders" event, bringing parents from all 15 schools together for meaningful discussions around student learning and well-being. The evening reflected our "You Are Welcome Here" theme and highlighted our commitment to inclusive, supportive school communities. We are deeply grateful for our Walnut Valley families and community members whose partnership helps every student thrive.

West Covina Unified School District

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Where Students Always Come First



Dr. Emy Flores
Superintendent

At West Covina Unified School District (WCUSD), we are committed to delivering a world-class education that empowers every student to thrive. Our schools are vibrant learning communities, centers of innovation, inclusivity, and opportunity, where students are supported in reaching their highest potential.

WCUSD is proud to be home to award-winning schools, including several California Distinguished Schools and the National Blue Ribbon-winning Mt. SAC Early College Academy, where students can earn college credits and even an Associate Degree while still in high school. WCUSD offers a TK–12 International Baccalaureate continuum, Dual Language Immersion programs in Mandarin and Spanish, and thriving Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways that prepare students for success in college, career, and life.

Our students consistently earn top honors in academics, athletics, and the arts at both the state and national levels, reflecting our commitment to creating a culture where all students are challenged, supported, and celebrated for their unique strengths.

Thanks to the community's support of Bond Measure ES, our students benefit from modern, 21st-century learning spaces that support excellence across academics, athletics, and the arts—from high school science labs to middle school music and gym facilities.

WCUSD is also deeply committed to the whole child. We offer comprehensive support services, including counseling, wellness programs, and social-emotional learning, to ensure each student has the tools to succeed both academically and emotionally.

As Superintendent, I am honored to lead this extraordinary district. Thank you to our learning community for its continued trust and partnership as we work together to ensure every student thrives.

Westside Union School District

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Proud to Celebrate Academic Progress



Regina L. Rossall
Superintendent

Our district of 9200 students in north Los Angles County is proud to celebrate our academic progress for our PK-8th grade students. As one of a small number of elementary school districts throughout California participating, all 12 of our schools have received WASC Accreditation, several have completed their 6-year application and others are finishing their 6-year application this school year.

Additionally, our counseling programs have all been working toward RAMP Certification. Currently, 8 programs have completed the process and have been awarded the certification. The remaining programs will be submitted in the coming months, with the hope that final school programs will be certified. The counselors have worked diligently to create programs that comply with the expectations of the American School Counselors Association, offering significant services to our students.

This past year, we have been readying our schools to begin offering CTE courses, ultimately at both our middle and elementary schools. Our programs are being built to provide our students a significant pathway to offerings in our high schools. Classrooms are being remodeled to support our programs, and we are proud of this addition to our curriculum.

We are also proud to have rebuilt our educational foundation, which was deeply impacted by Covid. The foundation offers additional opportunities to our students for field trips, special assemblies, workshops, and additional classroom supplies. Our community continues to be very willing to invest in our students.

Whittier City School District

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Building Brighter Futures



Dr. Brad Mason
Superintendent

Whittier City has a lot to celebrate over the last year with regional, State and National recognition coming to our schools; (1) **National Blue Ribbon School**, (2) **California Distinguished Schools**, (2) State & National **Schools to Watch**, *(1)* **Apple Distinguished School**. There are more achievements to share; however I want to move on to share about the growth in program offerings for our students. We began a dual enrollment partnership with Rio Hondo Community College in the spring of 2024 that saw 84 7th and 8th graders begin their college transcript with an initial 3 units. We have expanded to fall and spring offerings to expand the opportunity for more middle school students to begin their college journey.

In addition, our middle schools have expanded their elective offerings to include robotics, engineering, graphic design, coding, horticulture, dance, creative writing, E-Sports, Aviation (coming Fall 2025) and a host of other classes to complement our Spanish Dual Immersion program, AVID, and our fine and performing arts electives.

Our distinctive elementary schools include two Spanish Dual Immersion schools, an AVID Demonstration School, Leader in Me, Science & Engineering, School of the Arts (two live musicals are performed every year) and Technology Academy. In Whittier City School District we have something for everybody regardless of their interests. With a recently passed school facilities bond (thank you to our community), I believe WCSD is entering into a renaissance period that will be hallmarked by innovation and opportunity for all students. Come join us on this journey!

Whittier Union High School District

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To Achieve and Maintain Excellence



Dr. Monica Oviedo
Superintendent

Whittier Union High School District is committed to providing every student with a high-quality education and the tools to become lifelong learners. Our schools offer a rigorous yet nurturing academic experience, supported by compassionate and dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff who inspire and motivate our scholars and future leaders.

This school year, our schools have achieved historic milestones, including Pioneer High's first-ever CIF football championship and its first appearance in the CIF state football championship game, as well as California High's boys basketball team securing its first CIF championship in program history. We are so proud!

School modernization and facilities upgrades have also been a focus in the past year, with Measure AA bond money being used to build a new, state-of-the-art pool and equipment room at La Serna High School and provide football field upgrades at Santa Fe High School. We are most excited about the progress being made with the construction of the United Sierra Education Center's new Performing Arts Center, expected to be completed in 2026. This will be the jewel of the Whittier community.

Academically, we are overjoyed with our recent CAASPP statewide testing scores, with Whittier Union juniors achieving District record-high scores in English language arts, math, and science. These results were significantly higher than California state averages, and are a testament to the dedication of our students and teachers.

Lastly, thank you to our Board of Trustees for their ongoing support of our students, as well as our amazing classified and certificated staff, families, and community members for doing *Whatever It Takes* to ensure our continued success.

William S. Hart Union High School District

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United as One Hart



Dr. Michael Vierra
Superintendent

At the William S. Hart Union High School District, we are united as One Hart—a community driven by a shared commitment to every student's success. With exceptional academics, diverse extracurriculars, and personalized learning pathways, we empower students to thrive in their unique journeys.

Our schools, with over 20,000 students in grades 7-12, are places where opportunities abound today, inspiring students to explore, grow, and excel. Through the Career and College Readiness Program, students can begin career paths as early as junior high. With a strong emphasis on college and career readiness, more than 90% of our graduates go on to four-year colleges or universities, community colleges or career technical programs.

Extra-curricular programs including athletics and performing arts abound on all our campuses and are regionally, state, and nationally recognized as award-winning, providing exceptional opportunities for students beyond the classroom.

A focus on wellness is evident in the Hart District. Campuses are equipped with wellness centers, wellness coordinators, and school social workers. Student Care Lines at each site provide students and community members a venue to report concerns. With a strong commitment to safety and wellness, students and families can feel confident that campuses are safe environments and that the security of students and staff is the #1 priority of the Hart District.

Together, with families and the community, we create an environment where every child is seen, supported, and given the tools to dream big. At Hart, we prepare students not just for success in school but for a lifetime of opportunities beyond graduation.

Wilsona School District

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Focused on Student Achievement



Steve Doyle
Superintendent

The Wilsona School District serves the small, rural, high desert community of Lake Los Angeles. The Wilsona School District is an organization which views itself as a family. Tucked in the northeast corner of Los Angeles County, the District provides welcoming campuses and devoted staff to its 1250 plus students. Student achievement and high standards are the focus of our schools. Parent participation is encouraged through volunteers, PTOs, School Site Councils, English Learner Advisory Committees, and other site and district committees.

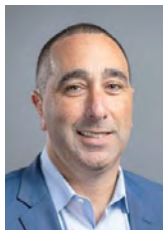
The District covers approximately 100 square miles in the northeast corner of Los Angeles County although most of the region is uninhabited. 90% of the area's population is located within 20 square miles. The community includes both unincorporated parts of Palmdale and Lancaster as well as Wilsona Gardens and Lake Los Angeles. The District boundaries reach Avenue J to the north, 260th to the east, Avenue S to the south and 142nd to the west. Our high school students attend Littlerock High School which is part of the Antelope Valley Union High School District.

The continued successes of our students validate the direction set by the Board of Trustees and encourage us to stay the course. We are proud of our students, teachers, support staff, and administrators who are dedicated to improving student achievement each and every day. We are confident that our daily classroom instruction focus will enhance the learning outcomes for all Wilsona children! We encourage all parents and community members to visit our schools and see the great things happening.

Wiseburn Unified School District

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Collective Efficacy for Student Success



Dr. Blake Silvers
Superintendent

In Wiseburn Unified School District, the principle of collective efficacy stands at the core of our educational approach to enhance student outcomes for our 2,500 TK-8th grade learners.

We organize around five district-wide priorities and encourage our teams to focus on important questions or barriers in achieving those priorities. Among our district's strategic objectives, two have emerged as pivotal: the deepening of collaborative practices among our educators, and the enhancement of our school facilities.

Dedicated efforts to foster meaningful collaboration across all levels of our educational community — among teachers, between teachers and principals, and between principals and district leadership — are central to our strategy. This concerted focus is especially critical in core areas such as Mathematics and English Language Arts, ensuring that our collective efforts yield tangible improvements in student achievement.

The enhancement of our school facilities, with a keen focus on safety and creating engaging learning environments, is equally imperative. Our progress in this area owes much to the unwavering support from our broader community, which passed Measure EE in 2022 — securing $98 million for necessary repairs, technology upgrades, and site improvements. This funding is a testament to our shared commitment to providing safe, state-of-the-art learning spaces that foster trust, connection, and well-being among students.

Our approach is centered on a shared belief that every student can achieve at high levels when we, as a community of educators, align our efforts towards common goals. Together, we are shaping a future in Wiseburn USD where every student is engaged, empowered, and elevated during and beyond their educational journey in our District.

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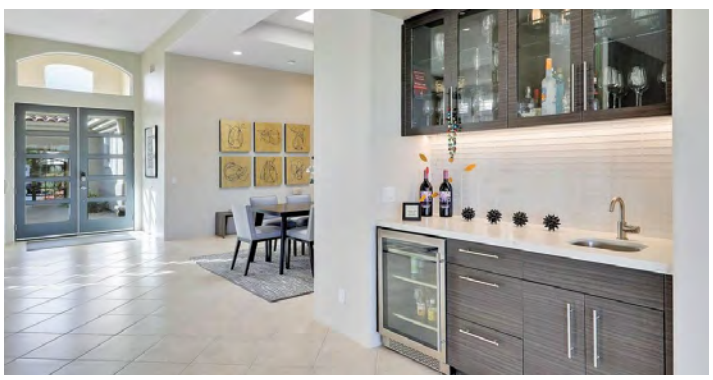
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