



Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

February 5, 2026

Virginia Castro, Superintendent

Superintendent's Office

Billy Mitchell's TK class will be featured on Spectrum News this February! The special segment will highlight the experiences of our families and staff, and what families can expect as they enter TK.



Superintendent's Office

Happy National School Counselors Week! We celebrate and thank our school counselors for the vital role they play in supporting students' success and well-being every day.



Mr.
McCann



Ms.
Saldana



Ms.
Gomez



Ms.
Swick

Superintendent's Office

Celebrated 100 Days of School at FDR



Business- Second Interim Financials



Accounting Department meeting with various departments to discuss second interim budgets

Second interim captures all revenues and expenditures as of Jan. 31

Second interim presentation is scheduled for March 19



Business- HVAC (Central Kitchen)

Construction team has been meeting with Director of Nutrition and Wellness regarding HVAC in central kitchen.

Will rebid the project.

Prior proposals received last year exceeded the available budget.

Aiming to start in late June, complete before the start of 2026-27 school year.



Business- Refinance of Existing Bonds

- Board resolution will be presented to the board on March 5, authorizing the district to proceed with the refinance process
- Based on current interest rates, refinancing could result in approximately \$1 million in savings for taxpayers



Educational Services

Elementary Social Studies Adoption Presentation Update

? Dual language materials?

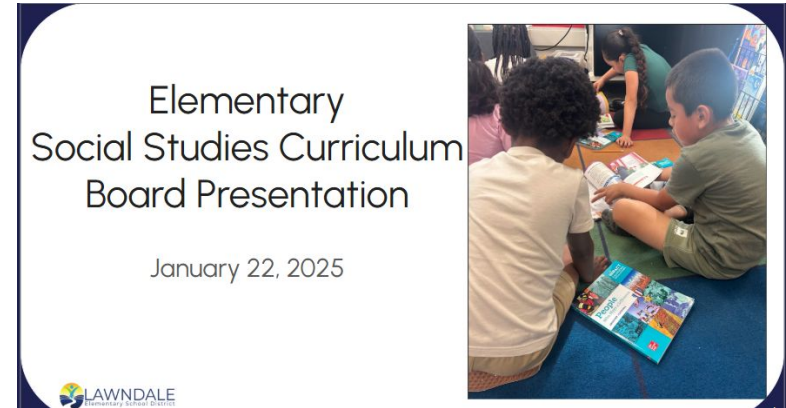
- Strong alignment with Benchmark *Adelante*
- Robust resources
- Positive student feedback

? Parent engagement?

- Positive feedback from multilingual families: + graphic organizers; + visually rich content

? Planned teacher supports?

- Publisher trainings, ELIRT collaboration, summer planning hours, and ongoing professional learning.



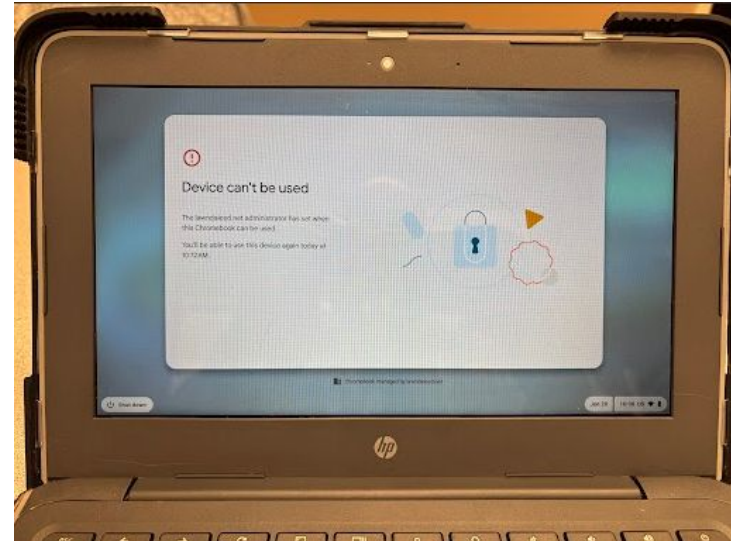
Educational Services

Supporting Healthy Digital Habits

- Beginning January 26, LESD adjusted access to school-issued Chromebooks to support healthy sleep routines and balanced digital habits.
- Devices available: 6am-10pm
- Restricted hours: 10pm-6am

Staff Communication: Jan. 12

Parent Notification: week of Jan. 19



Educational Services

GATE & High Achievers Parent Support Group

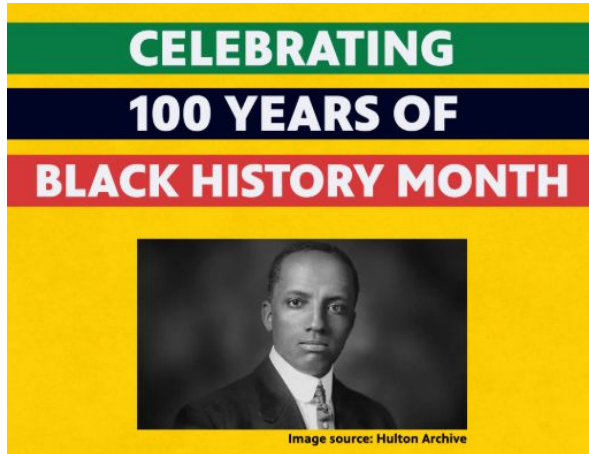
- Meeting #1: December 11
 - Exploration of their children's strengths & needs
 - Gathered information on future topics to explore
 - Topic: Social Emotional development
- Next Meeting: February 20



Educational Services

Celebrating a Century of Black History Month (1926-2026)

- Honoring the Past
- Amplifying Voices
- Students as Changemakers



Educational Services

It's Orientation Time!

- For Prospective Families of students entering TK, K and middle school
- New Student Enrollment opened Jan 21
- Out-of-District Inter-District Permit Applications opened Feb. 1
- Tours are available! Contact the school for more information

Visit lawndalesd.net/enroll for more information!



TK/KINDER ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2026

Discover full-day TK and Kindergarten in Lawndale, where award-winning schools, a caring community, engaging learning, and multiple supports help students thrive.

JAN 23	TWAIN ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM		FEB 19	SMITH ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM	
FEB 06	TWAIN ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM		FEB 20	ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY 8:30AM - 9:30AM	
FEB 05	ANDERSON ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM		MAR 11	GREEN ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM	
FEB 11	MITCHELL ELEMENTARY 9:00AM - 10:00AM				

ENROLLMENT

2026-27 New Student Enrollment opens January 21st
Permits Open February 1st
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