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CALLING ALL LBUSD COMMUNITY: STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS/GUARDIANS!

WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO ALIGN CURRENT LCAP GOALS AND
ACTIONS WITH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT ARE
ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS WITH 2026-27

RESOURCES?



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[LBSchools.net/LCAP](#)
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Together, we are Building a Better Future—IN and WITH Our Community!

March continues to bring opportunities for families, staff, and community members to stay connected and engaged. As we move further into the second half of the school year, we remain committed to creating meaningful ways for our community to share input and stay informed about the work supporting our students.

This month, we encourage you to continue sharing your voice through ThoughtExchange as part of the LCAP engagement process. Your feedback helps highlight the programs and services our community identifies as essential to supporting student success with existing resources.

We also invite you to join us for the upcoming English Learner Symposium on March 28 at Browning High School. This event will bring together families, staff, and community members for a day of learning, connection, and celebration of our multilingual community.

Thank you for being an important part of this work and for helping ensure our schools continue to reflect the voices and priorities of the community we serve.

Dr. Lucy Salazar



SPOTLIGHT

 **ThoughtExchange**

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Parent Engagement Groups



PARENT GROUPS

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



DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DCAC is made up of parent representatives from LBUSD Title 1 schools. Parents are provided opportunities to be involved and informed about their children's education. Parents are encouraged to share the meeting's information with other parents at their schools. **Next Meeting: Thursday, March 26 at Browning High School - 5:30pm**



SANKOFA PARENT VILLAGE

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SPV is a community of care and support for Parents and Caregivers of Black children. LBUSD is committed to centering the unique needs of our community members and engaging in a way that affirms their cultural identities. **Next Meeting: Monday, March 16 at Teacher's Resource Center - 5:30pm**



DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DELAC is a way for parents to become involved in their child's education at a district level. Each month, DELAC Representatives, parents, district leaders, and community members participate in meetings. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at Browning High School - 9:30am**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for NATIVE AMERICANS and NATIVE ALASKANS

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Our program is designed to ensure American Indian (AI)/Alaskan Native (AN) students in the Long Beach Unified School District have equal access to educational opportunities. Parents, guardians, district staff, and community partners participate in the planning of curriculum and events. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at Browning High School - 5:30pm**

Parent Workshops

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



C.A.F.E.

Community And Family Engagement



Our February C.A.F.E. featured a presentation by Equity, Engagement and Partnership's Dr. Lucy Salazar and Carmen Hernandez. Their presentation focused on the Local Control and Accountability Plan and LBUSD's ThoughtExchange Community Survey.



PARENT UNIVERSITY

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A series of workshops designed to support and empower families to become full partners in their child's education.

LBUSD parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Transportation, childcare, homework help and interpretation services are available.



Join us on Thursday, March 12, 2026
Substance Prevention workshop
at Browning High School at 5:30pm

English Learner Symposium

Join us for a celebration of our English Learner Community!

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ENGLISH LEARNER SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, March 28, 2026
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Browning High School
2180 Obispo Avenue

Join us for a celebration of our English Learner community!

Featuring:

- Music & Performances
- Workshops for Adults & Students
- Community Resource Fair
- Free Childcare
- Light Breakfast Provided
- Food Vendors

Keynote Speaker
Reyna Grande
Author

CLICK QR CODE to Register
This event is by registration only. LBUSD School Safety will be present to ensure a safe and welcoming event for all.

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BUDGET ENGAGEMENT LCAP 101

January/February 2026

Join us for our next C.A.F.E. on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 9:30am at Browning High School 2180 Obispo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804

Click on the flyer for more information

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**Board Goals & Guardrails
Community Check-In**

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:00 to 7:30 pm

First Congregational Church
of Long Beach
241 Cedar Avenue
Long Beach 90802

- Learn about our Board Goals & Guardrails, what they mean, and how we're progressing.
- Be part of the conversation about our community's vision and values for student success.

**Your voice matters.
Come listen, learn, and share!**

Click on the flyer for more information



Resources for Families

The LBUSD has gathered a list of local resources available for families. From Community Connections to College and Career. Click [here](#).

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
EMERGENCY
RENT RELIEF

**RENT RELIEF
FOR LA COUNTY
TENANTS &
LANDLORDS**

The Los Angeles County Emergency Rent Relief Program provides financial assistance to help eligible tenants and landlords cover post-due rent and related housing costs due to emergency financial hardship.

WHAT'S NEW

- Tenants can now apply
- Tenants may now start an application on their own.
- Landlords will still be required to complete their portion.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications open at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2025 at LACountyRentRelief.com.

IMPORTANT*

- Both tenants and landlords must complete their required portions of the application.
- Applications will not be considered if either party does not participate.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- Emergency financial assistance for eligible post-due rent and mortgage-related hardship
- Grants of up to six (6) months of relief
- Maximum of \$15,000 per unit, with limited exceptions
- Eligible expenses may include:
 - Unpaid rental debt
 - Eligible utilities
 - Other verified, related housing expenses
- Payments go directly to the landlord to cover the tenant's rental debt.

APPLICATION WINDOW
 OPENS: February 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
 CLOSES: March 11, 2026, 4:59 p.m.

For more information, workshops and technical assistance: LACountyRentRelief.com

This overview does not include all program details. Please visit our website at LACountyRentRelief.com for full eligibility and requirements.

Click on the flyer for more resources

LBUSD Community we need your Thoughts!

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) ThoughtExchange is designed to gather community input on the LCAP. Community members may participate by using the link below or scanning the QR code. This Thought Exchange closes on March 31.

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Welcome

This Exchange was created by The Office of Equity, Engagement, and Partnerships

Scan or Click on the QR code

Free Income Tax Preparation

VITA
COUNCIL

Free Income Tax Preparation and ITIN Applications
January 26 - April 8, 2026
We offer Face-to-Face, Drops-Offs, Walk-ins, and Zoom

About VITA

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS program that provides free income tax preparation to low-income, students, elderly, non-residents, and limited English proficiency individuals.

Filing Taxes

Get your tax returns filed through appointments and walk-ins.

The Facts

Our CTA Long Beach VITA site is available to taxpayers with an **income of \$50,000 or less**. Our site has refunded over \$1,200,000 in taxpayer dollars last tax season.

Questions?
Contact Christopher Park, VITA Coordinator at vita.cta@lbusd.net or call us at (562) 777-1146

Necessary Items:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Original Social Security card or documents of individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all family members
- All W-2, 1099, and 1098 forms (if any)
- Other income or expense information
- Tuition fees and expenses paid (1098-T)
- Total expenses paid for childcare/daycare
- Daycare or dependent care providers address, phone, and identifying number (SSN or EIN)
- Bank account and routing number for direct deposit refund.
- Last year's tax return is helpful, but not required
- ITIN Applications - You'll need: SSN Rejection Letter and your passport
 - If no passport: USCIS photo ID, visa issued by the U.S., US driver's license, and other supporting documents.

HOURS OF OPERATION
 Monday - Thursday: 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
 Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

ITIN Applications: Tuesdays Only
 Zoom Appointments Only: Mon - Thurs (12PM - 4PM) and Friday (10AM - 2PM) - Last Day: March 19th

Closed February 16th and March 30th - April 5

College of Business Room 243
 1250 N Bellflower Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90840
 The last client will be accepted at: 7 PM from Monday - Thursday & 2 PM on Friday.

Click on the flyer for more information

March Budget Updates

Long Beach Unified continues careful year-round planning to address a structural budget deficit driven by declining enrollment, rising costs, and limited ongoing revenue. As we prepare for the 2026-27 school year, we are taking steps to align staffing and resources while continuing to prioritize direct services and supports for students. For additional context on the District's financial outlook and the human impact of these decisions, please watch the **Superintendent's recent remarks** to the Board of Education.

Our Commitment

We recognize that staffing changes impact our colleagues and school communities. These decisions are made after careful review of the District's financial outlook and student needs. Long Beach Unified remains committed to protecting classroom experiences, student supports, and safe learning environments while maintaining the financial stability needed to sustain these services in the years ahead. We are grateful for the dedication of our employees and the continued partnership of our families and community.

lbschools.net/budget



Middle & K8 School Choice Information Events

Long Beach Unified School District
Middle and K8 School Choice Information Events 2026
 Learn About Each of our Middle and K8 Schools

Date	Time	School
Monday March 2	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Reggers Stanford
Tuesday March 3	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	*Stephens Muir KB *Shawn KB
Wednesday March 4	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	*Hamilton Cubberley KB
Thursday March 5	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Newton KB Jefferson
Monday March 9	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Neilson Robinson KB
Tuesday March 10	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Hughes *Travis KB
Wednesday March 11	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Keller Dr Lindsey
Monday March 16	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Lindbergh *Washington
Tuesday March 17	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	Marshall Franklin
Wednesday March 18	4:30PM - 5:30PM 6:00PM - 7:00PM	*Beaumont

*School Choice support staff will be available on-site to assist families
 Online Application Window: March 2-25, 2026

Questions? (562) 987-8306
www.HMSChoicehelp@lbschools.net

Click on the flyer for more information

Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Engage

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

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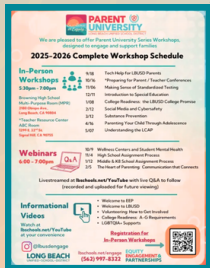
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1	2	3	4 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	5 Parent University Virtual 6:00pm	6	7 Early Learning Kindergarten Festival 9am
8  Daylight Savings	9	10 Board Goals and Guardrails Check-In 6:00pm	11 CAC at Browning High School 6:00pm	12 Parent University at Browning HS 5:30pm	13	14
15	16 Sankofa Parent Village 5:30pm	17 EONA at Browning 5:30pm CANCELLED	18 Board of Education Meeting 5pm	19	20 C.A.F.E. at Educare 9:30am	21
22	23	24	25	26 DCAC at Browning 5:30-6:30 p.m.	27	28 English Learner Symposium 9am
29	30	31 DELAC Browning High School 9:30am				

Parent University



PARENT UNIVERSITY
2025-2026 Complete Workshop Schedule

We are pleased to offer Parent University Series Workshops designed to engage and support families.

In-Person Workshops

- 6:00 - 6:30pm: Parenting for School Success
- 6:30pm - 7:00pm: Making Sense of Standardized Testing
- 7:00pm - 7:30pm: Understanding the School System
- 7:30pm - 8:00pm: Supporting Your Child Through Adolescence
- 8:00pm - 8:30pm: Understanding the IEP

Webinars

- 6:00pm - 6:30pm: Understanding the School System
- 6:30pm - 7:00pm: Supporting Your Child Through Adolescence
- 7:00pm - 7:30pm: Understanding the IEP

For more information, please contact Customer Partner Services at CustomerPartnerServices@lbusd.net or call 562-933-8233.

C.A.F.E.



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

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

Dates | Fechas | Fechas

- Monday, September 28
- Monday, October 27
- Monday, November 23
- Monday, December 14
- Monday, January 19
- Monday, February 16
- Monday, March 16
- Monday, April 13
- Monday, May 11
- Monday, June 8

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DCAC



DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026
District Community Advisory Committee (DCAC) Meetings
Business and Community Advisory Committee (BACAC)
Regular hybrid meetings held on Zoom

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

Dates | Fechas | Fechas

- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 22
- Thursday, November 19
- Thursday, December 17
- Thursday, January 15
- Thursday, February 12
- Thursday, March 12
- Thursday, April 9
- Thursday, May 7
- Thursday, June 4

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EONA



EONA FOR NATIVE AMERICANS AND NATIVE ALASKANS
2025-2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Dates | Fechas

- Monday, October 20
- Monday, November 18
- Monday, December 14
- Monday, January 12
- Monday, February 9
- Monday, March 7
- Monday, April 6
- Monday, May 4
- Monday, June 1

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DELAC



DISTRICT LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DLAC) MEETING SCHEDULE 2025-26

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

Dates | Fechas | Fechas

- Monday, October 13
- Monday, November 9
- Monday, December 8
- Monday, January 6
- Monday, February 3
- Monday, March 2
- Monday, April 27
- Monday, May 18
- Monday, June 15

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