



# **Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees**

March 19, 2026

**Dr. Virginia Castro, Superintendent**

# Superintendent's Office

*Congratulations to*  
***Will Rogers***  
*And*  
***Jane Addams***  
*Middle Schools*  
*for being recognized as*  
***California***  
***Distinguished Schools***



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Trustee Ann Phillips had the opportunity to visit our TK scholars at Mark Twain this week, while they were creating art using a printing press with ESMOA.



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Superintendent Dr. Castro served as panelist at **Loyola Marymount University's 2026 Forum on the State of Youth Mental Health**. Dr. Tracy Pumilia and Dr. Maria Ruelas had the opportunity to join the event.



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*From Voice to Agency:  
Building Sustainable Student Leadership Through Authentic  
Partnership - Presenters: Dr. Virginia Castro and Dr. Amaris Rivas*



# Human Resources



## CONGRATULATIONS 2026 Teachers of the Year

The Lawndale Elementary School District proudly announces its 2026 Teachers of the Year, honoring eight exceptional educators whose dedication and instructional excellence have made a lasting impact on students and their school community. These educators exemplify the district's commitment to fostering a supportive environment where every student can learn and thrive.

### RECIPIENTS

Melanie Sandoval, Billy Mitchell ES  
Lauren Bush, Lucille J. Smith ES  
Bridget Mahoney, Jane Addams MS  
Romina Seto, Mark Twain ES

Stacy Adkins, Roosevelt ES  
Dr. Rita Kamunde, William Anderson ES  
Eden Samonte, William Green ES  
Rosangel Garcia, Will Rogers MS



# Human Resources



## Current LESD Employment Opportunities

<b>Certificated</b>	<b>Classified</b>
<b>Visual Arts Teacher Music Teacher Drama Teacher Language Arts Specialist Substitute Teacher</b>	<b>Instructional Assistant Signing Aide Preschool Instructional Assistant</b>

Please Apply @ EDJOIN.ORG  
OR  
@ [www.lawndalesd.net](http://www.lawndalesd.net) "Career" Tab



## Substitute Teacher Hiring Update

- **25-26 School Year**
  - Currently 88 Substitutes
  - In the process of interviewing 40 applicants from recent posting
- **24-25 School Year**
  - 77 Substitutes

HR Team is Actively Recruiting for Substitute Teachers



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

# Business- Digital Marquee at Roosevelt



A new digital marquee was installed today at Roosevelt Elementary.

This installation marks the completion of the districtwide marquee replacement project.

The new marquee will provide a more efficient and convenient way for the school to communicate with the community.

# Business- HVAC Central Kitchen

The contract will be presented to the Board for approval this evening.

The project will enhance workplace comfort for kitchen staff.

The majority of the project is funded through state-awarded grants.



# Business- Charter Renewal

- Environmental Charter High School contacted the District to begin discussions regarding its 2026–27 charter renewal petition.
- Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20
- Initial meeting will focus on the renewal timeline, required documentation, and review process.
- District staff will coordinate with the school to ensure all statutory and procedural requirements are met.
- The Governing Board will be updated as the renewal process progresses and additional information becomes available.



Environmental  
Charter Schools

# Educational Services

Save the Date: March 24, 4:30-5:30pm at Da Vinci Schools  
Battle of the South Bay Esports Middle School Tournament

**Cheer on our winning team from Will Rogers Middle School!**





# Educational Services

## LESD Recognized as a 2026 Model SARB program

- 1 of 13 in California
- Only District in LA County

