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presents
2nd Annual
**ASIAN AMERICAN &
PACIFIC ISLANDER
HERITAGE
FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026
10AM - 1 PM
CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT PERFORMANCES
LIVE MUSIC
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
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Together, we are Building a Better Future—IN and WITH Our Community!

April marks an important time to reflect and look ahead as we enter the final stretch of the school year. We also recognize April as Volunteer Recognition Month, including National Volunteer Week (April 19–25, 2026), as we take time to appreciate the many volunteers whose contributions strengthen our schools and community. We remain committed to creating meaningful opportunities for engagement and ensuring community voice continues to guide our work.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to ThoughtExchange and the LCAP engagement process. Your input is helping shape priorities and recommendations for the year ahead as we move into the next phase of planning.

We also appreciate those who joined us for the English Learner Symposium in March—an opportunity that highlighted the strength of our multilingual community and the importance of continued partnership.

As we move forward, we look ahead to sharing updates and next steps, including how community input is reflected in the LCAP. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students and schools.

Dr. Lucy Salazar



SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to invite you to a special celebration honoring the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities.

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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

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, May 14 at Browning High School - 5:30pm**



SANKOFA PARENT VILLAGE

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, May 11 at Teacher's Resource Center - 5:30pm**



DISTRICT ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

DELAC is a way for parents to become involved in their child's education at a district level. Each month, DELAC Representatives, parents, district leaders, and community members participate in meetings. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5 at Browning High School - 9:30am**



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for NATIVE AMERICANS and NATIVE ALASKANS

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Our program is designed to ensure American Indian (AI)/Alaskan Native (AN) students in the Long Beach Unified School District have equal access to educational opportunities. Parents, guardians, district staff, and community partners participate in the planning of curriculum and events. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5 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 March C.A.F.E. featured a presentation by Kim Dalton, Director of Long Beach Unified School District's Human Resource Services.



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, April 16, 2026 at Browning High School at 5:30 pm

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LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE:
Parent College Tour

Join Us!
Friday, April 17th
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

- Light Snack
- Translation Services
- Free transportation passes available upon request

LBCC
Liberal Arts Campus (LAC)
4901 East Carson St.
Long Beach, CA 90808

Educare
Pick up/Drop off location
4840 Lemon Ave
Long Beach, CA

Register Today!
Scan Below to Register

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Steps to Savings Challenge

Take a savings challenge and compete for a chance to win \$500!

Students in grades 8-12 can take steps in their financial education journey by participating in our Steps to Savings challenge by April 30, 2026 for a chance to win a \$500 prize!

Scan the QR Code or visit lbsfcu.org/steps-to-savings for details

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Federally Insured by NCUA

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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 past-due rent and related housing costs due to emergency financial hardship.

WHAT'S NEW

- Tenants can now apply
- 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 past 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, 2025, 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

Superintendent Search Process

On February 4, 2026, the Board of Education announced the creation of an ad hoc committee (Committee) consisting of President Craighead and Member Benitez to assist the Board in the Superintendent search process. The Committee will report to the full Board, who will take all actions. Further, the Board requested that the Committee obtain at least 3 or more quotes for a statewide search from search firms to bring back to the Board for review and consideration. The Board is intending to complete the Superintendent appointment process by June 30, 2026.

To keep the staff, community, and public informed of the Board's progress on conducting its search for the next Superintendent, the Committee requested a standing item at each Board meeting to provide updates on the Superintendent search process.

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Superintendent Search Timeline



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SEARCH TIMELINE

Long Beach Unified School District Superintendent Search

Month	Date	Event
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2026	February 16	District receives proposals
	March 4	Proposal Presentations / Board Selects Firm
MARCH-APRIL 2026	March 18 (Special Mtg)	Initial Meeting with the Board: Board determines characteristics, skills & qualities desired in new superintendent; publicly announces timeline and procedures (Open and Closed Session; approx. 3 hrs. total)
	March 30 - April 10	Online survey dates
MARCH-APRIL 2026	April 13-17, 2026	Consultants confer with staff and community designated by the Board to receive input. Consultants identify potential candidates; Development and posting of recruitment materials and Position Description
	April 13 and 20	Advertising and active recruitment: Ad appears in EdJobs. (Two consecutive publications)
MAY-JUNE 2026	May 1, 12:00 noon	Deadline for applications
	Month of May	Consultants complete comprehensive reference and background checks on applicants
JUNE 2026	Week of May 18, 2026 (Special Mtg)	Board confers with consultants, reviews all applications and selects candidates to be interviewed (Closed Session; approx. 3 hours)
	June 5, 2026 (Special Mtg)	Board interviews candidates; selects finalist(s) (Closed Session; all-day meeting)
JULY 2026	Week of June 8, 2026	Board completes the validation process of the leading candidate and makes final determination
	June 16, 2026 or July 15, 2026	Board approves superintendent contract of a regularly scheduled board meeting
AUGUST 2026	July 1, 2026	New superintendent begins
	July 15, 2026 (as mutually agreed)	

Approved March 18, 2026
Revised March 18, 2026

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April Budget Updates

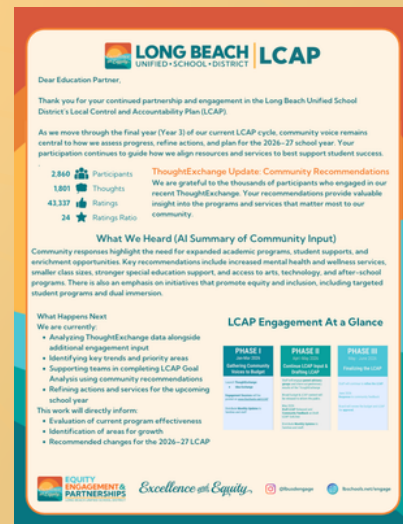
Clarifying Key Questions from Our Community

To address questions and clarify misinformation, we are sharing a comprehensive Q&A document [linked here](#) that answers the most frequently asked questions. Our goal is to provide clear, accurate information so our community understands how the District is approaching current budget decisions. Like school districts across California, Long Beach Unified must make difficult financial adjustments as enrollment declines and costs continue to rise. Throughout this process, our focus remains on protecting core student services and prioritizing investments that directly support student learning and well-being. We understand that changes to staffing and programs raise important questions, and we are committed to providing clear information as this work continues.

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Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)



LONG BEACH LCAP
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Education Partner:

Thank you for your continued partnership and engagement in the Long Beach Unified School District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

As we move through the final year (Year 3) of our current LCAP cycle, community voice remains central to how we assess progress, refine actions, and plan for the 2026-27 school year. Your participation continues to guide how we align resources and services to best support student success.

2864 Participants
1,801 Thoughts
43,337 Ratings
24 Rating Ratio

ThoughtExchange Update: Community Recommendations

We are grateful to the thousands of participants who engaged in our recent ThoughtExchange. Your recommendations provide valuable insight into the programs and services that matter most to our community.

What We Heard (A Summary of Community Input)

Community responses highlight the need for expanded academic programs, student supports, and enrichment opportunities. Key recommendations include increased mental health and wellness services, smaller class sizes, stronger special education support, and access to arts, technology, and after-school programs. There is also an emphasis on initiatives that promote equity and inclusion, including targeted student programs and dual immersion.

What Happens Next

We are currently:

- Analyzing ThoughtExchange data alongside additional engagement input
- Identifying key trends and priority areas
- Supporting teams in completing LCAP Goal Analysis using community recommendations
- Refining actions and services for the upcoming school year

This work will directly inform:

- Evaluation of current program effectiveness
- Identification of areas for growth
- Recommended changes for the 2026-27 LCAP

LCAP Engagement At a Glance

PHASE I (2022-23)
Initial Engagement

PHASE II (2023-24)
Deepening Engagement

PHASE III (2024-25)
Final Engagement

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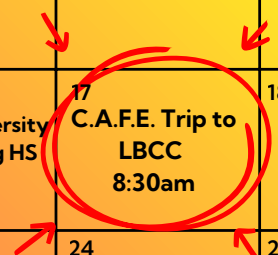
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				Parent University Virtual 6:00pm		Early Learning Kindergarten Festival 9am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Board Goals and Guardrails Check-In 6:00pm				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sankofa Parent Village 5:30pm	EONA at Browning 5:30pm	Board of Education Meeting 5pm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



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

- 108 Family for Success Presenters
- 109 Preparing for School Success Conference
- 110 Making Sense of Standardized Testing
- 111 Introduction to Special Education
- 112 College Readiness: The LBUSD College Promise
- 113 Local Health and Community
- 114 Student Perspectives
- 115 Preparing Your Child Through Admissions
- 116 Understanding the IEP

Webinars

- 117 Webinars Center and Student Mental Health
- 118 Webinars: School Engagement
- 119 Webinars: The Social Engagement
- 120 The Role of Parent, Communication and Consensus

Learn more at www.lbusd.net/parent-university or visit our website for more information.

C.A.F.E.

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

Time | Hora | 10h
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Dates | Fechas | 10h

- 108 LEC: Community & Local Health and Community
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- 120 LEC: Community & Local Health and Community

DCAC

DISTRICT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026

District Community Advisory Committee (DCAC) Meetings: Bi-monthly and District Community Advisory Committee (DCAC) Regional Meetings

Time | Hora | 10h
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Dates | Fechas | 10h

- 108 Thursday, September 24, 2025
- 109 Thursday, November 13, 2025
- 110 Thursday, January 29, 2026
- 111 Thursday, March 19, 2026
- 112 Thursday, May 14, 2026
- 113 Thursday, July 9, 2026
- 114 Thursday, September 3, 2026
- 115 Thursday, October 22, 2026
- 116 Thursday, December 10, 2026
- 117 Thursday, February 5, 2027
- 118 Thursday, March 26, 2027
- 119 Thursday, May 20, 2027
- 120 Thursday, July 13, 2027

EONA

EONA 2025-2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Dates | Fechas

- 108 Tuesday, October 28, 2025
- 109 Tuesday, November 18, 2025
- 110 Tuesday, January 20, 2026
- 111 Tuesday, February 17, 2026
- 112 Tuesday, April 14, 2026
- 113 Tuesday, May 12, 2026
- 114 Tuesday, June 9, 2026
- 115 Tuesday, December 8, 2026
- 116 Tuesday, March 2, 2027
- 117 Tuesday, February 2, 2027
- 118 Tuesday, January 2, 2027
- 119 Tuesday, October 2, 2026
- 120 Tuesday, November 2, 2026

DELAC

DISTRICT LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025-2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Time | Hora | 10h
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Dates | Fechas | 10h

- 108 Tuesday, October 7, 2025
- 109 Tuesday, November 4, 2025
- 110 Tuesday, January 13, 2026
- 111 Tuesday, February 3, 2026
- 112 Tuesday, March 3, 2026
- 113 Tuesday, April 21, 2026
- 114 Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- 115 Tuesday, June 15, 2026
- 116 Tuesday, December 15, 2026
- 117 Tuesday, March 16, 2027
- 118 Tuesday, February 16, 2027
- 119 Tuesday, January 16, 2027
- 120 Tuesday, October 16, 2026
- 121 Tuesday, November 16, 2026