



# Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

August 20, 2026

Dr. Virginia Castro, Superintendent

# Superintendent's Office



WELCOME  
BACK!



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Congratulations to our schools for earning **Platinum, Gold, and Silver 2026**  
**PBIS Awards!**





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**LEAP Featured by the California Early Childhood Special Education Network**

## Certificated Substitute Orientation

“This was an amazing training. It was much needed even though I have 32 years of teaching in the classroom.”

“Thank you for taking the time to host this for us. I feel respected, welcomed, and valued as a substitute in your district.”

“Thank you for holding this meeting. I have never had training, and I work for another district. I feel supported and excited to start the new school year.”



## 2026 Health Fair Highlights



Thank you to all the sponsors  
that support the employee  
raffle!

**New Sponsors:**  
LA Fitness  
Mateo's Ice Cream  
Trader Joe's

Great Job HR Team!



## Current LESD Employment Opportunities

| Certificated | Classified                        |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
|              | <b>PE-Instructional Assistant</b> |

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





# Business- Recognition Seals



Smith Elementary



Rogers Middle School

# Business- Roosevelt Playground Project



Will be ready for student use by Sept. 1

Going through final playground and construction inspection.

# Business- AB 126 (Charter School Oversight)

- **Expanded charter oversight responsibilities:** Authorizers must conduct and document more robust fiscal and operational oversight, including reviewing the charter school's financial condition, governance, internal controls, and use of public funds.
- **Greater focus on fraud and misuse of funds:** Oversight now places additional emphasis on identifying potential fraud, conflicts, related-party transactions, and questionable expenditures, including certain credit/debit card transactions.
- **Authorizer oversight becomes part of the audit process:** Independent auditors will review whether the chartering authority has properly documented and performed its required oversight duties, meaning the authorizer itself can effectively become part of the charter audit review.
- **More coordination between auditors and authorizers:** During audit planning, charter auditors must consult with the authorizer regarding known fiscal, compliance, and fraud risks, creating a more formal connection between annual audits and ongoing charter oversight.
- **Stronger charter financial transparency and contracting requirements:** Charter schools face expanded audit disclosures, including related entities, major payments, loans, compensation, enrollment and attendance, and must comply with additional contracting safeguards intended to ensure expenditures are reasonable and appropriate.



Environmental Charter  
High School



## *New Teacher Orientation*



August 14, 2026

- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Accounting
- Educational Services
- Lawndale Teachers Association
- Site Orientation

*Welcome to the Team!*



## *Congratulations!*

**Roosevelt Elementary**  
is **1 out of 38 schools** in California  
to receive the prestigious  
2025-2027 National PTA School of Excellence Award!



# Educational Services

## Community Schools in Action



### Photos from LESD's inaugural Launch into Learning Fair

- ~ 1,000 attendees
- Free resources
- Free services