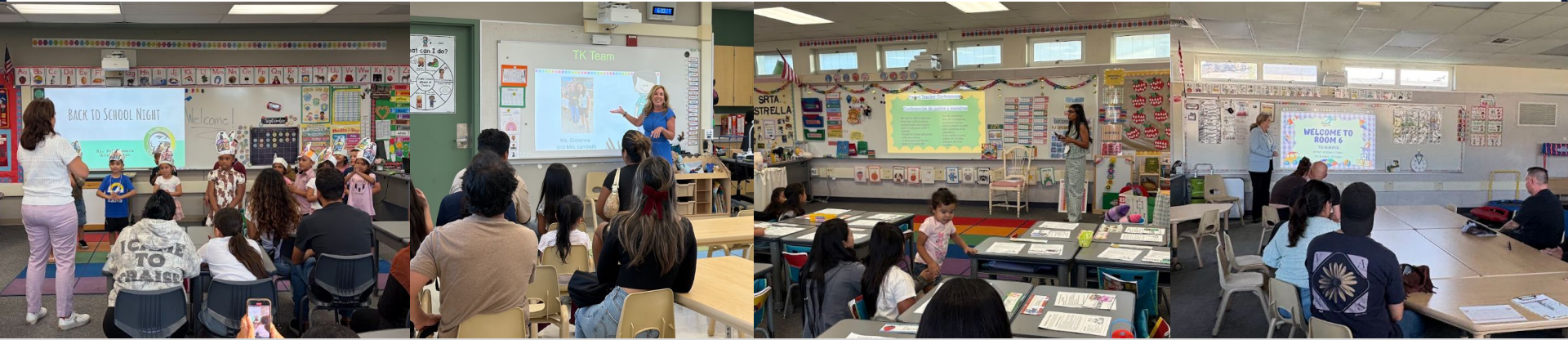




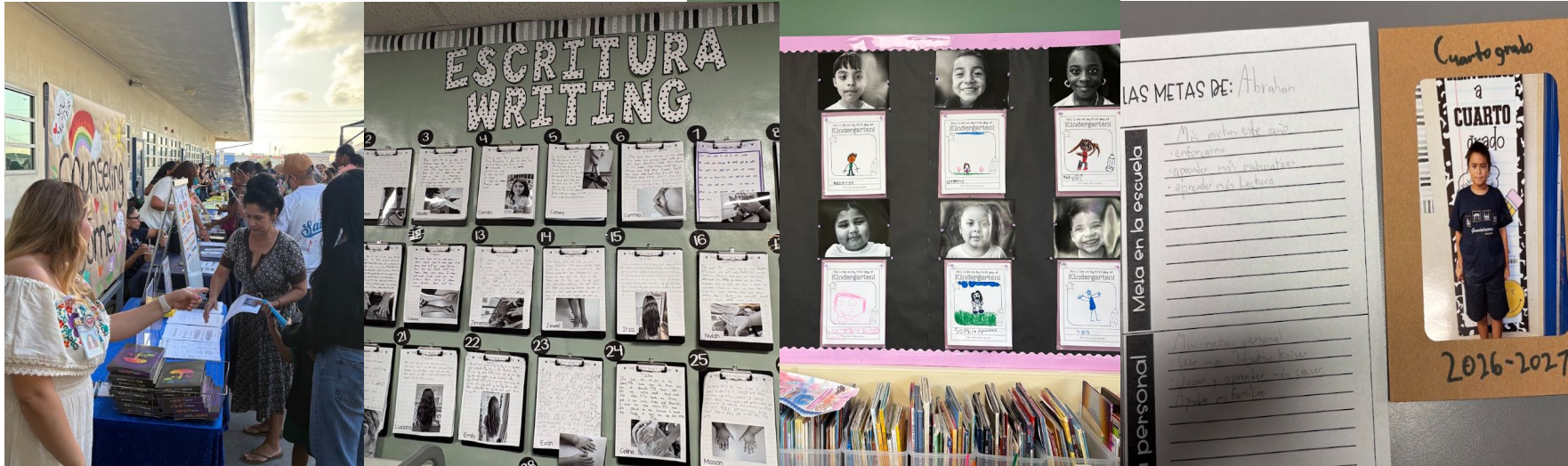
Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

September 17, 2026

Dr. Virginia Castro, Superintendent

Superintendent's Office

Our schools welcomed families to Open House, where families had the opportunity to meet their teacher, learn about the resources and support available, and see the work students have completed so far this year.



Business- Upcoming City Council Meeting



Dr. Castro and Dr. Ho will attend the City Council meeting on Monday, September 21, for an agenda item regarding the renewal of the Parks Agreement for:

- Rogers/Anderson Park
- Jane Addams Park
- William Green Park



Business- CA Great Shakeout

Upcoming California Great ShakeOut:

October 15 at 10:15 A.M.



Business- Supt.'s Student Council Update

School Meals Menu Expansion

The Nutrition & Wellness Department continues to expand school meal offerings and introduce new menu items based on student interest and feedback from Supt.'s Student Council.

- **Currently in development:** Fresh pico de gallo salsa
- **New side items:** Ranch kale salad, secret sauce salad, cornbread, and spicy bean & cheese dip
- **Middle school additions:** Jalapeño pepperoni pizza and jalapeño cheese pizza
- **Elementary school addition:** Pollo Asado Bowl with stewed beans ("fire-grilled chicken") served with fresh salsa and sour cream sauce
- **Districtwide addition:** Birria and cheese pupusas are now being served at all schools
- **Coming next month:** Breakfast burritos and buffalo chicken wraps
- **Coming in November:** "Taco Tuesdays," added in response to student requests

The department will continue looking for opportunities to provide students with more variety while incorporating items that reflect student preferences.



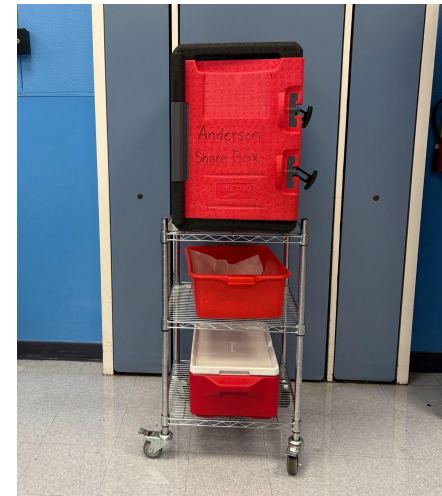
Business- Shared Tables & Compost Bins

- All school sites currently have **shared food tables** where students may place unwanted, unopened food items for other students to take.
- The shared tables help **reduce food waste** while providing students with additional access to food during meal periods.
- The Business Department is also working to provide sites with **compost bins** to further support the District's sustainability efforts.



Shared Tables

- **Top compartment:** Hot food items
- **Middle compartment:** Shelf-stable items
- **Bottom compartment:** Cold items, such as milk and cheese
- An **ice blanket** is used in the bottom compartment to help keep refrigerated items at an appropriate temperature.



Educational Services

2025–26 Physical Fitness Test (PFT) Completion Rates

Grades 5 & 7

- 481 Grade 5 students
- 439 Grade 7 students

***More than 99% completion
across every PFT assessment area**

**PFT data are also reported annually in each school's SARC.*

Assessment Area*	Grade 5	Grade 7
Aerobic Capacity	99.8%	99.1%
Abdominal Strength & Endurance	99.2%	99.1%
Trunk Strength & Flexibility	99.4%	99.5%
Upper Body Strength & Endurance	99.8%	99.8%
Flexibility	99.2%	99.5%

Educational Services



RAP Program Update

- **Enrollment**
 - 1,530 students, with active recruitment underway
 - **Staffing**
 - Continues to stabilize and grow
 - 100 District Staff & ~32 Agency Staff
 - **Student Experience**
 - First 6 weeks: Foundation building for connection & community
 - Team-building: class agreements, Tribe Challenges
 - **Upcoming**
 - **September 21:** Session 1 Launch of Enrichment Clubs
 - **October 22:** *Lights On Afterschool* event, hosted at each site
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- A woman with dark hair, wearing a black t-shirt and dark pants, stands next to a table. On the table is a black bag with the word 'REALIZING' on it and a poster titled 'RAP' with the subtitle 'REALIZING' and a colorful graphic. The background shows a grassy area and a bench.



Educational Services

Mini Community Fair Flu Clinic at Green Elementary

Administered 92 flu shots to LESD students, families, and staff!

Partnerships in Action: Kaiser Permanente & LA Harbor College Nursing



Educational Services



VOLUNTEER FAIR 2026

Making a Difference Together

Tuesday, September 22 • 9 AM - 3:00 PM

Lawndale Wellness & Activity Center
4161 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260

- Learn about volunteer requirements and opportunities
- Get help with your volunteer application (Bring a photo ID)
- FREE Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment by **Appointment Only***

Complete the Providence Prescreening Form by
September 16 to receive a TB assessment
appointment: <https://tinyurl.com/TB-2627>



Please refer any questions to your school's Community Liaison.

*If Providence determines that you need a TB test based on your assessment, you will be scheduled to get the TB test on September 22nd and return on September 24th to receive your test results.



Annual Volunteer Fair

Supporting Family Engagement Across Lawndale

Tuesday, September 22 | 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Lawndale Wellness & Activity Center

Families interested in volunteering at our schools are invited to:

- **Learn** about volunteer opportunities and requirements
- **Complete** their volunteer application on-site
- **Receive a FREE TB assessment** with a scheduled appointment
- **Connect** with staff for help completing the volunteer process

Questions? Contact your school's Community Liaison.

*Thank you to our families for giving their time and talents
to support Lawndale students!*