



# State of the District

October 1, 2026

**Virginia Castro**  
Superintendent



# District Goals.



## 01 Increase Academic Achievement

Ensure all students learn through access to high quality actions and services that increase academic achievement and civic, career, and college readiness.



## 02 Ensure Access & Equity

Provide high quality actions and services to eliminate barriers to student access to required and desired areas of study.



## 03 Improve Parent & Student Engagement

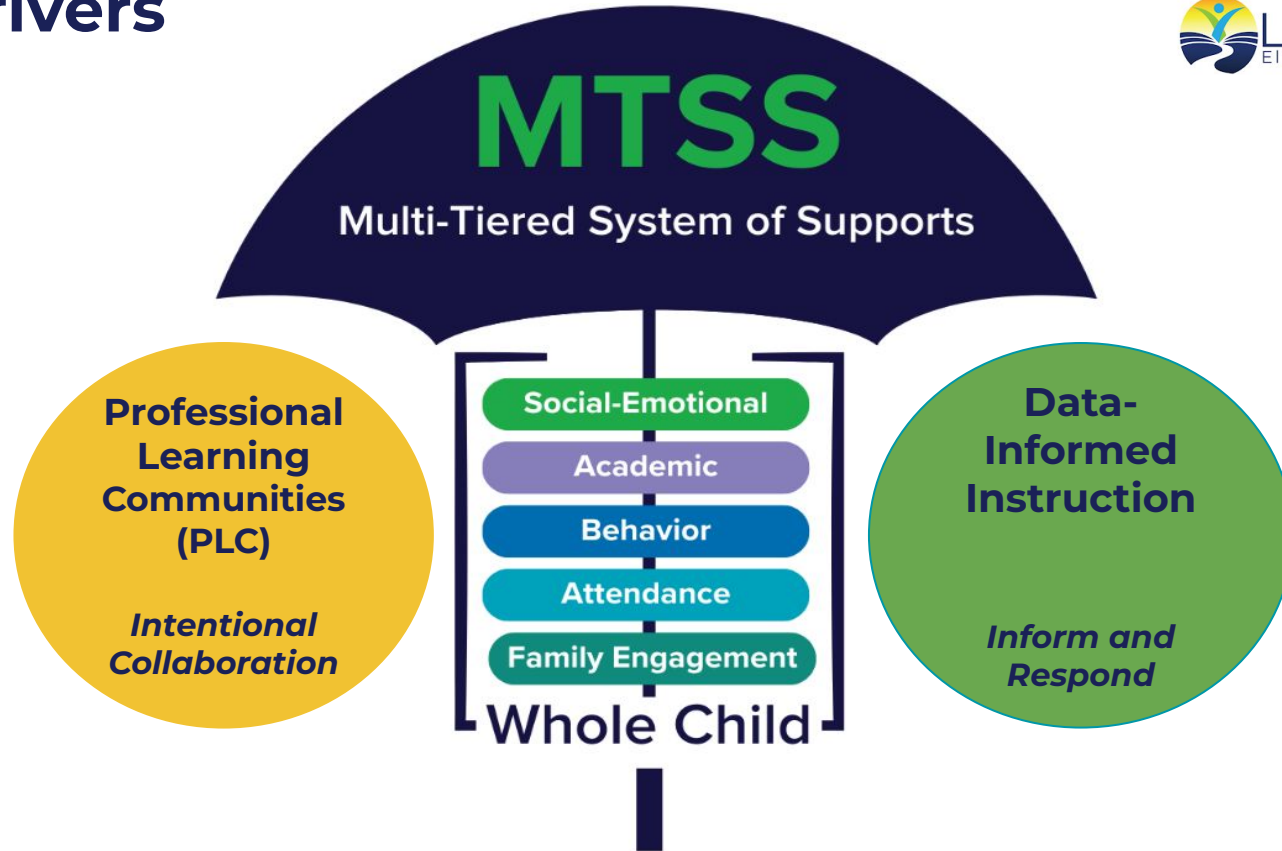
Ensure all schools have safe, welcoming, healthy and inspiring climates for all students and families, so that all students are behaviorally and academically engaged in school and ready to learn.



## 04 Provide 21st Century Learning Environments

Invest in optimal learning environments that enhance student learning and ensure safety.





**Practices that Ensure Access and Equity**

## **Goal 1:**

# **Increase Student Achievement**

Ensure all students learn through access to high quality actions and services that increase academic achievement and civic, career, and college readiness.

# 2026 SBAC District Summary Growth Highlights

50%

## English Language Arts

Average 3rd-8th student proficiency

District maintained

Site increases  
between **3-7** percentage points

Grade level increases  
between **6-17** percentage points

39%

## Mathematics

Average 3rd-8th student proficiency

District increase of  
**1** percentage point

Site increases  
between **1-11** percentage points

Grade level increases  
between **4-17** percentage points

36%

## Science

Average 5th and 8th student proficiency

District increase of  
**3** percentage points

Site increases  
by **6** or more percentage points

# 2026 ELPAC

Summative  
ELPAC

**16.6%** earned a score of **4**,  
the requirement for  
reclassification.  
(16 students)

Alternate  
Summative  
ELPAC

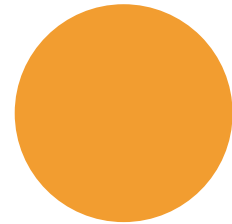
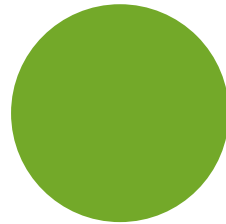
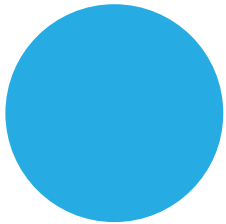
**27%** earned a score of **3**,  
the requirement for  
reclassification.  
(26 students)

RFEP

**17%** of English Learners reclassified as **Fluent English Proficient**. (174 students)

# 2026-27 Action Steps

Building on our Work



# Student Learning through Quality Teaching, Quality Curriculum

## English Language Arts and Mathematics

- Essential standards work
- Tier 1 refinement
- Tier 1 Partner Teaching with teacher leader
- Tier 1 and Tier 2 Small groups
- Reinforced by personalized iReady MyPath resources
- Improved Tier 3 interventions in ELA
- Piloting Tier 3 Math interventions

## English Language Development

- Tier I partner teaching in Daily Designated ELD and Integrated ELD (making content accessible)
- Focus on Oracy, Vocabulary Development, Writing
- GLAD strategies



# Student Learning through Targeted Support with Small Group Instruction



## Tier 1 Supports

- Teachers identify students who would benefit from additional instruction
  - Reteaching of and reinforcing standards currently being taught
  - Supporting the skills needed to demonstrate proficiency of standard

## Tier 2 Interventions

- Protected time at least twice weekly
- Reserved for Essential Standards work
- Led by classroom teachers
- Focus on reinforcing and ensuring learning for standards already covered

# How can parents/guardians help?



## Support Academics



- Monitor Device Usage
- Encourage Learning at Home
- Ask about your child's progress
- Support their target and stretch goals

## Support Attendance

- Emphasize the importance of school attendance
- Target: not to miss more than 10 days all year



## Participate in Family University Parent Workshops



- Active Parenting, Positive Solutions for Families, ESL, SSL, Wellness, Social-Emotional Learning, and more!

## Participate in any way that you can!

- Volunteer in/out of the classroom
- Get Involved! Support school and classroom events
- Keep your teacher/school informed of any life events that might impact your child

## **Goal 2:**

# **Ensure Access and Equity**

Provide high quality actions and services to eliminate barriers to student access to required and desired areas of study.

# Recognitions



**2026 Recipient**  
**Jane Addams Middle School**  
**Will Rogers Middle School**



**2026 Recipient**  
**Smith Elementary**



**2025-2027 Recipient**  
**Roosevelt Elementary**

# Community Schools

- We are in year 3 of implementation
- Districtwide Events:
  - UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic: Eye screeners at all sites
  - Food Distribution monthly at different school sites
  - AADAP Substance Prevention Workshop 10/16 Hybrid: PDC & online
  - Grateful Gathering 11/14 at Anderson



# Expanded Resources

## Health & Wellness

**Lawndale Wellness and Activity Center**  
Monday- Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
4161 Manhattan Beach Blvd  
Lawndale, CA 90260  
(310) 303-6783

Free childhood vaccines available on site every Tuesday from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Services: Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, child vaccines, nutrition, and health workshops.

## ENRICHMENTS

**Realizing Amazing Potential (RAP)**  
Free before and after-school enrichment program. Contact your school's site supervisor for more information.

## ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

**DPSS**  
Customer Service Numbers:  
(877) 292-GAIN (4246) or (866) 613-3777  
Services: Tutoring for CALWorks youth

## L.A. COUNTY LIBRARY

Many Los Angeles County libraries offer enhanced resources, tutoring, GED courses, computers, and online services to support your needs.  
Nearby Libraries:

- **Lawndale Library**  
14615 Burin Ave  
Lawndale, CA 90260
- **Hawthorne Library**  
2700 Grevillea Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

## Get In Touch

### District Coordinator

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**Rogers Middle School**  
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(310) 702-9080



## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RESOURCES

## FOOD CENTERS

**Food Pantry LAX**  
Tuesday & Friday 9:15 am - noon  
1355 East Beach Avenue  
Inglewood, CA 90302  
(310) 677-5597

**St. Margaret's Center**  
Monday intake appointment  
10217 Inglewood Avenue  
Lennox, CA 90204  
(310) 672-2208

**The South Bay Outreach Center**  
Call for intake interview  
4046 Marine Avenue  
Lawndale, CA 90260  
(310) 675-1364  
ed@hoy-southbay.org

**Hawthorne S.D.A. Church**  
1st & 3rd Sunday 10 am - 12 pm  
3939 Marine Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 676-4313

**St. Paul's Methodist Church**  
1st Thursday 9 am - 11 am  
2600 Nelson Ave  
Redondo Beach, CA 90278  
(310) 370-4319

**United University Church Bethesda Presbyterian Church**  
Thursday 2 pm - 4 pm  
14404 S. Crenshaw Blvd  
Gardena, CA 90249  
(310) 515-8526

## FOOD CENTERS

**Cornell Powell**  
Wednesday 1 pm - 2:30 pm &  
Saturday 10 am - 11:30 am  
12950 S. Prairie Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(323) 578-8262

**New Rock of Ages Baptist Church**  
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm  
12946 S. Prairie Ave  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 870-1897

**Ancon Club Los Angeles**  
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 am - 12 pm  
16307 Crenshaw Blvd  
Gardena, CA 90249

**Assembly of God Of Hawthorne**  
Sunday 12 pm - 1:30 pm  
Wednesday 7:30 pm - 9 pm  
3841 W. 130th St  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(310) 675-4137

**ICNA Relief**  
2nd Tuesday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
12209 Hawthorne Way  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
(714) 399-4571

**Encounter Community Church**  
2nd Wednesday 9 am - 11 am  
18749 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90504  
(310) 323-2015

**Los Angeles Regional Food Bank**  
If these locations do not work, you can use the Food Bank's food pantry locator at:  
<https://www.lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/>

## HOUSING & UTILITY

**St. Margaret's Center**  
10217 Inglewood Avenue  
Lennox, CA 90204  
(310) 672-2208  
[www.catholiccharitiesla.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesla.org)

**Harbor Interfaith**  
599 W. 9th St.  
San Pedro, CA 90731  
(310) 831-0589  
[iscfeffarah@harborinterfaith.org](mailto:iscfeffarah@harborinterfaith.org)

**Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)**  
(213) 225-6581  
<https://housing.lacity.gov/housing>

**Safe Parking Program**  
**Volunteers of America**  
(213) 247-6261  
[lfowler@voala.org](mailto:lfowler@voala.org)

**Safe Parking Program**  
**Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)**  
(323) 563-4721  
[cwoods@wlcac.org](mailto:cwoods@wlcac.org)

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**  
(866) 675-6623  
[csd.ca.gov](http://csd.ca.gov)

**Discounted Internet and Computer Program**  
(866) 519-8655  
[everyoneon.org/getconnected](http://everyoneon.org/getconnected)  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)  
(866) 613-3777

**Immigrant Resources**  
[ACLU Immigrants' Rights](#)  
[LACOE Immigrant Relations and Services](#)  
[Legal Services Directory](#)  
[Red Card](#)

# Early Childhood Education:

## Setting our Youngest Learners for Success

### State Preschool



**QUALITY  
START**  
LOS ANGELES  
[QualityStartLA.org](http://QualityStartLA.org)

#### Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA)

- Tier 5 rated
- Enrollment increased by 40%
- Expanding (new full day class opening at Anderson soon)



#### Programs

- 2-year old class
- Full day classes
- Part Day Classes - AM/PM

#### Partnership with Parents

- Monthly Parent Meetings
- Parenting Programs
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#### Sites

- Anderson
- Carson
- Green
- Mitchell
- Twain

# **Goal 3:**

## **Improve Parent and Student Engagement**

Ensure all schools have safe, welcoming, healthy, and inspiring climates for all students and families, so that all students are behaviorally and academically engaged in school and ready to learn.

# Families, Schools, District. In Partnership

- **Parent Leadership**

- *District Parent Advisory Committee*
- *Community of Multilingual Families*
- *African American Parent Advisory Committee*
- *Lawndale Council Parent-Teacher Association*
- [Special Needs Family Support Group](#)
- *GATE Parent Support Group*

- **Support for Parents**

- *ESL Classes at Roosevelt & Green Elementary*
- *Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) classes at Twain*
- *4th Annual Volunteer Fair - September 22nd*
- *Targeted parenting classes to help children prepare for school*
- *2026-27 [Parent Meetings Schedule](#)*
- *New for 2026-27 [Early Education Family Workshop Series](#)*



**GROWING TOGETHER**  
LEAP Lawndale Early Advantage Program Early Education Family Workshop Series  
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Hosted by LEAP

Families of children ages 2-6 are invited to join us for a FREE series of interactive workshops designed to provide practical strategies, helpful resources, and tools you can use with your little learner every day.

LEARN • CONNECT • CREATE • TAKE IT HOME

| TUESDAY,<br>SEPTEMBER 29, 2026                                                          | FRIDAY,<br>NOVEMBER 13, 2026                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Potty Learning Together</b><br>Practical Strategies for Toileting Success            | <b>Communicate, Regulate &amp; Thrive</b><br>Building Visual Schedules & Routines for Everyday Success |
| <b>MONDAY,<br/>FEBRUARY 22, 2027</b>                                                    | <b>FRIDAY,<br/>APRIL 16, 2027</b>                                                                      |
| <b>Big Feelings, Little Learners</b><br>Helping Young Children Regulate, Cope & Connect | <b>The Power of Play</b><br>Building Communication, Connection & Learning Through Everyday Play        |

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT  
**KIT CARSON**  
3530 W. 147th Street  
Hawthorne, CA 90250

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  
SAME TIME. SAME PLACE.  
*All year long!*

ALL FAMILIES OF LITTLE LEARNERS ARE WELCOME!

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES | HANDS-ON LEARNING | TAKE-HOME RESOURCES | FAMILY CONNECTION

**JOIN US!** Attend one workshop or join us for the entire series! Scan to RSVP for the workshop(s) you'd like to attend.

Or register online: <https://forms.gle/nGSq1wv6MPH3W47>



# Partnering with Parents



## Deep Dive on 2 Supports Happening Right Now

### Positive Solutions for Families Workshops

- Workshop series have begun at Anderson (east side schools), Smith/Mitchell, and Green
- Develops positive and effective parenting behaviors
- Promotes children's social and emotional development



### WATCH US GROW



PARENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

### Parent Empowerment Program

- Intensive Intervention for 3-6 year olds with challenging behaviors and their parents
- Hands-On Support through Parent Child Interaction Therapy
- Live Coaching in controlled environments

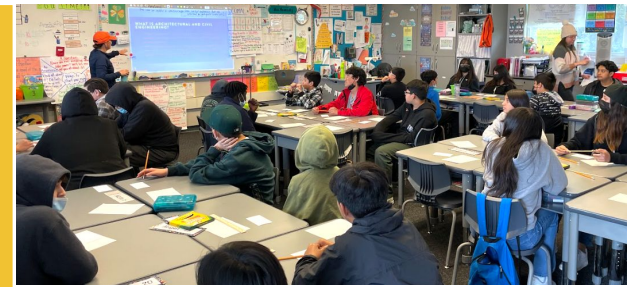
# Partnering with Parents

## Attendance



### Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

- Positive Culture
- School Connectedness



### Students

- Schoolwide initiatives
- Student rewards and incentives
- Student recognition

### Partnership with Parents

- Communication
- Education
- Home Visits
- Offer Support

### Attendance Recovery

- Weekly attendance meetings
- Responding to attendance patterns
- Student Attendance review teams

# California PBIS Recognition



Billy Mitchell ES  
Mark Twain ES  
William Green ES



Lucille J. Smith ES  
Jane Addams MS  
Will Rogers MS  
William Anderson ES



Roosevelt ES

# 2026-2027 RAP Current Enrollment

|                    | Elementary     | Middle | Total |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|-------|
| Before School ➡    | 226            | 113    | 339   |
| After School ➡     | 1,103          | 419    | 1,522 |
| Total in Program ➡ | 1,861 Students |        |       |



## Expanding. Support for students, staff, & families



**RAP Ecosystem  
of Support.**



### Expanding the Day

Our program expands the school day with an emphasis placed on the whole child approach to learning. We promote an inquiry based learning environment that focuses on 21st Century learning skills.



### Youth Development

RAP is preparing our kids to build resilience, confidence and a positive outlook for the future.



### Summer Learning

Our Summer Camp Programs are designed to prevent “summer learning loss.” They combine academic enrichment with physical activities, STEM challenges, and field trips that expand the students’ horizons.

# 2026-2027 - Realizing Amazing Potential



## "Show Your Shine!"

### Performing Arts



- Harmony Project
- Princess Feet
- Guitars Antiqua
- Enchanted Learning
- Musical Minds
- Step-by-Step
- Nexlore
- Anointed Feet

### Visual Arts



- Engaging Hearts & Minds
- Arts Attack

### Academic/STEAM



- CodeCampus
- Girl Scouts
- Mindworks
- SparkReach
- ST Math
- Frog Street
- Hey Tutor
- Maker Spaces
- Design Thinking

### Career Connection/Leadership



- Kid Grit
- R.I.S.E.
- Find Your Grind
- Podcademy 4 Kids
- Career Ed.
- Be The Change
- UNITY
- Cosmetology
- RAP Squads

### Sports



- South Bay Skate Kids
- Mindful Roots
- E-Sports
- Cheer Teams
- Elementary Sports League
- Middle School Sports League
- Sports Clinics

... and many more enrichment clubs created by our Program Leaders & Teachers!

# Community Partners.

## Improving Outcomes



### **Centinela Valley and South Bay Superintendents**

Partnering with CVUHSD and neighboring districts

- *Safety Training at CV*



### **City of Lawndale**

Partnership with City of Lawndale - Ad Hoc committees and joint events

### **Providence Little Company of Mary**

Community and Wellness Center centralized at Anderson ES

### **El Camino College**

English as a Second Language for LESD families

# Strengthening Our Partnerships



## R.I.S.E.

- Unity in Community ENRICHment Days
- College & Career Tours
- Mentorship



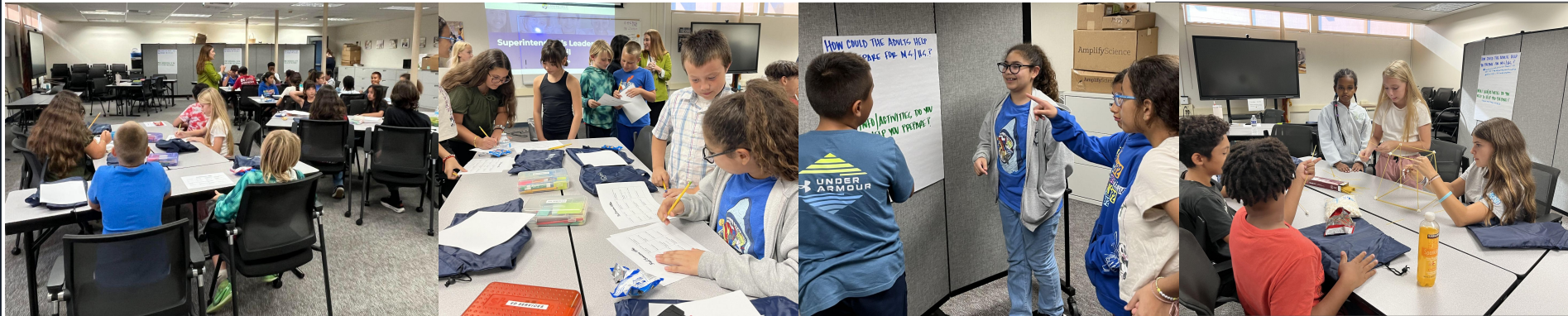
## Trajectory of Hope

- Family Affinity Spaces (Share, Connect, Support)



# Superintendent Leadership Council

Last year, students from all eight schools presented their ideas to the Board, with several recommendations being implemented this school year including expanding the lunch menu and shared tables and compost bins. This year, students will focus on leadership development while continuing to provide input through surveys on key district programs and initiatives.



# **Goal 4:**

## **Provide 21st Century Learning Environments**

Invest in optimal learning environments that enhance student learning and ensure safety.

# TREC. Makerspace

## Elementary Makerspace Labs

- Increased programming with Makerspace Lead Teachers and grade-level specific units to include second grade as we continue to grow the program.
- K-1st grade classes attend to experience center rotations using different Makerspace tools and learning experiences.



# TREC. MS TREC Elective

## 6th grade

- 6th grade TREC elective: new curriculum using Experience CS.

## 7th grade

- 7th grade TREC elective: new curriculum using Experience CS and continuing with Lego Spike Prime.

## 8th grade

- 8th grade TREC elective; new curriculum using Experience CS, and continuing with Lego Spike Prime, and First Lego League (Robot Game, Innovation Project, and design model)



# TREC. Expanding Access

## MS ELD

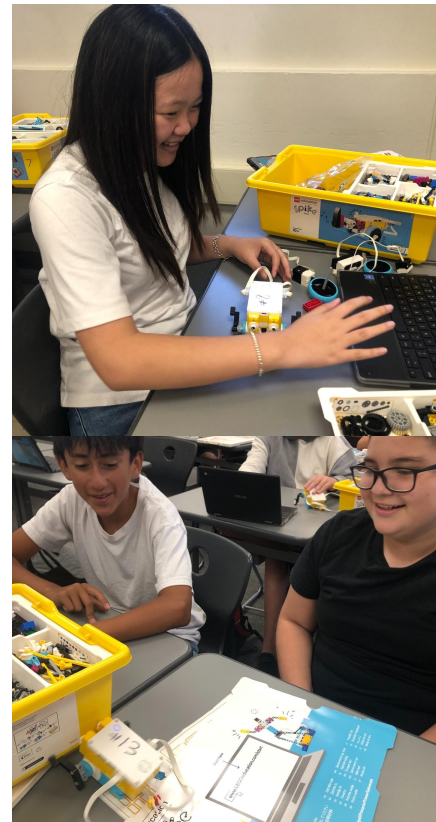
Designated ELD classes go to the library for STEAM infused lessons designed to support specific English language development.

- 6th grade: Lego BricQ
- 7th grade: Lego Spike Prime
- 8th grade: Legit Spike Prime & First Lego League
- Newcomers: Lego Science

## 8th Grade GATE Opportunity

8th grade GATE students (20 students per site) are participating in the STEAM Max program through the CISE program at CSUDH.

- Semester-long app prototype design challenge.
- In teams, they will identify a need and design an app prototype that benefits the larger community.
- Industry experts from Apple will review students' progress and provide valuable feedback.



# Facilities. Completed Project

## Play Structure Project

- Roosevelt Elementary, Funding: Measure EE
- Completed September 2026



# Facilities. Completed Project

## District-wide Digital Marquees (Funded by Measure L)



# Facilities. Completed Project

## Carson Play Area (Funding: Pre-School Grant)



# Facilities. Ongoing Project

## 2-Story Building (14 Classrooms)

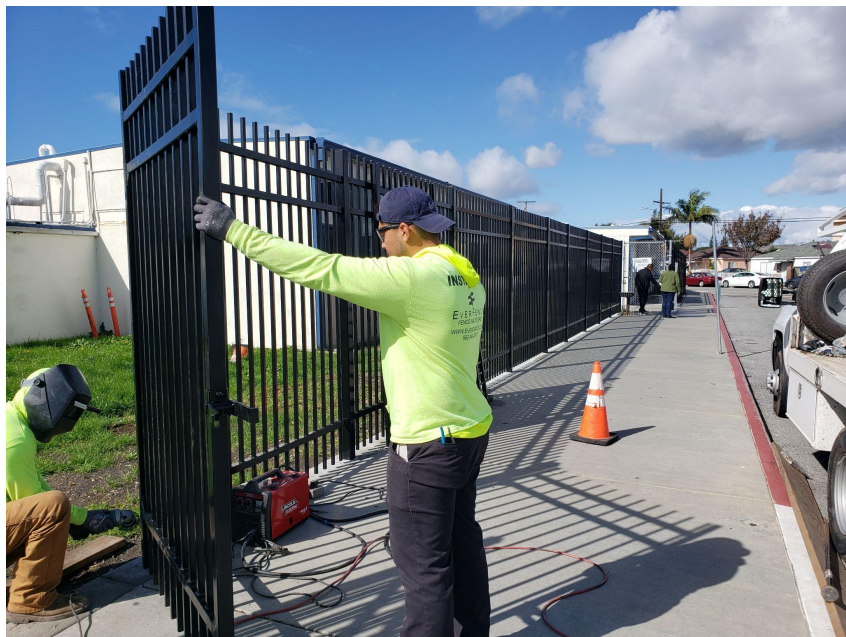
- Rogers MS (In-progress), Funding: Measure EE
- Tentative Completion Date: Summer 2027



# Upcoming Fencing Project

## Site: William Green Elementary

- Tentative Start Date: Summer 2027



# Upcoming HVAC Project

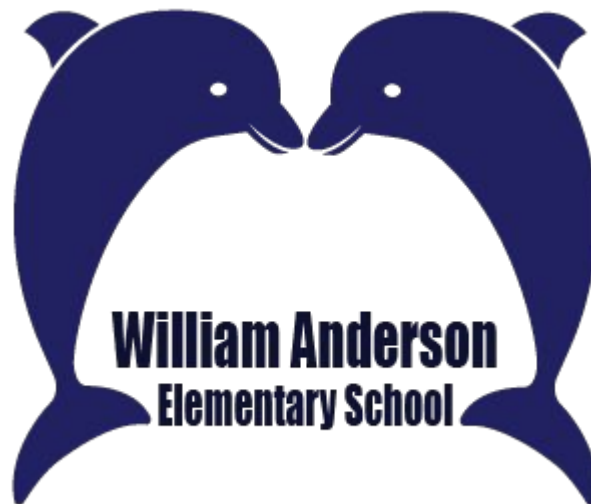
**Site: Will Rogers MS (Bollinger Gym)**

- Tentative Start Date: Summer 2027

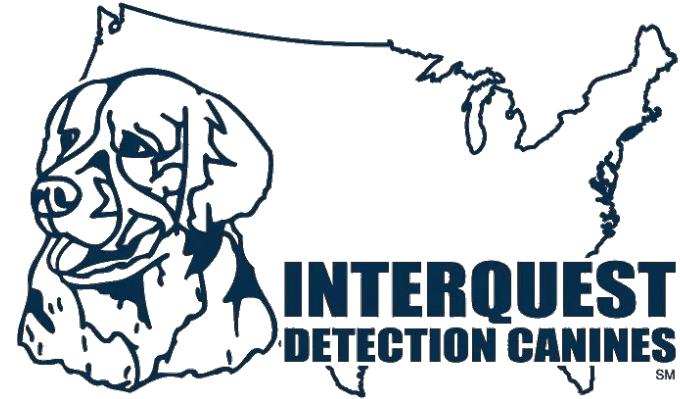


# Upcoming School-wide Painting Projects

## Summer 2027



# Increased Safety Measures





# Questions and Answers