



# Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

October 15, 2026

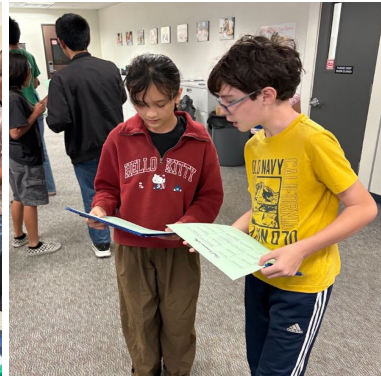
Dr. Virginia Castro, Superintendent

# Superintendent's Office

Our Superintendent Leadership Council students kicked off the school year with their first meeting!

This year, students are focusing on leadership development and exploring how the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens can help them become effective leaders.

Through these meetings, students will continue to share their ideas, offer feedback, and connect directly with district leadership to help shape their school communities.



# Superintendent's Office

## ***Connecting, Collaborating & Strengthening Partnerships***

- 20 community partners attended our first Community Schools Partner Collaborative meeting.
- Focused on building connections, sharing resources, and strengthening support for students, families, and our broader community.



# Superintendent's Office

Our district was proud to participate in the City of Lawndale first Hispanic Heritage Festival.



# Human Resources



## ABOVE & BEYOND RECOGNITION



**Marilyn Gil**  
English Language Instructional  
Resource Teacher - Anderson



**Lisa Agcaoili**  
SPED Instructional Assistant - Mitchell



**Lissette Rooney**  
Director Nutrition & Wellness

**October 2026**  
Employees of the Month

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## Current LESD Employment Opportunities

| Certificated | Classified                                                                                                            |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|              | <b>School Office Manager</b><br><b>Preschool Teacher</b><br><b>Food Service Asst.</b><br><b>Accounting Technician</b> |

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



# Business- CA Great Shakeout



Oct. 15 @ 10:15 AM

# Business- Education Benefit Forms

- Business Department is working with school sites to collect outstanding EBF forms.
- Goal: 100% submission by October 30.
- Anderson and Mitchell have achieved 100% submission.
- School teams are following up with families who have outstanding forms.
- Every completed form helps maximize funding to support students and school programs.



# Business- Upcoming Year-End Audit (25-26)



- Eide Bailly will audit the district's 2025–26 financial records during the week of October 19.
- Auditors will be on-site for three days to review documentation and meet with accounting staff.
- District staff will provide records and information to support an independent review promoting accountability.
- Audit findings will be shared with the Board of Trustees upon completion.



# Business- First Interim Budget Meetings

- Accounting is meeting with departments to review budgets for the district's first interim financial report.
- Meetings focus on spending, anticipated budget adjustments, and updated expenditure projections.
- Department input will help reflect the district's financial position and align spending with available funding and district priorities.
- The finalized report will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and approval in December.



# Educational Services

## Board Items Recommended for Approval

- 10.6 Stipend, Certificated Athletic Director
- 10.7 Stipend, Certificated Sport Coaches
- 10.8 Stipend, Classified Sport Coaches
  
- 10.18 RAP Contracts
  - R.I.S.E. Program
  
- 10.20 Special Education Department Contracts
  - Sondag Training

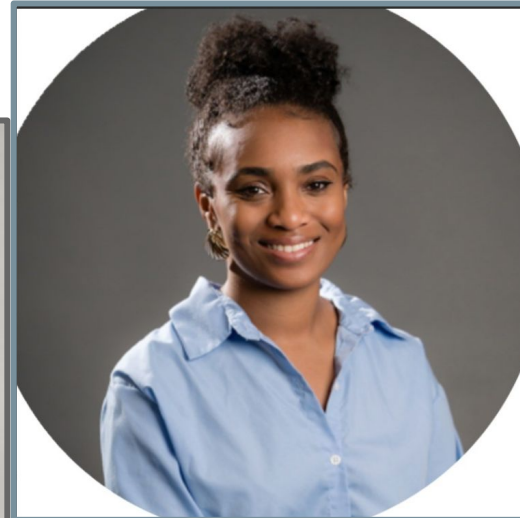
*Goal: establish equitable compensation for both classified and certificated staff supporting the sports program while aligning budget and operational consistency across schools.*



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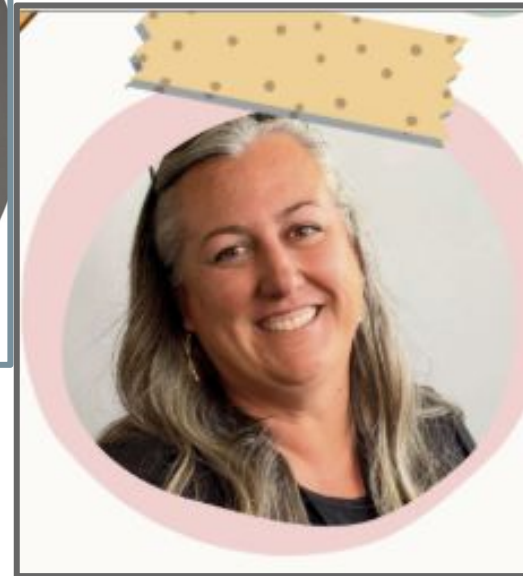
*Welcome Elementary Arts Teachers!*

*Yarlene Cortez-Frausto, Music*



*Mykale Bankhead, Visual Arts*

*Heather Norris, Visual Arts*



  
Lawndale x P.S. ARTS Rotation Schedule 2026-2027

# Educational Services

*Digital Citizenship Week: Oct. 19-23*

October - Digital  
Citizenship week  
10/19- 10/23  
Healthy Habits

[Making Healthy  
Media Choices](#)  
Length: 20 min  
Lesson Materials  
[Slides](#)

[Healthy Tech Habits  
& Our Feelings](#)  
Length: 20 min  
Lesson Materials  
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[Creating Device  
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October 19-23  
**Digital Citizenship  
Week**  
Building kids' critical thinking has  
never been more important. →

*Red Ribbon Week: Oct. 23-31*



Celebrate  
Red Ribbon Week®  
(October 23-31)

[www.redribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org)

**Drug Prevention  
Workshop for all  
families tomorrow!**



LAWNDALE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

AADAP

## CHAT WITH AADAP

*Let's Talk Prevention*

**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER  
16  
9:00AM**

**Helping Your Child Stay Safe:  
Substance Use and Making  
Healthy Choices**

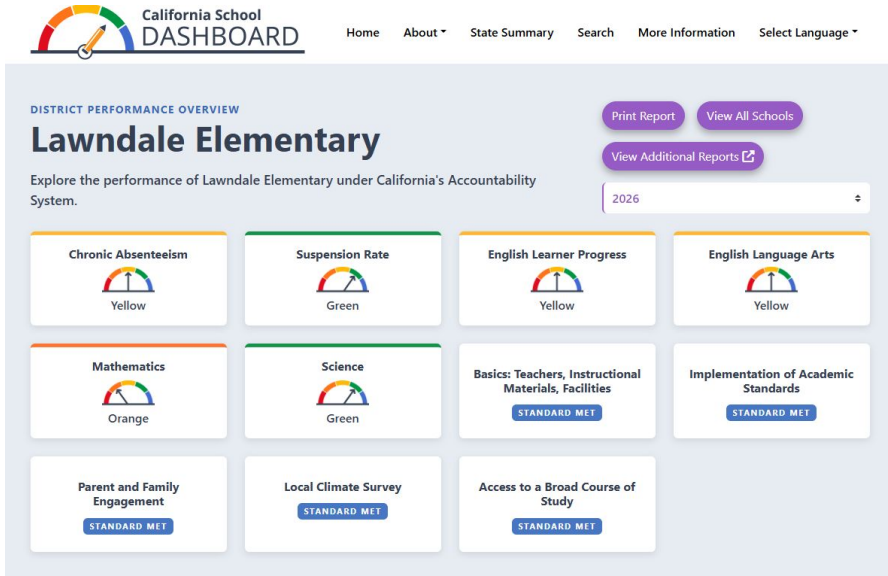
- Strengthen communication and connection with your child.
- Recognize warning signs of vaping and substance use.
- Learn how to support your child's safety and well-being.
- Discover resources and support for your family.



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4161 W 147th St, Lawndale, CA 90260 or online at <https://bit.ly/LESQZoom>

# Educational Services

## CA School Dashboard Release Today, 10/15/26



- **Gradual academic progress and improved attendance**, with detailed analysis forthcoming
- **LCAP priorities:** accelerate math achievement; strengthen support for long-term English learners and students with disabilities; address attendance and discipline disparities
- **Build on strengths:** identify and share promising practices from schools showing stronger growth