



Superintendent's Fall Update

October 2, 2026

Dear Lennox School District Families and Community,

Welcome to fall! I hope you and your children have had a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year. It is hard to believe we are already several weeks into our journey **On the Trail to Success!**



Fall Parent Conferences: Strengthening the Partnership

As we enter this next part of the school year, one of the most important opportunities for families is our Fall Parent Conferences. I strongly encourage every family to attend and take advantage of this valuable time with your child's teacher. Parent conferences are an opportunity to celebrate your child's strengths, discuss academic progress, ask questions, address any concerns, and learn how you can support learning at home. Most importantly, they help establish an open line of communication between home and school.

We cannot do this work alone. When families and teachers communicate and work together as a team, our students have an even stronger support system guiding them along the trail. Please make attending your child's conference a priority!

There's Something New at Lennox!

We have some exciting news to share with our families and community—our District website will be receiving a makeover! Our goal was to create a website that not only makes important information and resources easier for families to find, but also gives you a more engaging look inside our classrooms, schools, programs, and the everyday experiences of Lennox students. We hope you will take some time to explore it! Here is the address www.lennox.k12.ca.us or you can use this [LINK](#).

And remember—Lennox is still enrolling students! Want to see what makes Lennox a great place to learn? Take a few minutes to watch our [Official District Video](#), highlighting the programs, opportunities, people, and experiences that make our District special.

And if that doesn't convince you, take a look at the latest edition of our [Fall School News Publication](#)! This special edition highlights every one of our wonderful Lennox schools and gives our community another glimpse of the great things happening across the District.

Important Updates Along the Trail

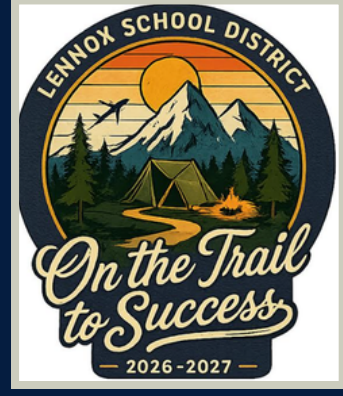
As we continue On the Trail to Success, I also want to share three important updates with our families:

1. **September School Attendance Results**

Our **On the Trail to Great Attendance Campaign** is underway! Thank you to our families for making daily attendance a priority. Every day in school matters, and every day of learning counts. See Page 2 for the results of the Month of September. All of our schools did a great job—let's keep striving for **95%**!



Superintendent's Message Continued



2. 🧡 Important Volunteer Requirement Changes

We are incredibly grateful to the parents and family members who volunteer their time and talents in our schools. New volunteer requirements are now in place due to new legislation, so please take a few moments to review the important information on **page 3** before volunteering this school year.

3. 👨👩👧👦 Upcoming Parent Engagement Opportunities

There are many ways to stay connected and involved in your child's education. We encourage you to participate whenever possible—your voice, presence, and partnership matter! There are some great workshops with Dr. Bravo, the Annual Parent Symposium, and the Fall Cafecitos with the Superintendent coming up. See **page 4** for more information.

Let's Keep Moving Forward!

As we head further into the school year, I want to thank our Lennox families for your continued trust, support, and partnership.

Whether you are attending a parent conference, making sure your child gets to school every day, volunteering at a school event, participating in a parent workshop, or simply asking your child, "What did you learn today?"—you are an important part of their journey.

Our students need all of us working together.

Thank you for being our partners **On the Trail to Success**. I look forward to everything we will accomplish together this fall!

With appreciation,

Mrs. Gabriela L. Tavitian
Superintendent

Important Changes to Volunteer Requirements



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We deeply appreciate the many ways our families support our schools and contribute to the success of our students. Our parent and family volunteers are valued partners who help create meaningful experiences for students, strengthen connections between home and school, and contribute to the welcoming school communities we strive to maintain.

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, we want to ensure that families are aware of important changes regarding school volunteer requirements. California Senate Bill 848 (SB 848) includes updated requirements for individuals who volunteer in schools. In response, the District has updated its volunteer procedures to ensure we remain in compliance with state requirements while continuing to prioritize the safety and well-being of our students.

To make the process as clear and consistent as possible for families and schools, the District has established **two levels of volunteer participation** based on the type of volunteer activity and the level of interaction with students. These levels will help families understand which requirements apply to them depending on how they choose to volunteer.

Volunteering

Tier I Volunteers – Non-Student Contact

Tier I volunteers are under the direct supervision of District staff and are not left alone with students.

Examples include:

- Parent Center volunteers
- Office volunteers
- Event support volunteers.

Tier I volunteers are required to:

1. Review the Lennox School District Volunteer Handbook.
2. Complete the Volunteer Application.
3. Present a government-issued photo identification card for screening through the Raptor System.
4. Display site-issued identification while volunteering.

Tier II Volunteers – Student Contact / Field Trip Chaperones

Field trip chaperones (Tier II Volunteers) may have direct contact with students and may supervise students without a District employee present at all times. These volunteers are subject to additional screening and clearance requirements.

Tier II volunteers are required to:

1. Review the Lennox School District Volunteer Handbook.
2. Complete the Volunteer Application.
3. Present a government-issued photo identification card for screening through the Raptor System and display site-issued identification.
4. Complete tuberculosis (TB) clearance, as applicable.
5. Complete Department of Justice (DOJ) fingerprint clearance.
6. Complete mandated reporter and child abuse prevention training.
7. Receive District approval before beginning service.

We recognize that these new procedures may require some additional steps, and we sincerely appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued willingness to partner with us. While these requirements are mandated by law, their purpose aligns with what we all value most—creating a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for every student.

We are especially grateful to the parents and family members who generously give their time, talents, and energy to support our schools. Your presence and involvement make a meaningful difference in the experiences of our students, and we hope these new requirements will not discourage you from continuing to be an active part of our school community.

If you have questions about the volunteer process or need assistance completing any of the requirements, please reach out to your school site principal. Our staff is here to help you navigate the process and make it as clear as possible.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and continued partnership. We value our families and look forward to welcoming you into our schools as we continue working together to support and protect our students.

Keeping our students safe is a responsibility we all share, and we are grateful for your continued support of our Lennox schools.

Parent Engagement Opportunities



Parent Engagement

10 SESSIONS

PARENT WORKSHOP

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES TOWARDS ACADEMIC SUCCESS DURING A CRISIS

WITH **DR. GROVER BRAVO**

FECHIS & TEMAS DE LAS SESSION

1 9/18/2026 How to Face New Family Challenges in a Crisis	2 9/25/2026 Discipline: Organization, Order, and Responsibility to Improve Learning	3 10/9/2026 Setting Limits on Excessive Electronics Use and Good Time Management to Improve Academic Learning	4 10/16/2026 How to Face Stress and Anxiety in Times of Family Crisis	5 10/23/2026 Depression: A Mental Health Illness that Affects the Mood and Learning of Our Children
6 10/30/2026 How to Resolve Family Conflicts and Between Parents and Children	7 11/13/2026 Resilience: Facing the Crisis in a Positive Way	8 11/20/2026 Differences in Marriage	9 12/1/2026 Resolving Conflicts in the Couple	10 12/18/2026 How to Express Affection, Love, and Maintain Intimacy

9:15AM - 11:00AM
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LENNOX CA, 90304

Let's learn, grow, and support our children together!

★ YOUR PARTICIPATION MAKES THE DIFFERENCE! ★
Childcare will be provided

REGISTER HERE

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

You're Invited to

Coffee with the Superintendent

Come and meet your District Superintendent, Mrs. Tavitian, at your child's school. This is a great opportunity to learn about the District and share any concerns or suggestions you may have.

10/6/2026 - Buford Elementary School Library
10/8/2026 - Huerta Elementary School Library
10/14/2026 - Jefferson Elementary School Library
10/20/2026 - Moffett Elementary School Cafeteria
10/27/2026 - Lennox Middle School Library

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

26-27 Fall

LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT SUMMIT

TECHNOLOGY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

NOVEMBER 3, 2026
8:30AM - 12:45PM

LENNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL
11033 BUFORD AVENUE
LENNOX, CA 90304

RSVP

Keynote Speaker
Ariel Coro
Author and Tech Expert

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

LENNOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

5th Grade OPEN HOUSE

Incoming 5th grade students and families, come check out our school and learn about the amazing programs we offer!

Saturday October 24, 2026

<https://forms.gle/YR5jSainzJLeDkHtA>

Register Today!
Click the link or Scan the QR code to fill out Google Form

Learn about our academic programs
Meet our staff and current students
Explore our campus and facilities

DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2026
TIME: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Location: Lennox Middle School
 11033 Buford Avenue Lennox, CA 90304



District Highlights! School News! Video!



CHECK IT OUT




District Highlights

New Teacher Social
September 23, 2026

Checking In On The Trail!

On Wednesday, September 23, the Lennox School District hosted a New Teacher Social in the District Board Room to reconnect with and celebrate our newest certificated staff members. In collaboration with the Superintendent's Office and Instructional Services, and in partnership with the Lennox Teachers Association (LTA), the event brought together our eight new teachers and one new Speech-Language Pathologist for an afternoon of conversation, connection, and support.

Our newest educators had an opportunity to reflect on their first several weeks in Lennox, share their experiences, and learn more about the resources available to support them throughout the year. An important part of the conversation focused on self-care and finding balance during the first year of teaching, as well as knowing when and where to reach out for support.

It was especially wonderful to hear the positivity and enthusiasm from our new staff members. They shared how much they are enjoying working with our Lennox students, families, colleagues, and community!

Instructional Services will continue supporting our new teachers throughout the year, including upcoming professional development focused on MTSS and grading/report cards. Representatives from LTA also shared information about the Teachers Association and the resources and benefits available to members.

We are proud to have these talented educators as part of our Lennox family and look forward to supporting them as they continue their journey **On The Trail to Success!** 🌲🍎📚

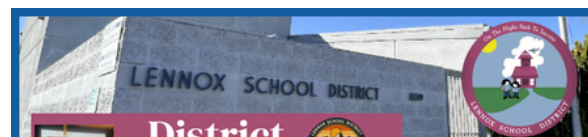




Our new Lennox teachers and staff participating in the Bend the Line Activity to get to know each other.

Our wonderful new teachers who were in attendance received goody bags and dessert!

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District Highlights

LA County Teacher of the Year Celebration
September 25, 2026

Congratulations, Mrs. Tiedemann!

On Friday, September 25, the Lennox School District proudly attended the Annual Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year Recognition Ceremony in Universal City, where we celebrated our very own **District Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Renee Tiedemann!**

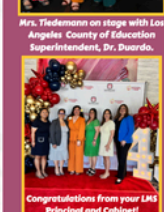
Mrs. Tiedemann is a Physical Education and Dance Teacher at Lennox Middle School. Her classroom is a place of culture, creativity, and movement. Through dance, music, and rhythm, she connects students to the world around them—teaching not only technique, but also heritage, identity, pride, and self-expression. Her classroom motto, "Perseverance is the Key to Success," reflects the determination and commitment she has modeled throughout her career. Her impact extends far beyond the students on the middle school campus. Mrs. Tiedemann has been instrumental in promoting Lennox Middle School through the LMS Road Show, an engaging showcase that visits our elementary schools and introduces younger students to the programs, opportunities, and school spirit awaiting them at LMS.

Mrs. Tiedemann's influence reaches beyond Lennox as well. She was previously recognized as Teacher of the Year by the National Pacific Islander Educator Network, where she has mentored and lectured students from Polynesian communities for more than 24 years. Her colleagues describe her as a true team player—someone who steps up, lifts others, and leads with care, joy, and quiet strength.

Mrs. Tiedemann may not seek the spotlight, but she has certainly earned it. After 34 years of serving Lennox students, we could not be prouder to call her one of our own.

Congratulations, Mrs. Renee Tiedemann—Lennox is proud of you!





Our Lennox School District Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Tiedemann, with her awards.

Mrs. Tiedemann on stage with Los Angeles County of Education Superintendent, Dr. Duardo.

Congratulations from your LMS Principal and Cabinet!

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