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Superintendent's Report to the Board of Trustees

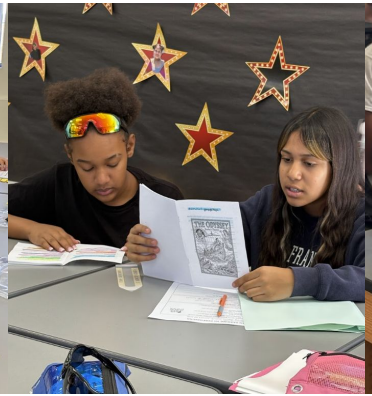
November 6, 2026

Dr. Virginia Castro, Superintendent

Superintendent's Office

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During my school visits, it was exciting to see students engaged in learning and expressing their creativity. At Rogers, students explored strategies to strengthen their understanding of multiplication and brought *The Odyssey* to life through Theatre Arts. At Addams, students investigated chemical reactions and showcased their artistic talents through painting. At Roosevelt, students continued developing their reading and writing skills. Each visit offered a glimpse of the meaningful learning happening across our schools!




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Our district's RAP program celebrated *Lights On* recognizing the importance of before and after school programs.

Students enjoyed fun activities from glow parties, to movie nights, to carnival concession stands and activities.









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Our district participated in the City of Lawndale Halloween Haunt, where we enjoyed connecting with our community! Along with handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, we shared information about our early childhood programs and upcoming enrollment opportunities, helping families learn more about the educational opportunities available at LESD.



Human Resources

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Current LESD Employment Opportunities

Certificated	Classified
	Bilingual Instructional Assistant **Sub Health Clerk** **Sub Food Services Assistant** **SPED-Instructional Assistant** **RAP Program Leader** **RAP Activity Specialist**

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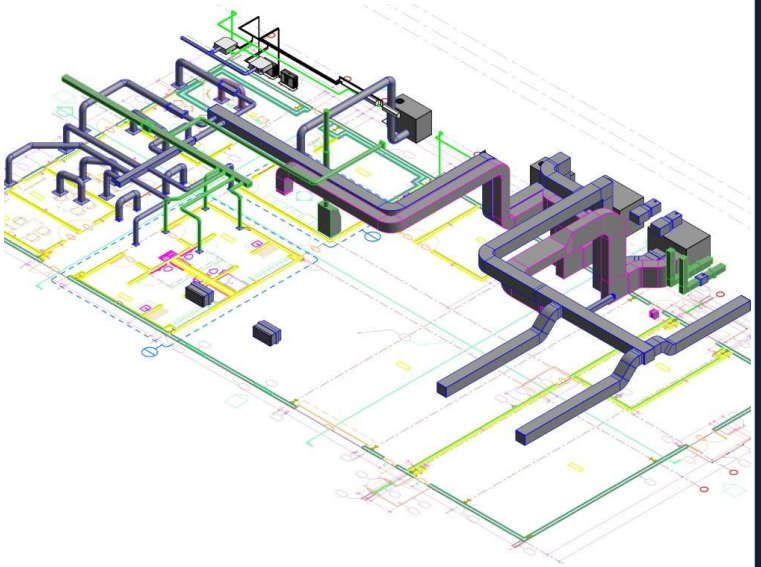


Business- ASCIP Visit and Workers' Comp Claims Review

- On Tuesday, November 3, visited ASCIP's new office to review the district's workers' compensation claims.
- Reviewed ongoing claims and ways to improve claims management.
- Discussed strategies to reduce workers' compensation costs and workplace injuries.
- Explored ways to improve communication and collaboration with ASCIP.

Business- Bollinger Gym HVAC Project Update

- The Bollinger Gym HVAC project is currently in the design phase with the district's architects.
- Plans are expected to be submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for approval in early January 2027.
- The district will begin preparing for the bidding process once the design is finalized.
- Construction is anticipated to begin during summer 2027, pending DSA approval and contractor selection.
- The goal is to complete the project before the start of the 2027–28 school year.



Business- First Interim Financial Report Update

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- The Accounting Department met with various district departments in preparation for the 2026–27 First Interim Financial Report.
- Reviewed departmental budgets, expenditures, and projected spending.
- Discussed potential budget adjustments and funding needs for the remainder of the school year.
- Worked with departments to ensure financial projections are accurate and up to date.
- Accounting will continue finalizing the financial reports in preparation for the December Board meeting.



Educational Services - Día de los Muertos

Across our district, schools celebrated Día de los Muertos, honoring loved ones who have passed while immersing students in this beautiful cultural tradition.

We were also proud to participate in ESMoA's Día de los Muertos event, showcasing student artwork from Rogers, LEAP, and Smith. Across our schools, students and families came together to create beautiful ofrendas, share memories, and invite their school communities to experience this meaningful celebration.







Educational Services

GATE Parent Coffee & Chat - October 29, 2026

- For families of **121 newly identified students**
- Reviewed identification pathways, classroom differentiation, and programming in STEAM, science, math, and problem-solving
- **297 total**: 21 fourth graders, 67 fifth graders, 70 sixth graders, 59 seventh graders, and 80 eighth graders (compared with 115 in 2024)
- **Upcoming parent support meetings:** Dec. 10, Feb. 18, and April 22



Educational Services

Strategic Arts Plan:
Moving Implementation Forward

- Reviewed progress in arts staffing, learning spaces, instruments, murals, and community partnerships.
- Identified priorities
- Organized working groups to advance implementation
- **Next meeting: January 21**

Strategic Arts Plan Committee/District Community Arts Team Meetings

Educational Services
November 5, 2026
Rogers Library Media Center



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Educational Services - Toy Loan Program

- **Toy Loan Program Grand Reopening:** November 18, 3:00–4:00 p.m., at Kit Carson.
- **Year 2 expansion:** Building on CSPP implementation to include LEAP students and families.
- Promotes learning through play, family engagement, and partnerships across Early Education.
- Extends Community Schools principles to our youngest learners through collaboration among district programs and community partners.

