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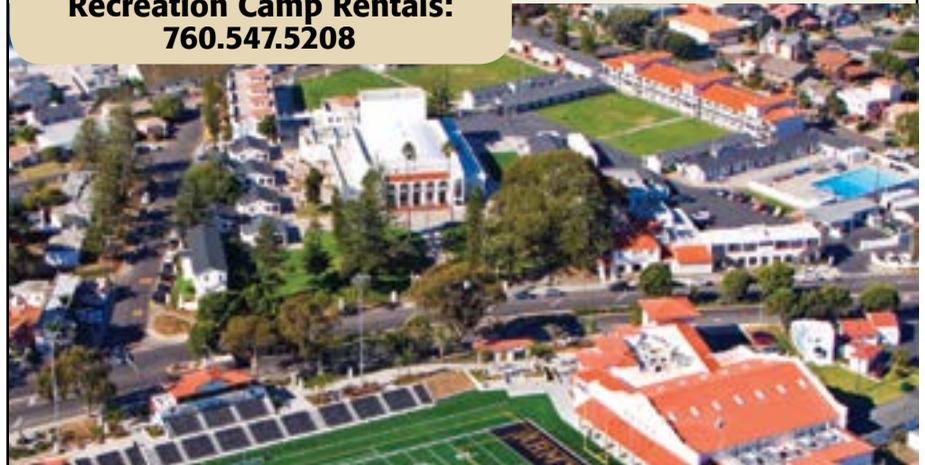
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Supercharging Instruction



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

It began as a simple act of altruism. Sal Khan wanted to remotely tutor his cousin in math, so he made a few YouTube videos, using his closet as a studio.

A decade later, the nonprofit Khan Academy offers an array of practice exercises, instructional videos and personalized dashboards to help learners anywhere in the world study a variety of subjects at their own pace. And now it's about to be scaled up to new levels in Southern California.

The Orange County Department of Education recently joined forces with five other county offices of education to announce new partnerships that will ensure a greater number of students have access to the standards-based resources provided by Khan Academy.

Speaking to an audience of more than 700 educators, parents and elected officials who gathered in Irvine on April 24, Sal Khan outlined an innovative vision of equity, access and individualized learning with leaders from OCDE and the Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego and San Bernardino county offices of education.

Here's how these partnerships will work: Khan Academy will connect with area schools that wish to participate, providing planning and implementation support to help educators utilize its products in strategic and targeted ways. This will provide students — particularly those from low-income families — with a boost on their paths toward college readiness.

County offices of education will play the role of facilitator, working with districts and streamlining the process of engagement to make it as simple as possible. We will also help with content, research and professional development. Meanwhile, by working closely with educational leaders, the Khan Academy team will better be able to evaluate and fine-tune its learning tools.

"This will help us create a better program that can help millions more," Sal Khan said at the event. "We want to work with all of you to ensure Southern California is the model region for the world."

This collaboration has the potential to transform how we educate students in Orange County and throughout the region. While it's true that Khan Academy already offers its instructional resources at no cost, a high percentage of students and teachers have not yet utilized these tools. We can make it easier to do so.

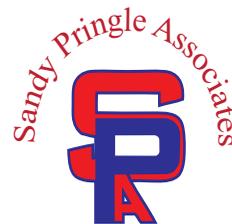
Under our agreement, Khan Academy will work directly with teachers and principals at the site level to first understand local priorities before developing plans that make sense for each campus. That means Khan Academy may be used in different ways depending on where it's deployed.

The goal, however, will be the same — to provide personalized instruction and universal access to college preparation resources, including Khan Academy's new SAT-prep tools.

To borrow a term from Sal Khan, this is about helping teachers and administrators "supercharge" instruction. And it starts now, in Orange County's classrooms.

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Career Exploration and Internships!



Carol Hume
Superintendent

Did you know nationwide 80% of students change their major at least once before graduating college? Perhaps this startling statistic would decrease if more students took advantage of career technical education classes in high school. Career technical education provides students with an opportunity to experience a particular career before committing to it, before committing to a college major or post-secondary training.

Now, more than ever, it is critical for students to start thinking about life after high school. High school diplomas and college degrees are important milestones in one's educational journey as they lead students to a rewarding career. But how do they find that career? How can students discover their passion? They need to explore the options that are available.

Students have many choices to make in high school. Without a doubt, these choices impact their future. One of our students, Nicholas Chung, a senior at Irvine High School, recently shared how his decision to explore the medical field helped him discover his career path: "I quickly grew passionate about the health care field through my EMR and EMT classes. I am not just interested in the medical field, now I am determined to be a part of the health care system." Nicholas will be attending UCLA in the fall and will major in biology.

The opportunity to explore career options in high school definitely added value to Nicholas's student experience and the 8,000 other students enrolled in Coastline ROP. Listen to Nicholas and six other students share their experiences about career exploration and internships at <https://youtu.be/dDbQapL28Bo>.

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Terri Giamarino
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Enhanced Learning



Dr. Linda Wagner
Superintendent

I am excited to share we have decided to extend learning experiences for all Anaheim Elementary students beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Currently, students in grades K-3 depart school earlier than the rest of the student body in grades 4-6. Starting with the new 2017-2018 school year, the school day will end at the same time for all our K-6 students. We know our primary students will greatly benefit from this additional instructional time with their teacher.

In other news, our District has been recognized with several prestigious awards this year.

James Guinn and John Marshall elementary schools have been honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from The NAMM Foundation for their outstanding commitment to music education. The award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

In addition, Abraham Lincoln School has been named a 2017 'Civic Learning Award School' by the California Department of Education. The award acknowledges the important role of public schools in preparing students for participation in our democracy and celebrates successful efforts to teach civic principles. Civic Engagement and Community Service is Lincoln School's 'Distinguished Practice,' AESD's specialized curricula to enhance the educational experience.

We invite you to learn more about our District by visiting our website, anaheimelementary.org

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AIME for Future Success



Michael B. Matsuda
Superintendent

Although only in its second year, our AIME program (Anaheim's Innovative Mentoring Experience) has provided approximately 2,000 students with comprehensive corporate mentoring and summer internship opportunities in Orange County.

This summer, 120 juniors are earning scholarships and college credit while interning at 19 corporations and non-profits such as Kaiser Permanente and OC Transportation Agency. AIME is transformational not only for the students, but for the business and community leaders, too.

AIME is poised for growth next year with the establishment of the Anaheim Union Educational Pledge, a collaborative, comprehensive partnership with higher education institutions and the city of Anaheim designed to ensure that AUHSD students have the support they need for college, career, and life readiness and success.

Pledge partners include Fullerton and Cypress colleges, California State University, Fullerton, the University of California at Irvine, and the city. The community colleges will provide academic and counseling support for students while still in AUHSD, and after they enroll in either college. The community colleges will also offer increased dual enrollment courses that allow for more college credit upon high school graduation.

Once students graduate from either Fullerton or Cypress colleges and are minimally UC qualified, the pledge guarantees them admission to UCI. Cal State Fullerton agrees to offer additional academic counseling support to students while still in AUHSD, plus mentoring for first-year, undeclared CSUF majors from AUHSD. The city is promising to offer mentorships, as well as resources, for the program.

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Celebrating Excellence in Education



Dr. Brad Mason
Superintendent

This year has been a year of honoring excellence in education as three of our BOUSD schools celebrate big birthdays. Brea Junior High celebrates 100 years, Arovista Elementary celebrates 60 years and Mariposa Elementary 50 years.

BOUSD continues to enjoy recognition for innovative programs and best practices in education. Brea Junior High and Brea Olinda High School were honored as Gold Ribbon Schools by the California Department of Education.

As we move into the 2017-18 school year, BOUSD is dedicated to an ongoing cycle of improvement. Recent enhancements for the upcoming school year include the implementation of AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) at Brea Olinda High School and Arovista Elementary School. Additionally, the college and career pathways program at Brea Junior High will be expanding to include Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Brea Olinda High School entered into a partnership with the Foundation for Korean Language & Culture in U.S.A. and will offer Korean 1 and 2 next year, with approximately 50 students already signed up to begin this world language program. Brea Olinda and Brea Canyon High Schools will also be expanding their Career Technical Education (CTE) offerings and will continue to grow their wonderful partnership with Fullerton College. This partnership allows students to take college-level courses for free while earning college credit in courses offered at our school sites.

I am grateful for the commitment of our students, parents, staff, community partners and board members. Together we will continue to plan and provide for a quality education in the 21st Century for our students.

Buena Park School District

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Personalized Learning at BPSD



Greg Magnuson
Superintendent

“Buena Park School District is providing students with a limitless learning environment,” says District Superintendent, Greg Magnuson. “At BPSD students at all grade levels are benefiting from digital tools and curriculum that personalize learning through our Classrooms Without Limits initiative. With iPads for all students, our digital teaching and learning model is transforming the old textbook environment, to a dynamic multi-media personal learning experience for each student.”

Complimenting Classrooms Without Limits is newly renovated classrooms at five of the District’s seven schools. Classrooms have been redesigned for wireless connectivity, greater student engagement, collaboration and creativity. Moreover, to support youngsters before they are school age and students in preschool to Grade 3, BPSD provides 24/7 access to its online early literacy program, Footsteps2Brilliance.

This program is also available for all Buena Park children, ages 0-9, at: www.BPSD.k12.ca.us

“We know that modern teaching and learning is no longer confined to that part of the day students are in classrooms. Through Classrooms Without Limits, we have extended the classroom to create a connected learning opportunity on the playground, at the park, at home, and with parents and their peers. Simply stated, BPSD’s Classrooms Without Limits supports personalized student learning anywhere and at anytime.” Magnuson adds.

Magnuson reminds us that beyond BPSD’s Classroom Without Limits initiative, Buena Park students and families continue to benefit from skilled and caring staff, high quality day-care, pre-kindergarten, school readiness, counseling, STEM, music and tutoring programs and services.

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An Outstanding Year



Kirsten M. Vital
Superintendent

This has been an outstanding year for Capistrano Unified School District and we are working through the summer to prepare for the 2017-2018 school year.

A major effort is underway to expand Career Technical Education pathways. Currently, Capistrano Unified has 28 pathways and we have plans to build even more. This summer Dana Hills High School's Culinary Arts room will receive new equipment, while Aliso Niguel High School will feature a brand new Forensics Lab. In addition, a new Engineering/Construction Lab and new Fabrication Lab will be constructed at San Juan Hills High and San Clemente High, respectively. We are also on track to construct eleven new Investigation Labs at our middle schools.

We are also expanding our partnership with Discovery Education as we work to become a premier STEM and STEAM District focused on science, technology, engineering, and math for the future. In August, we will open the Outdoor Science Classroom at Marblehead Elementary Environmental Studies Academy where our students will have the wonderful opportunity to learn in a unique environment.

Speaking of the environment, we began our District-wide solar assessment project. In the fall, students from across the District will work with us to evaluate the results of the assessment. We are excited to work alongside these young people as we decrease our energy footprint.

As our summer work is underway, we are excited about the starting of the 2017-2018 school year.

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A Rich History with a Forward Focus



Norma Martinez
Superintendent

Centralia School District became the first district in California to provide free textbooks to every student, providing a level playing field for all its students. Today, our scholars' education extends beyond simply having a textbook. Learning is about communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and character. It is also about rigor, relevance and relationships.

Students entering our schools in 2017-18 can immediately begin to see the implementation of the Measure N bond, passed in November 2016. Kindergarten students will have access to inclusive and creative playgrounds designed to foster imaginative play. Students at all campuses will soon enjoy eating under a shaded lunch structure. We continue to transition the old computer lab model to an "Innovation Lab" space, with possibilities of creative work in these spaces for all students. This exciting beginning is just the start of a physical transformation of our facilities.

Through Project Based Learning and the full implementation of our Benchmark reading program, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate subject matter mastery in meaningful ways, solving real-life problems and engaging with an authentic audience.

We are bringing back music education, offering a strings program to participating scholars in grades 4-6. Through the dedication of our committed staff, each school is continuing to evolve their focus on the evolution of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) as a viable platform for college and career readiness.

Centralia ESD is a forward-focused district and we are successful because of the support of our communities, the amazing staff that we employ and our hard working scholars. We make success happen at CESD!

Cypress School District

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Inspiring and Empowering Every Student



Anne Silavs
Superintendent

It is with great excitement that we usher in another amazing school year in the Cypress School District! We are proud to provide our community with an enriched and well-rounded educational program that prepares students for success in a dynamic and ever-changing world.

STEM – Newly constructed facilities on each school campus support student learning in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Dedicated STEM labs provide students with flexible learning space to promote project-based learning and applied knowledge.

Music – Our district proudly provides all students with weekly music instruction taught by a credentialed music teacher during the regular school day. In the spring, we showcase our students' musical accomplishments during schoolwide concerts on each campus.

Smaller Class Size – We fully recognize the value of smaller classes in primary grades when students are first learning to read and develop number sense. Our district has fully implemented class size reduction in TK through third grade to provide this important support.

Professional Development – Each year, staff participates in professional development to support high-quality instruction and exceptional levels of student achievement. Workshops include Gifted and Talented Education, Write from the Beginning, and Cognitively Guided Instruction for mathematics, just to name a few.

State Preschool – To ensure all children in our community have access to high-quality preschool, the district opened a brand new State Preschool Program last February. In addition to the private preschools operated on each campus, income-eligible families have the opportunity to enroll their children in a free part-time or full-day program. Enrollment for 2017/18 is now open!

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Dr. Mark Johnson
Superintendent

In Fountain Valley School District, we are thrilled to begin the 2017-18 school year! Over the last twelve months, our efforts in professional development, facilities, culture, community engagement, and fiscal responsibility have been nothing short of exemplary.

In the area of professional development, we did substantial work in elementary math and reading, working to further implement CGI and reading assessments. At the middle school level, we partnered with Irvine Math Project and Irvine History Project, as well as national expert, Carol Jago, in English Language Arts. And, our middle school ELA teachers developed common novel units of study, which have truly impacted our ability to collaborate.

Another area we did extensive work in was facilities planning. And, we are thrilled to share that we passed the District's first ever general obligation bond, Measure O, last November. The proceeds from Measure O will be used to significantly improve the air quality and climate in our schools, which will greatly impact the learning environment for our students and staff.

As we look forward to the 2017-18 school year, it is important for us to keep in mind that while schools are about teaching and learning, they are also about people, relationships and community. So...as we continue our drive to be the best, we will also remember to take a moment to appreciate the community we are lucky to be a part of, and the culture of family that continues to thrive in our District. Whether in the classroom, on the stage or on the athletic court/field, the students in Fountain Valley School District will always flourish in this environment. And, indeed, WE ALL HEART FVSD!

Fullerton School District

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Great Schools—Successful Kids



Dr. Robert Pletka
Superintendent

Education of today's young people is the most vital activity we can undertake to ensure the well being of our nation. Working in today's public schools coupled with the art of teaching is a profession characterized by skill, knowledge, discipline, tenacity, perseverance and creativity in the delivery of instruction to meet the diverse educational, social and personal needs of each child.

Fullerton School District educates over 13,700 children from the Fullerton community in fifteen K-6 elementary schools, two K-8 schools, three comprehensive junior high schools and a variety of preschool/childcare programs. District and school site staff work diligently to promote high academic standards as well as help students apply knowledge and skills in preparation for college and career readiness. As part of the developing 21st century skills, the District develops creativity by providing a comprehensive arts education for every kindergarten through 8th grade child. Also of high value is the District's commitment to integrating technology with 21st century skills for teaching and learning.

Working alongside District and school site staff, parent support and involvement in educating children is extremely important to the success of all students. To this end, Fullerton School District values the partnership with its parent and business community. It is through the spirit of collaboration and teamwork that helps to ensure that our students will be successful and well prepared for their future in the 21st century.

It is our belief that all students in the Fullerton School District can and will learn, achieve and grow each year. Our motto, "Great Schools – Successful Kids," exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic proficiency, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society.

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Preparing Students for College/Career



Dr. Scott Scambray
Superintendent

Serving approximately 14,000 students, the Fullerton Joint Union High School District strives to provide a learning environment that is conducive to high student achievement and attainment of 21st Century skills. Examples of our outstanding academic programs with career applications include: Advanced Placement, Agriculture, AVID, Early College, Engineering Program (EPIC), Fine Arts Academies, G-Cademy (Green Construction), International Baccalaureate, iPath for at-risk students, JROTC programs, Marketing and Business Academy, Medical Careers, Performing Arts Academies, and Troy Tech. Examples of our outstanding extracurricular programs that provide real-world applications include: State and National Champions in Speech and Debate, State and National Champions in Science Olympiad, CIF and State sports championships, Theater (MACY) Awards, Culinary programs, Automotive Repair, Performing Arts, and Robotics competitions.

The year ahead presents many new opportunities such as completing the one-to-one Chromebooks at all seven high schools and the following Bond Measure Supported Construction Projects: New Aquatics Center at Sunny Hills High School; New Aquatics Center at Troy High School; Stadium Modernization at Fullerton Union High School; Gymnasium Modernization at Sunny Hills High School; Gymnasium Modernization at Fullerton Union High School; New Gymnasium at Sonora High School; Gymnasium Modernization at Troy High School; Theater Modernization at Buena Park High School; Theater Modernization at Fullerton Union High School; Theater Modernization at Sonora High School; New Theater at La Habra High School; Gymnasium Modernization at La Habra High School; and New Stadium at Buena Park High School

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, administrators, teachers, and staff members of the District, we look forward to a productive 2017/2018 school year.

Students Prepared for Lifelong Success



Dr. Gabriela Mafi
Superintendent

More than 3,300 seniors in the Class of 2017 celebrated the culmination of their K-12 education. As they marched onto the field, smiles swept across the faces of these young adults who realized they had accomplished one of life's most exciting milestones.

The Class of 2017 has much to celebrate. More than 1,600 seniors took more than 4,000 Advanced Placement (AP) courses and 49% of seniors completed one or more AP course. Nearly 550 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy and have become fluent in two or more languages. Approximately 53% of seniors met rigorous a-g requirements (beating the county and state average), qualifying them to attend UC and CSU schools.

Other accomplishments across the district include 29 schools on the California Honor Roll; one national blue ribbon school; four California gold ribbon schools, and four high schools named among the nation's best high schools by *U.S. News and World Report*. GGUSD successfully launched its first Spanish Dual Language Immersion Academy with 175 students beginning their journey to becoming bilingual and biliterate, with an expected 300 enrolled next year.

The district also passed its second bond measure with 76.3% approval from GGUSD voters. Measure P is funding air conditioning in the 25 schools currently without, seismic and safety improvements, and two new athletic stadiums. The Michael A. Monsoor stadium will open at Garden Grove High School in September.

In GGUSD, the secret to the success of our award-winning schools is that we treat all of our students as if they are our own children, always putting their needs first. For many of us, graduation day is a reminder of why our work matters. For 13+ years, we help students gain the academic and personal skills needed to go after big dreams and accomplish lifelong success: that's the Garden Grove Way!

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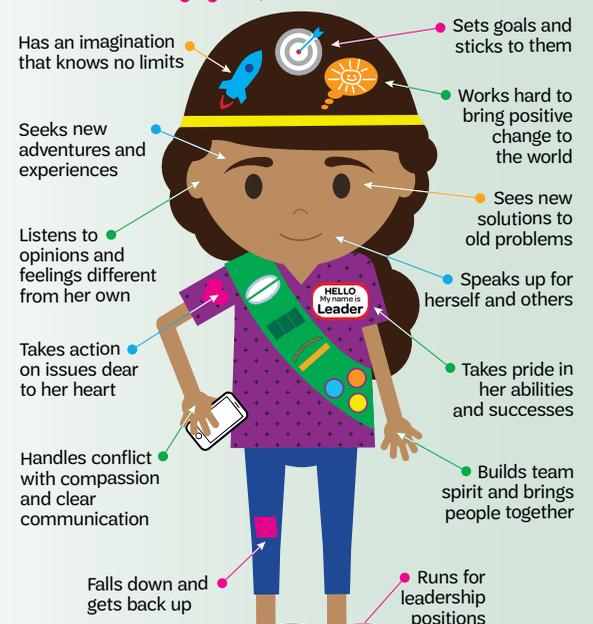
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Huntington Beach City School District

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Unique Programs Offered



Gregory Hauk
Superintendent

I'd like to share with you one of the truly unique programs offered in our community to help the kids who really need extra support – the Twilight Education Project. This program is designed to help English Language Learner families from low-income backgrounds. Every member of the family from babies, to school age kids, to teens, and even parents, all get the chance to learn and build the foundation for a better life.

Three nights per week throughout the entire school year, the Boys & Girls Club's fleet of buses picks up whole families from 25 street corners throughout Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster and brings them to Golden West College. Once they arrive, the whole family gets the chance to learn. Moms and Dads get ESL education, job skills training, and workshops in early childhood education topics and life skills. School age kids get homework help, tutoring, mentoring, and enrichment programs. Preschoolers get English language focused instruction that helps them enter kindergarten on more even footing with their English speaking peers, and babies as young as eight weeks get loving care while their parents and big brothers and sisters are learning.

What makes this program so special is that it is a real partnership.. In Twilight, the Huntington Beach City School District works with Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, Huntington Beach Union High School District's Huntington Beach Adult School, Ocean View School District, Fountain Valley School District, Westminster School District, and Golden West College.

This program gets results and it can make a big difference for the families in your school. Best of all, to ensure that it is accessible to every family that needs it, this program is 100% free for families! If you would like to tour the program or get more information for families at your school, contact Alejandra Morales at 714-899-5900 ext. 1 or amorales@bgchv.com.

Huntington Beach Union High School District

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Parent/Student University Program

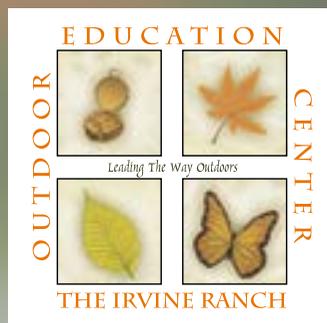


Dr. Clint Harwick
Superintendent

In an ever-changing world Huntington Beach Union, High School District strives to be an educational destination for students and families in the Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster communities. The classrooms are more than buildings, performing arts complexes, recreational fields and outdoor spaces but rather collegial spaces that provide essential conduits of learning for students grades nine through twelve and beyond. Never has it been more important to engage our students with their parent/guardians in discussions of academic planning, technological proficiency, wellness, and personal safety with the goal of creating platforms for successful student/parent teams.

HBUHSD is committed to providing multiple resources to help students and families learn and grow academically, emotionally and socially.

Starting in 2012, The Parent/Student University program was designed to be responsive to the needs of our students and their families with presentations and resources that are relevant and action oriented. These resources include strategic planning material and valuable links to community and/or federal agencies for those seeking more information on issues that may include counseling, health care, and family enrichment activities. One evening per month our families of the tri-community will be given the opportunity to learn about Social Media Safety, Online Learning Options, Growth Mindset study skills, Mindfulness benefits, and Youth Suicide Prevention strategies. HBUHSD believes that a community that learns together, supports one another, and keeps our students safe is an aspiration that is valued by community members of all ages. Our Parent University calendar can be found on our website at www.hbuhsd.edu.



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Educational Equity



Terry Walker
Superintendent

The Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) is committed to preparing our more than 32,000 students to be college and career ready by providing them with the best educational experience we can envision. We must ensure students have a strong educational foundation with the necessary skills that will enable them to succeed. Our schools, curriculum and programming must be reflective of the world our children will enter as young adults and professionals.

As one of the fastest growing school districts in the nation, we are focused on building staff and facility capacity to leverage the potential of technology access and connectivity for all schools and their students. To best leverage the talents of our dedicated staff and maximize the learning opportunities for our students, all IUSD schools must be state-of-the-art facilities, with the necessary education specifications and technology for teachers and students to perform at their highest levels.

To ensure all IUSD schools meet the same safety and academic standards as new schools and that all students have equal access to 21st-century educational facilities, Irvine voters recently passed a school facilities improvement measure, Measure E. Funds from this measure will help make certain all students have equal access to current instructional technology and facilities modernizations, which have the power to shape and enhance the learning environment in transformative ways.

In partnership with the Irvine Community, and with thanks to voters who passed our School Facilities Improvement Measure bond, IUSD will continue to build upon our successes through innovative and strategic approaches to education, coupled with state-of-the-art facilities and the integration of technologies that will expand and leverage our collective talents and efforts. Through these efforts and investments, we remain as committed and confident as ever that we are ensuring that each student is prepared for their exciting future ahead.

Accepting No Limits on Potential



Dr. Jason Vilorio
Superintendent

Laguna Beach Unified School District is committed to unlocking the potential of all of our students.

LBUSD strives to ensure that each student gains the knowledge, experience, world perspectives, and skills needed to become a lifelong learner and producer in a competitive and interconnected world. Our focus on developing and sustaining outstanding curricular programs, extensive extra-curricular opportunities, and high quality instruction provides students with an exceptional educational program. Community partnerships expand our opportunities for learning beyond the classroom as students explore the coast with the Crystal Cove

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Becoming A Destination District



Dr. Joanne Culverhouse
Superintendent

I am honored to serve as the new Superintendent of the La Habra City School District and it is clear that there is a special brand of educational excellence in our district and throughout our community.

Through my site and classroom visits, I have observed our teachers, instructional aides, psychologists, academic coaches, community liaisons, office staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, parent volunteers and most importantly..some of the most articulate, bright, and amazing students I have encountered as an educator.

Upon entering each classroom there is evidence of critical thinking, innovation, enthusiasm, and a connection to learning. Our staff uses effective teaching strategies, and every adult truly puts their heart and soul into providing each child with opportunities to grow, learn, and reach their full potential. As we set the stage for long-term growth, we will focus on a few strategic goals and specific outcomes that align to critical supports for leadership, teaching, student learning, and achievement.

As we explore avenues to improve achievement and enhance parent engagement, LHCS D has thoughtfully and systematically created a Reconfiguration Task Force. We have assembled a working group of “thought leaders” from various stakeholder groups and their goal is to configure the grade levels to have a greater impact on learning. The Task Force is examining how we can best harness innovation, academic rigor, seamless transitions, curriculum alignment, organizational and management effectiveness, and opportunities that promote equity and equality by shifting our schools to a TK-6 and 7-8 format.

LHCS D will become a destination district for all children to grow and learn.
Together we are strong

Los Alamitos Unified School District

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Igniting Unlimited Possibilities



Dr. Sherry Kropp
Superintendent

Students thrive in Academics, Athletics, Activities, and the Arts due to excellent parent and community support, highly skilled and talented teachers and staff, and visionary leadership from our Board of Trustees. Our spirit of excellence drives ongoing improvement, innovation, and exciting uses of technology. Our motto, Igniting Unlimited Possibilities, represents our dedication to ensuring all students dream big and graduate fully prepared to achieve their goals.

Our commitment to the “Los Al Way” is exemplified throughout our district by the successful accomplishments of our students. We are one of four Districts in the United States named to the College Board’s Honor Roll seven years in a row. All schools are California Distinguished Schools and Gold Ribbon Schools. New online courses and the explosion of STEAM related courses have given students new opportunities. Academic Decathlon took first place, and Science Olympiad won numerous awards. Athletic teams earned 10 Sunset League Championships, and softball won the CIF Division 1 Championship. Show choir was named National Grand Champions for the 6th time; the song and cheer teams achieved back-to-back national and world championships; drama won awards in over 30 categories, and achieved a 100% passage rate on the LAMDA exam; drumline took 1st place, and four students were selected to the U.S. Army All American High School Marching Band. To cap off the year, we hosted our annual event that unites students with disabilities and high school students for a day of field games.

These are great times to be advocates for public education and for all students. Go Los Al!

Lowell Joint School District

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District of Destination



Jim Coombs
Superintendent

The Lowell Joint School District strives to be among the leading schools throughout the state of California as we also honor our traditions. Our students receive a quality education from outstanding teachers whose top priority is the success of their students.

The District is located in the southeastern portion of Los Angeles County and the northwestern portion of Orange County and it serves families from the communities of La Habra, La Habra Heights, and Whittier.

Lowell serves the educational needs of students in Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade at five K-6 elementary schools and one intermediate school. All six schools have received the California Distinguished School Award and California Gold Ribbon Award. The importance of education, the family, and traditional American values are bedrock to the Lowell culture as well as our emphasis on higher education, personal integrity, social responsibility, Character Education, and an appreciation of our national heritage.

Specialized academic programs provided at the schools include art and vocal music (TK-6) and instrumental music (6-8). Our intermediate school provides a full array of visual and performing arts classes including beginning and advanced band, percussion, drumline, vocal music and drama. Fine art classes are offered in drawing, painting, 3-D design and advanced art. An extensive STEM engineering program is also offered with classes in Design and Modeling, Robotics, Audio Engineering, Green Architecture and Energy and the Environment. After-school sports and after-school enrichment opportunities, such as Science Olympiad, are offered at the junior high school.

There is a strong emphasis on 21st century learning skills and a vast array of technology is infused throughout all of the schools to ensure our students have the foundation to be globally competitive. Parents understand that Lowell Joint schools offer strong educational opportunities and as such, we serve as a District of Destination for the community.

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Rigorous Educational Programs



Dr. Frank Donovan
Superintendent

As we begin our 122nd year in providing a quality education in the Magnolia School District, we are proud of our accomplishments. All of our schools continue to score at or above the State average.

At Robert M. Pyles STEM Academy we have Transitional Kindergarten through Sixth grade students typing actual computer codes and learning computer science. At Juliette Low School of the Arts students are learning the intricate details of the Arts while using art to complete their math and language arts assignments.

All of our teachers have the opportunity to participate in a rigorous training program to earn a STEM Certification and more than two-thirds of our teachers have already completed this program. Every student in our District receives instruction in Art, Music, Physical Education as well as rigorous academics. We have many after-school opportunities for our students including Chess, Robotics, and Coding.

This summer we will once again provide quality programs including our Long Term English Learner Academy, Summer STEM Academy and our Extended School Year program. All of our incoming 3rd grade students are invited to participate in our Summer STEM Academy and our Swim Program. We have partnered with GOALS Academy in providing a quality Hockey Program for our students. Many of our students will also take part in a summer Basketball Camp thanks to our collaborative partnership with the Magnolia Baptist Church.

As we move into our 122nd year in providing rigorous educational programs and services, we are proud to say that the Magnolia School District is truly a great place to make a difference.

Ocean View School District

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Focused On Achievement for All Students



Dr. Carol Hansen
Superintendent

The Ocean View School District continues to strengthen its credibility and stability on behalf of families, students, employees, and the community, while focusing on achievement for all students. We do this through our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), our long-term strategic plan, and our daily activities. My intention, as we head into the 2017-2018 school year and my third year as Superintendent, is to remain focused on student success.

As I noted last year, the school year has provided new insights, new programs for students and employees, and many positive achievements. I have enjoyed watching students demonstrate their intellectual, artistic, humanitarian, and athletic capabilities through local and regional competitions in history, robotics, science, visual and performing arts, oratory, pine derby, and athletics. I congratulate the many employees who are continually making a difference—including, but certainly not limited to, Teachers of the Year Vincent Saporito and Jared de Lachica; Classified Employees of the Year Tannya Ghiotto, Eric Taylor, Susan Burdette, Clare Shweyk, Shelly Fernandez, and Alicia Helm; Outstanding Educator in Visual Arts recipient Andrew Estrada; English Learner award winners Lisa Wilson and Lilia Bernardo; Huntington Beach Youth Shelter Distinguished Partner Award winner William Lynch; and many more. We also share our gratitude with those employees who retired from OVSD this year.

Looking to the future, we welcome a new English Language Arts textbook adoption, the construction of the Oak View Gym/Multipurpose Room, and additional steps toward finalizing our Measure R bond project priorities. Let's celebrate and continue to strengthen the proud foundation we have established!

Newport-Mesa Unified School District

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Vision for Success



Dr. Fred Navarro
Superintendent

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD) focuses on a commitment to continuous improvement as we prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world. NMUSD serves 22,000 students in 32 schools, from preschool to high school, in the cities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa.

As we look back district's 50th anniversary in 2016, we were reminded of how through the many changes and advanced in education, we remain steadfast in our commitment to continuous improvement. The guiding principles of our commitment are centered upon the district's key priorities that address the evolving needs of our students. Below is a snippet of our 2017/18 district priorities:

Academics: NMUSD students will receive quality instruction based on meaningful lessons that incorporate creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and innovative uses of technology. We continuously expand rigorous, relevant, high-interest programs to prepare and support students to meet the demands and rigor of college and industry standards beyond graduation.

Behavior: NMUSD provides support systems for the emotional, behavioral and mental well-being of students. We utilize intervention systems to encourage students to become independent, responsible thinkers and problem solvers by providing opportunities to learn from the impact of their choices.

Community: Community partnerships are integral to the success of our students and we build and foster meaningful partnerships and shared commitment with community organizations. Our students are provided opportunities to apply their learning and skills in real world settings while serving and enhancing our community.

For a full description of district priorities please visit <http://nmusd.ca.admin.schoolloop.com/priorities>. We are confident in our mission to inspire students and enrich communities, and we look forward to another year of continued growth and excellence.

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Mission Statement

The Orange Unified School District, being committed to planning for continual improvement, will offer a learning environment of excellence, with high expectations, to provide each student with the opportunity to be able to compete in the global economy.

Top Ten Core Values

This we believe above all else...

1. That all students will learn.
2. That all available resources will be utilized to ensure student success.
3. That everyone needs to model servant leadership.
4. That creating a shared vision will empower others.
5. That communicating our shared vision requires honesty and consistency.
6. That all people should be treated with respect and dignity.
7. That we demonstrate trustworthiness by all we say and do.
8. That we need to listen empathically and respectfully to understand the message beyond the words.
9. That everyone is our customer and, therefore, we will always follow-up and follow-through.
10. That what's best for our students comes first and foremost.

At the time of this publication going to print, Superintendent Christensen had retired and his replacement had not been named. This Mission Statement and Top Ten Core Values is from the OUSD web site.

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

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Teachers are Influential



Dr. Greg S. Plutko
Superintendent

There is nothing like the tradition and celebration of graduation season, and in the PYLUSD we really do that well! As I completed my first year of service to the PYL school community, I was so very proud to watch our amazing students cross our graduation stages with a sense of joy and contagious optimism that resonated through the crowds with air horns and balloons...a special time for everyone. While the student and family celebrations were visible from every vantage point, I was also able to witness a deep and satisfying sense of accomplishment in the eyes and words of their dedicated teachers. While we are always energized by the mantle of graduation, I am reminded over and over again just how special and influential our teachers are in the PYLUSD. From hugs to high fives, from tears to laughter, our teachers were shoulder to shoulder with "their" graduates as they walked into the stadiums, on the stage, and through the age-old tradition of turning of the tassels...a dedication that makes a difference each day. And as I look back on my own high school experience, it is that very same teacher dedication that still has a profound effect on who I am today. The special bond of a student and teacher will have a lasting impact...students of the PYLUSD, your futures are quite bright. So now, we take a deep breath and get ready for another stellar school year poised just over the summer horizon. Have a great and restful summer!

Saddleback Valley Unified School District

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SVUSD Shines



Dr. Crystal Turner
Superintendent

It is my honor to have been selected as the new superintendent of Saddleback Valley Unified School District which serves 28,000 students. Visiting each school was a great way to connect with the staff and community. It is exciting to see high levels of student engagement, the use of integrated technology, and the interest of teachers and staff to provide the best possible learning environment for students. In addition, the support that our parent community provides to SVUSD schools is remarkable. While there are many incredible things to celebrate in SVUSD, here are a few highlights:

- SVUSD Seniors have a 96.6% graduation rate.
- High student achievement is demonstrated by excellence on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress scores, International Baccalaureate completion, and Advanced Placement scores.
- Twenty-six Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways exist for secondary students, providing real world experiences.
- The K-12 Dual Immersion Spanish program teaches students to read, write, and speak in both English and Spanish.
- Robotics programs are thriving at secondary schools.
- Elementary GATE magnet programs are excelling at regional schools.
- Teachers collaborate to meet the needs of all students through co-teaching.
- Championship athletic programs are found at our four comprehensive high schools.
- Award winning performing arts and music programs are thriving.
- SVUSD Virtual Academy is opening in 2017-18 to offer K-8 students a flexible online learning environment.

Together with teachers, staff, administration, and parents, Saddleback Valley Unified School District creates personalized learning and activity opportunities for students. In 2017-18, I am confident that our SVUSD students will continue to shine!

Santa Ana Unified School District

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Students Ready to Compete



Dr. Stefanie Phillips
Superintendent

The Santa Ana Unified School District is proud to have a significant increase of 11.5% in graduation rates over the last seven years, surpassing the State and County average with 91.6% of the District's high school seniors graduating with their diploma and a direct pathway to college, 54 with their AA degrees through the District's dual college program, and others going directly into the workforce, and military.

As the seventh largest district in the State of California serving 53,000 students, who are 96% Latino, 60% English Language Learners, and 91% socio-economically disadvantaged, the Santa Ana Unified School District student is unique in that many of the students face challenges and obstacles that their peers in other communities will never face. As students overcome each obstacle and celebrate the many milestones, often unknowingly, they are building traits that will benefit them and last a lifetime – perseverance, determination, and confidence.

Our soaring graduation rates and students attending and graduating from college are proof that all students can achieve when you invest the resources and support mechanisms that they need. This is evident in the stories that I hear and the letters and emails that I receive from alumni crediting the education and support of the Santa Ana Unified School District for their success as students at such higher education institutions as Harvard, Cornell, Brown, Princeton, Dartmouth, Georgetown, USC, and all the University of California and California State Universities campuses.

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Savanna School District

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The Best is Yet to Come!



Dr. Sue Johnson
Superintendent

What a special place Savanna School District is! Encompassing parts of the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress and Stanton, Savanna School District is an elementary school district with approximately 2400 students. We're excited as we look forward to the 2017-18 school year with the implementation of our new English Language Arts/English Language Development program and our focus on STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics!

Our philosophy of "Great Expectations...The Best Is Yet To Come" can be evidenced through our positive learning environment and strong academic program. Our Great

Expectations are that all students are college and career ready when they leave our schools; we know that "The Best Is Yet To Come" as teachers integrate hands-on learning based on clear, consistent, rigorous, and relevant lessons that will help to provide students with a strong foundation on which to build. Great Expectations can be evidenced in the infusion of technology into all lessons across the curriculum; teaching students how to use the available technologies for research as well as for developing projects to demonstrate their learning is equally essential. To meet these goals, we have established Technology Learning Centers and STEM Centers on each campus.

The entire Savanna School District staff and Board of Trustees welcomes you to the 2017-18 school year and look forward to a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate "The Best Is Yet To Come" as we prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of the community. Savanna School District truly is a special place to be!

Tustin Unified School District

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Our Students are Future Ready!



Dr. Gregory A. Franklin
Superintendent

The Tustin Unified School District continues to be a great place for students to learn, thrive, be creative and pursue their future in college and career.

The 2016-17 year saw many "firsts" around the school district. Tustin Unified opened Heritage – the District's first science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) elementary school – for transitional kindergarten (TK) through fifth grade.

Tustin Unified began offering a Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program for TK, kindergarten and first-grade students at Marjorie Veeh Elementary School. The children receive a diverse, enriching learning experience because they learn to think, read, write and communicate in two languages. In the 2017-18 school year, the program will expand to students in second grade.

During the school year, more students enrolled in Tustin Connect, an online independent study program. The program provides K-8 students with a highly personalized and flexible learning environment, and allows students to progress at their own pace at home and work with teachers and peers during collaborative learning days, workshops and lab hours. Starting in the fall, Tustin Connect will expand to an accredited college preparatory high school (grades 9-12).

The TUSD Robotics League, created in partnership with the Tustin Public Schools Foundation, provided opportunities for K-12 students to develop skills and interest in STEM, computer science, engineering and programming through a competitive robotics program. This year, the District had seven robotics teams compete in the VEX World Robotics Championships. The competitions prepare students to become future innovators with 95% of participants reporting an increased interest in STEM subject areas and pursuing STEM-related careers.

There is no doubt – Tustin Unified students are future ready!

Westminster School District

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A Year of Notable Achievements



Dr. Cyndi Pak
Superintendent

I would like to express my appreciation to our staff, students and parents for an outstanding school year! Together, we achieved a great deal throughout the 2016-17 school year and here are just a few of our noteworthy accomplishments:

- WSD made history last year when we opened the first Vietnamese Dual Immersion Academy in California. This year we opened the District's first Spanish Dual Immersion Program for preschool and kindergartners.
- California Department of Education honored all three of our middle schools with the Gold Ribbon Schools Award for gains in academic achievement and the Academic Achieving Schools Award for meeting the needs of lower-income students.
- Voters overwhelmingly passed a \$76 million bond measure that will provide funds needed for a \$15 million Gymnasium & Multi-Use Facility at Stacey Middle School and air-conditioning throughout our school sites.
- Sequoia Academy was established as a GATE (Gifted & Talented Education) Magnet Elementary School, featuring an academically rigorous program that focuses on STEAM and AVID.
- California School Boards Association presented our District with the prestigious Golden Bell Award for Outstanding Technology in our i4 Blended Learning Academy.
- WSD was one of just 20 school districts in California and the only district in Orange County to be named an Honor Roll School District, a national program recognizing high-performing schools that improve outcomes for students. In addition, seven WSD schools were named Honor Roll Schools.

Have a great summer everyone!



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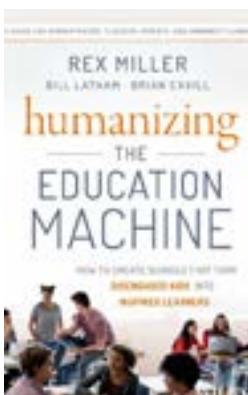


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