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**Dr. Debra Duardo**  
Los Angeles County  
Superintendent  
of Schools

I am excited to share some great updates from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). We have several initiatives underway that reflect our dedication to innovation, collaboration, and community engagement. These initiatives are poised to have a significant positive impact on our students, educators, and wider community.

**Introduction of County Data Dashboard:** LACOE is launching a groundbreaking County data dashboard called AskED that will empower schools to monitor their performance across key metrics such as health, wellbeing, and academic achievement. This innovative tool will enable educators to identify areas for improvement, benchmark their progress against other schools, and tailor interventions to meet the unique needs of their students. By providing real-time insights, this tool directly supports our efforts to improve student outcomes, strengthen community, and model organizational excellence and innovation. AskED is expected to launch this Spring.

**Formation of AI Task Force:** Recognizing the growing importance of artificial intelligence (AI) in education, LACOE has established an AI Task Force to develop guidelines to support school districts in implementing AI policies and practices. The group is comprised of educators, students, administrators, and representatives from non-profit and for-profit organizations from across Los Angeles County. Their goals include addressing the opportunities and challenges associated with artificial intelligence, enhancing student learning and operational efficiency, and ensuring its ethical and responsible deployment. By leveraging the expertise and insights of its members, the task force aims to publish its findings by June 2024 so that school districts can use the guidelines to strategically integrate AI into their educational programs and operations this fall.

**Expansion of Community Schools:** Community schools are the heart of our district's commitment to holistic student development. We are proud to announce the expansion of our community schools initiative, which aims to provide comprehensive support services to students and families, including healthcare, social services, and academic enrichment programs. Through the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) and funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, the LACOE Community Schools Initiative division has expanded its reach to eight new school sites, serving over 23,000 students in 24 school sites. Our Community School Initiative has received more than \$20 million in funding from CCSPP for Cohort 1 and 2. By fostering strong partnerships with local organizations and community members, we will create nurturing environments where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Proposition 28 Funding for Arts and Music Programs:** Thanks to the passage of Proposition 28, school districts can now receive additional funding to bolster arts and music education. From expanding arts curriculum to offering professional development opportunities and hiring more teachers, this funding will open a world of artistic possibilities for our schools and students. Visit LACOE's website for information on how to strategize to build or further develop a comprehensive arts program in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts in every school and grade level. The arts directly support our goal of strengthening community, as they foster creativity, self-expression, and cultural appreciation among our students. By providing more opportunities for students to explore their talents and passions, we are investing in their wellbeing and nurturing a sense of belonging.

**Career Technical Education Grant:** Preparing students for successful futures means equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in diverse career pathways. Career Technical Education (CTE) programs provide students with hands-on learning experiences in high-demand fields such as technology, healthcare, education and climate-related fields. By forging partnerships with industry leaders and leveraging connections with community colleges, we will empower students to explore their interests, gain valuable certifications, and pursue rewarding careers upon graduation. LACOE was awarded the California Golden State Pathways Program Regional Technical Assistance Center contract for \$2.35 million to support schools in developing and promoting high-quality CTE Pathways leading to high-wage, high-skill, high-growth careers. By investing in career readiness, we are not only supporting our students' future success but also strengthening our community and supporting our strategic pillars of improving student outcomes and championing individual and collective care and wellbeing.

We are thrilled to embark on these initiatives and look forward to sharing our progress with our community. By aligning our efforts with our strategic vision, we are confident that we can create a brighter future for our students, schools, and neighborhoods.

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**Kay Coop**  
Founder / Publisher



This is our 17th edition highlighting each of the district superintendents in the Los Angeles County K-12 public schools. Our mission is to introduce each superintendent with their brief message to encourage you to visit their individual web sites for in-depth information.

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### Focused on Student Academic Achievement



**Dr. Gina Zietlow**  
Superintendent

ABC Unified School District is guided by a mission to develop a community of lifelong learners, creative thinkers, and responsible individuals by providing innovative and high-quality educational programs in a safe and supportive environment.

Student academic achievement is at the forefront of our work as administrators, teachers, and staff in serving over 18,000 (TK-12) students at our 30 schools. Serving students from the cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, and portions of Lakewood, Long Beach, and Norwalk, ABCUSD has educated students for 60 years.

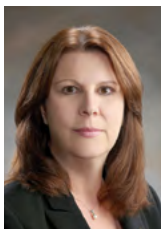
ABCUSD is committed to academics, with programs and offerings designed to help students realize their goals. College and career readiness are our priorities, with secondary schools offering 19 Career Technical Education Pathways from video game design to sports medicine, and one-third of our secondary students participate in Advanced Placement. Technology continues to play an essential role in education, and we are proud that every student has access to their own device.

The District is proud of our nine National Blue Ribbon Schools, 18 California Distinguished Schools, 17 California Gold Ribbon Schools, 19 California School Boards Association Golden Bell Awards, and all five middle schools designated California/National Schools to Watch. These awards demonstrate the commitment of our teachers, staff, and administrators, who work closely and collaboratively with our students and families to ensure all reach their academic goals.

## Alhambra Unified School District

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### Relationship-Centered Excellence and Equity



**Dr. Denise R. Jaramillo**  
Superintendent

In a richly multicultural, multilingual community, the dynamic, award-winning Alhambra Unified School District serves 15,000 students on 18 campuses. Deeply woven into our rigorous education for competitive college and careers is the empowering foundation of connection, relationships, and sense of belonging. AUSD's dedication to academic excellence and equity education in whole-student learning includes Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports for social, emotional, and behavioral well-being.

The district is known for its superlative team of administrators, educators, staff, and volunteers; an exemplary Board including its first student board member; active, involved parents and students; innovative business, community, and academic partnerships; its creative, data-driven, consensus-building approach, and a famously student-centered community.

The depth of AUSD's strong relationships has garnered District schools numerous awards, including Gold Ribbons, Distinguished Schools, Title 1 Academic Achievement Awards, and National Blue Ribbons. Examples of other honors include AUSD's Golden Bell Awards for its acclaimed Dream Center and LIFT program, four Model SARB Program Awards for exemplary practice in student re-engagement. Also winning accolades are AUSD's commitment to ongoing EDI training and dialogues to ensure a just, anti-racist education; Dual Language Immersion Programs in Mandarin and Spanish; VAPA education programs; STEM and STEAM partnerships; and Gateway to Success mental health and safety programs. The district's \$259 million school bond for technology, safety, building upgrades and improvements continues to enhance AUSD's ability to offer each student an environment in which to thrive.

It is my privilege to work with and for such a distinguished and accomplished team in our AUSD Students First culture.

## Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District

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### Reaching New Levels of Success



**Dr. Eric Sahakian**  
Superintendent

I am pleased to share important information about the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District and our recent initiatives.

**Location and Heritage:** The Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District, established in 1881, proudly stands as one of the oldest districts in California. Our district is strategically situated between the Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope Valley, serving students over a vast 200 square mile radius.

**Mission Statement:** Our newly developed AADUSD Mission is as follows: To provide engaging learning experiences in a safe, supportive culture which prepares all students to become life-long learners and productive, socially responsible citizens.

**Strategic Plan and Goals:** AADUSD has undertaken a remarkable journey with our educational partners to develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan. This plan serves as our roadmap, outlining infinite possibilities for the future. Our goals include:

- Strategic Plan Goal 1: Student Achievement
- Strategic Plan Goal 2: Effective Instruction and Leadership
- Strategic Plan Goal 3: Community Engagement
- Strategic Plan Goal 4: Student Safety and Connectedness
- Strategic Plan Goal 5: Utilization of Fiscal Capital

**Graduate Profile:** We are thrilled to announce the development of our district's first Graduate Profile, crafted with invaluable input from our student body. This initiative reflects our commitment to preparing students for lifelong success.

AADUSD is dedicated to reaching new levels of success for our students and community. Together, we are stronger, and our collective efforts will continue to shape a bright future.

## Antelope Valley Union High School District

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### Every Student. Every Need. Every Story.



**Greg Nehen**  
Superintendent

The Antelope Valley Unified School District is an hour North of Los Angeles, nestled in the high desert. The AVUHSD serves a unique blend of 22,000 urban, suburban, and rural students in one of our eight comprehensive high schools, three alternative high schools, and an early college high school in partnership with Antelope Valley Community College. Our focus has shifted from purely academic to teaching the whole student.

An embedded socioemotional learning curriculum and increased counseling and mental health support are in place to ensure all students are safe, secure, and in a healthy place to learn. There is also a significant emphasis on developing our MTSS framework districtwide at the Tier 1 level this year.

The district also boasts thriving CTE and STEAM academies and pathways. Using the CPA model and the Linked Learning framework to engage students in learning skills for the future, approximately one-third of students are in a career-based program of study linked to and supported by our local industry sectors.

With an emphasis on post-secondary options for all graduates, we strive to produce lifelong learners prepared to succeed in our ever-changing world. I am proud to lead a district filled with passionate and skilled educators, students willing to work to reach their full potential, and a community that supports our efforts.

**An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.**  
– Benjamin Franklin





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## Arcadia Unified School District

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### #1 School District in LA



**Dr. David Vannasdall**  
Superintendent

We are humbled and grateful beyond measure to kick off 2024 by being recognized as the #1 Best School District in Los Angeles, #4 Best School District in California, and the #38 Best School District in America through this year's Niche ratings. Coming off of a historic showing in the California Distinguished Schools program last year with all six of Arcadia Unified's elementary schools, as well as our alternative learning program, having earned historic concurrent recognition from the California Department of Education (CDE) in 2023, these inspiring distinctions help affirm to us that our district's core values—Collaborate, Think Critically, Be Creative, Offer Empathy, and Learn from Failure—continue to serve as sound guiding principles

for the work we do to ensure our students receive a world-class education that supports their academic and social-emotional growth.

Peering into the endless possibilities of what we can and will accomplish in partnership with every level of our organization, from educators to parents, students to counselors, administrators to community partners and more, we are very excited at the ways we will further our commitment to our purpose of challenging and inspiring students to make a positive and profound impact on their world. Currently, our endlessly talented educators and staff have continued to dive deep into implementing important and meaningful multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) frameworks across our district. We have also committed to an exciting Facilities Master Plan project and look forward to building our future, where we will continue to provide our students with access to whole-child development and state-of-the-art facilities and learning environments.

## Baldwin Park Unified School District

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### Ensuring High Achievement for ALL Learners



**Dr. Froilan N. Mendoza**  
Superintendent

Baldwin Park Unified School District is committed to delivering a top-tier educational experience, nurturing students from early childhood through adulthood with the essential skills and knowledge needed to thrive in their future endeavors. We are the proud home to 10 TK-5 elementary schools, three 6-8 middle schools, a 3-8 STEM academy, two comprehensive high schools, a continuation high school, an early childhood education program, and an adult and community education center.

Recognizing the significance of preparing our students for the future, BPUSD meticulously integrates pertinent courses, ensuring their ability to thrive in today's ever-changing landscape. We offer diverse courses including Projection Mapping, Dual Language, STEM, Video Production, Drone Photography, Sports Medicine, Graphic Media, Automotive, Culinary Arts, among many others.

At Baldwin Park Unified, we value enriching educational experiences for our students in and outside the classroom. Whether it's exploring sustainability at The Huntington Library, engaging with leaders at SoFi Stadium who shared insight to a variety of career paths, or visiting their first college campus, we ensure hands-on opportunities that broaden their horizons.

Beyond academics, we believe in nurturing holistic development, promoting well-being, and fostering a safe and inclusive environment. A new Golden Bell Award granted for our Mental Health resources is a testament to the District's unwavering commitment to student support. It is our dedicated teachers, staff, and supportive community who together help empower BPUSD students to thrive and learn.

While there is transformation afoot in BPUSD, it is also a great opportunity for renewed avenues for growth. We are extremely grateful for the collaboration among community partners, parents, and staff to keep driving our students towards success.

## Azusa Unified School District

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### Offering Numerous Career Pathways



**Arturo Ortega**  
Superintendent

The Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) is home to 12 schools proudly serving over 6,000 students in the San Gabriel Valley from Preschool through Adult Education!

AUSD college preparatory programs include Advanced Placement (AP), an Early College Program, and International Baccalaureate (IB). AUSD offers numerous career pathways and academies, including a STEM Pathway, an Academy of Health Sciences, and an Academy of Automotive Design. AUSD is home to an award-winning TK-12 Visual and Performing Arts program, including mariachi, orchestra, and band, all beginning at the elementary level. California State Preschool, Dual-language Immersion, computer coding, and competitive athletics at the middle and high school levels offer AUSD students a wide range of opportunities.

At AUSD, our vision is for students to reach their full potential and positively contribute to their community through advocacy, thinking critically, communicating effectively, and showing compassion. Providing students with a robust variety of academic and extracurricular activities allows them to find programs that fit their interests and goals.

Recent AUSD graduates have been accepted to a record number of top colleges and universities in California and across the nation and have been offered an impressive amount of scholarships and grants.

AUSD students are critical thinkers, effective communicators, and community leaders. To learn more about our vibrant community, visit our website, [www.azusa.org](http://www.azusa.org).

## Bassett Unified School District

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### Nurturing Excellence, Building Futures



**Dr. Alejandro Alvarez**  
Superintendent

As the Superintendent of Bassett Unified School District, I am honored to represent our community, celebrating our achievements, acknowledging our challenges, and sharing our vision for the future. Our district stands as a beacon of educational excellence, committed to nurturing the potential of every student who walks through our doors.

At Bassett, we believe that education is more than just imparting knowledge; it's about fostering critical thinking, creativity, and character development. Our dedicated team of educators work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where students feel valued, challenged, and supported in their academic journey.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students, who continually excel in academics, athletics, and the arts. From winning prestigious competitions to showcasing their talents on various stages, Bassett students consistently demonstrate their potential to succeed in any endeavor they pursue.

As we look to the future, our focus remains steadfast on providing every student with the tools they need to thrive in an ever-changing world. We are committed to fostering a culture of inclusivity, where diversity is celebrated, and every voice is heard. Through partnerships with parents, community organizations, and local businesses, we aim to create a network of support that extends beyond the classroom walls.

On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, we are grateful to the entire Bassett community for their unwavering support of our district's mission. Together, we continue to build a brighter future for all our students, equipping them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life.



## Bellflower Unified School District

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### Nurturing Future Leaders



**Lisa Azevedo**  
Interim  
Superintendent

Bellflower Unified School District serves the city of Bellflower as well as portions of Cerritos and Lakewood with a student enrollment of approximately 9,989 within ten elementary, two comprehensive middle/high schools, one continuation high school, one home education/independent study program and one community day school. In addition, six elementary sites provide a California State Preschool Program. Transitional Kindergarten is offered to students age 4. Dual Immersion Spanish, is offered to elementary students at one elementary site matriculating to the Dual Immersion pathway at Mayfair Middle School. Several schools have been recognized as a California Golden Ribbon Schools and three have been honored as National Blue Ribbon Schools. Additional recognition has been awarded to sites consisting of the Title 1 Achievement Award, California Distinguished School Award, California Democracy School and the CSBA Golden Bell award.

Elementary students are provided GATE enrichment as well as music and expanded learning programs. Students are prepared to enter chorus, band and performance groups practicing throughout the year and providing both winter and spring concerts. ELO programs focus on academic support, physical activity, fine arts and STEAM skills.

We are proud of our newly opened STEAM building, where we provide secondary students innovative academic and CTE courses in bio animation, Esports gaming, virtual reality and residential construction. We support programs in “urban farming/hydroponics,” aviation, electric vehicles and health careers. We strive to equip our students with college and career-readiness skills supporting our future leaders.

Our unwavering commitment is to empower our students to showcase their diverse abilities. We do this by providing innovative, engaging, and equitable programs, always keeping the “future leader” in mind. We are focused on building futures for our students.

## Beverly Hills Unified School District

255 S. Lasky Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212 • 310/551-5100 • [www.bhusd.org](http://www.bhusd.org)

### Nothing Short of Educational Excellence



**Dr. Michael Bregy**  
Superintendent

Nationwide, families are attracted to Beverly Hills for its world-class offerings. Our community expects outstanding instructional programs and we provide nothing short of Educational Excellence.

Built with the most technologically advanced security system of any public school district in the country, the 2024-2025 school year brings the much-anticipated opening of El Rodeo Elementary School. The significant modernization has resulted in a state-of-the-art learning environment placing BHUSD at the forefront of education. With its newly opened mental health BulldogAid Wellness Center, our dedicated Middle School offers over 40 electives allowing students to explore new interests. Beverly Hills High School boasts student-focused facilities including our dedicated College and Career Center, mental health NormanAid Wellness Center, and fully integrated technology-centered classrooms ensuring the innovative delivery of robust academic instruction. BHUSD has developed over 40+ pathways from TK through 12th-grade allowing students to gain exposure to real-life career experience and college-level curriculum. The College Board has recognized BHUSD for academic excellence honoring our students’ performance on the AP exams. We were recognized with The College Board Access Award for creating pathways enabling access to the rigor of AP courses.

BHUSD delivers acclaimed opportunities including Gifted and Talented Education, Intellectual Intervention, Multilingual Learner Curriculum, and Targeted Specialized Academic Instruction. Additional supports include Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Skill Based Instruction, Specialized Attention, and Speech/Language.

The Beverly Hills Unified School District consists of two TK-5 Elementary Schools, one 6-8 Middle School, and one 9-12 High School, with a TK-12 enrollment of 3,100. To learn more about our educational offerings, visit [bhusd.org/pathways](http://bhusd.org/pathways).



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## Bonita Unified School District

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### Fostering Excellence 'The Bonita Way'



**Matthew Wien**  
Superintendent

At Bonita Unified School District, we pride ourselves on the rich, deep-rooted tradition of academic and extracurricular success that has inspired thousands of students to develop a love of learning through athletics, arts and activities.

Through our unparalleled commitment to fostering excellence and nurturing potential, known as "The Bonita Way," our District ensures that every student is prepared to live their purpose.

Bonita Unified students are supported by dedicated staff, involved parents and community partners, whose efforts have kept the District in the top echelon of school districts in the state. We offer rigorous, challenging courses that pave the way for scholars to complete their A-G requirements, as well as 14 career

technical education pathways that provide innovative, hands-on training in specialized trades.

Bonita Unified also ensures students receive mentorship and develop the determination and resilience to become champion athletes, as evidenced by 58 league team championships and nine CIF team championships in the last five years. Students are encouraged to pursue their talents in the visual and performing arts and have excelled at the top levels, performing in the Tournament of Roses Honor Band, Southern California Vocal Association Honor Choirs, California Choral Directors Association All-State Honor Choirs and the London New Year's Day Parade.

By remaining committed to our core values of equity, mastery and a focus on results – and providing academic and co-curricular opportunities that instill deep knowledge, skill and confidence in our students – Bonita Unified is empowering today's learners to become the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow.

## Burbank Unified School District

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### Focused on Resources for Success



**Dr. John Paramo**  
Superintendent

Dr. Paramo has more than 25 years of experience as an educator, serving as a teacher, counselor, and school site administrator before moving to district administration in 2014. Dr. Paramo received his bachelor's degree in English Literature at Whittier College and a master's degree in English at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA). In addition, he earned a second master's degree in education at Azusa Pacific and a doctorate in education from the University of California (USC). Dr. Paramo loves the community of Burbank and is proud to serve as the Superintendent. His passion is in the areas of curriculum and instruction. He recognizes that all students can learn at a high level if they are given the resources they need to

thrive. Therefore, diversity, equity, and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do in Burbank regarding teaching and learning.

Dr. John Paramo has worked for the Burbank Unified School District for 18 years. His tenure in Burbank has primarily focused on the secondary level, where he served many years as the Director of Secondary Education and the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. However, he has quickly immersed himself with the younger students in our community over the last several months, and he finds himself delighted to be part of their early education as it sets a critical foundation for their academic work as young adults.

To move the district's goals forward, Dr. Paramo is focused on a thriving partnership with the Board of Education, whom he is proud to serve. The mutual respect between the Superintendent and the Board is key to successfully moving the mission forward, and it remains critical to Dr. Paramo and the entire Board of Education.

## Castaic Union School District

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### Advancing Hearts and Minds



**Bob Brauneisen**  
Superintendent

Castaic Union School District embraces a holistic approach to education that prioritizes the development of the whole child socially, emotionally and academically. From seasoned veterans to innovative newcomers, our teachers are committed to fostering intellectual curiosity, critical thinking skills, and a lifelong love of learning.

Although academic success is just one facet of a well-rounded education, we place equal emphasis on nurturing the social and emotional growth of our students. The importance of relationship building through the implementation of Conscious Discipline and Capturing Kids Hearts has helped us to get in front of behavior problems by building a connection and creating a positive culture among staff and students; while initiating a self managing classroom provides empowerment and addresses the social emotional piece that is vital in striving for a successful school. We place a strong emphasis on cultivating a supportive and inclusive school environment in which students with special needs are fully integrated into the general education setting and supported within the learning centers. Our dedicated educators work to ensure that every student receives a rigorous and engaging education. From innovative teaching methods, collaborative planning to ensure equity among all learners, to personalized learning opportunities, we strive to challenge and inspire students to reach their fullest potential academically.

Castaic Union School District's strengths lie in our strong community reputation, commitment to professional development, close-knit community, family dynamic, knowledge, experience, wisdom, relevance, and effective communication. These strengths serve as the foundation for our continued success in advancing the hearts and minds of our students.

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## Centinela Valley Union High School District

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### Supporting the Whole Student



**Dr. Stephen Nellman**  
Superintendent

Serving students from the South Bay communities of Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Lennox, Centinela Valley Union High School District is committed to providing an educational environment in which all students succeed. Beyond meeting graduation requirements and attaining academic proficiency, our Graduate Profile ensures CVUHS students are College and Career Ready Individuals, Effective Communicators, Ethical Leaders, Independent and Collaborative Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers, and Socially Aware and Responsive Community Members.

The District also recognizes the need to support the whole student by providing a healthy, safe, engaging, supportive, and challenging educational environment. Our safe schools offer students engaging programs such as CTE Academies, Dual-Enrollment and Certification programs, Spanish Dual Language Immersion programs, CA State Seal of Biliteracy, CA State Seal of Civic Engagement, American Sign Language, AVID, Co-Taught Courses for students with disabilities, Honors and AP courses, and College and Career Centers to provide post-high school guidance. Additionally, our District and Site Equity Coordinators, Intervention Specialists, Wellness Centers, and Social and Emotional Supports Specialists create a culture of empathy and respect in our schools.

CVUHS is committed to placing “Students First” in every decision, and embracing social justice, equity, and inclusion for all. These practices, combined with the support of a highly qualified and culturally competent staff, have permitted our schools to quickly adapt our educational programs to meet the needs of students in these challenging times. If you are interested in our schools and programs, please call (310) 263-3172 for more information. We’d love to have you join the CV family.

## Claremont Unified School District

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### Advancing Equity in CUSD



**Dr. James Elsasser**  
Superintendent

Claremont Unified School District (CUSD) is a diverse community serving approximately 6,300 students in grades TK-12. CUSD’s purpose is igniting curiosity, strengthening resilience, and inspiring excellence to empower each student’s academic journey. CUSD continues to forge ahead on its equity journey, guided by the dedicated Equity Advisory Council, a vibrant mix of parents, students, staff, and community members. This year, our newly adopted Equity Action Plan has taken shape, rooted in our commitment to affirm our students’ unique backgrounds, identities, and experiences.

Significant strides include the launch of ethnic studies, the spread of culturally responsive teaching, and the use of restorative practices to address suspension rates. These initiatives ensure every student feels a sense of belonging and support.

In advancing academic equity, we’ve notably expanded our Career Technical Education classes, thereby enhancing access and participation for all students. This initiative aligns with our broader commitment to preparing students for diverse college and career pathways. Additionally, we are deepening our engagement with families and the community to ensure their voices are integral to our decision-making processes. One of our key achievements is the adoption of our Equity Statement, now woven into our application process. This incorporation represents a significant stride toward embedding equity at the core of our recruitment and selection practices, ensuring that our commitment to diversity and inclusion is reflected in every step of the hiring process.

CUSD remains committed to refining our Equity Action Plan through a continuous improvement cycle. We recognize equity as an ongoing journey, celebrating our progress while staying focused on the path ahead. Our collective efforts are laying a foundation for a more inclusive and empowering educational environment for all students, embodying our belief in the value and potential of every child.

## Charter Oak Unified School District

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### Unlocking Unlimited Student Potential



**Dr. Jeffrey D. Jordan**  
Superintendent

In the spirit of our theme for this school year, “Unlock Unlimited Potential,” I am thrilled to highlight the incredible achievements and initiatives that define our commitment to excellence. Grounded in our five pillars for success, these efforts have yielded significant outcomes for our students across all levels.

We have expanded our music programs for grades TK-6, allowing students to discover and develop their artistic talents. In line with our commitment to the whole child, we offer free childcare Before and After School for qualifying families, ensuring a safe and nurturing environment beyond the regular school day. Additionally, our dedication to personalized learning is evident with the introduction of Intervention Specialists at each elementary site, focusing on tailored support for every student.

In line with our commitment to a well-rounded education, we are excited to share the successes of our Oak Knoll Academy. As an innovative addition to our district, Oak Knoll Academy offers a tuition-free online school for students from TK-12. Families can choose between fully online or hybrid learning options, allowing for flexibility that meets individual needs. Expert Credentialed Teacher Support ensures that students receive the guidance necessary for success in their educational journey. Moreover, it is noteworthy that our commitment to student well-being extends to the availability of school counselors at every site.

As we navigate this academic year, we remain committed to unlocking the unlimited potential within each student, empowering them to thrive academically, creatively, and personally.



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## Compton Unified School District

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### Building a New Generation of Scholars



**Dr. Darin Brawley**  
Superintendent

Compton Unified School District has stayed focused on our students' needs, building the next great generation of scholars. The results have shown incredible progress. This year, CUSD achieved the fifth highest math gains in LA County and a 5.6% increase in CAASPP scores. The district graduation rate is now 90%. Compton Unified scholars have an 84% college acceptance rate, with many enrolling in the University of California and California State University systems, private schools, Ivy League, and HBCUs.

For the first time in modern history, every Compton Unified High School has received a six-year WASC Accreditation. The innovative Compton Unified Esports League (CUEL) Initiative was recognized with a 2023 Golden Bell Award. Compton Early College High School continues to excel and was ranked 14th in LA, 36th in California and 256th nationally by U.S. News. Compton Early College HS was also named to the Gold AP School Honor Roll. Dominguez and Centennial High Schools were named Dual Enrollment Exemplary Schools, two out of 10 awarded in the state, and the only two in Los Angeles County.

Showing the district's fiscal leadership, S&P raised CUSD's credit rating to an A+. Construction is progressing on the new Compton High School, set to open in 2025. Thanks to the Compton voters who passed measure AAA, the district has selected an architect and design for the new Centennial High School, with construction beginning soon. CUSD opened specialized academies across its high schools, including Early College Satellites and NAF Academies at three of our high schools, and the JA3DE Academy at Dominguez High School.

## Culver City Unified School District

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### Leading the Way with Culver Pride



**Dr. Brian Lucas**  
Superintendent

Culver City is known as a small town inside the big city of Los Angeles, with an excellent public school district based on three pillars: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion.

As the 4th most diverse school district with high academic standards and achievement includes five elementary schools, with Blue & Gold Ribbon designations. Culver City Middle is a California School to Watch. Culver High is a California Democracy School.

Embracing the arts with best-in-class arts education begins with visual and performing arts, music and dance in all five elementary schools. Our middle and high schools offer Career Technical Education (CTE) and afterschool pathways into film, music, visual arts, theatre art and dance. We are expanding our innovative Game Design pathway through our signature Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) program, fortunate to benefit from living in the Heart of Screenland. Our highly competitive sports program, including football, water polo, basketball, soccer, volleyball and tennis, annually sends team to CIF playoffs, often bringing home championships. Symbolic of CCUSD's forward-thinking approach in public education, CCUSD was the first district in California to offer dual-language immersion programs, opening Spanish K-5th in 1971, and Japanese K-5th in 1994, which have served as models for other public school districts across the country. Our high school curriculum focuses on educational opportunities and academic rigor for every student, as we add more CTE classes such as child development and architecture; innovative courses such as Environmental Design for Social Justice and Statistics for Social Justice, and new AP classes. CCUSD is one of the first districts in the country to offer Advanced Placement in African American studies.

CCUSD does not wait to follow. CCUSD leads the way with immense Culver Pride.

## Covina-Valley Unified School District

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### Innovative Education. Unlimited Potential.



**Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer**  
Superintendent

At Covina-Valley Unified School District, we are committed to ensuring our students receive an innovative education and unique program opportunities that inspire every student's potential. Our dedicated faculty and staff work tirelessly to ensure they embody our mission of providing the programs, skills, and knowledge that help our students confidently and effectively thrive in college, career, and life.

Our high schools offer a total of 24 unique career technical education programs, where students can gain hands-on experience in a wide variety of industries. Whether it's through our business, medical, welding, or aerospace programs, or our Golden Bell award-winning Agriculture program or Fine Arts, Media, and Entertainment program, students can discover their passions and grow career-ready skills at an early age.

Starting in elementary school, our students have access to 1:1 technology and engaging computer science skills that prepare them for our ever-advancing technological world. Covina-Valley Unified also offers dual language immersion classes in Spanish and Mandarin to promote bi-cultural literacy, which extends into our middle schools.

Covina-Valley Unified meets the needs of the whole child by prioritizing the health and wellness of our students. There are fully-equipped wellness centers at each of our school sites, and we have increased the number of counselors throughout our District. We also recently opened our District Health and Wellness Center, a place where students and community members can receive resources and support from our devoted social workers and wellness team.

We are incredibly grateful to our incredible Board of Education, staff, faculty, parents, and community and industry partners for their encouragement and support in helping our students achieve excellence.

## Downey Unified School District

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### Our Kids Deserve the Best...



**Dr. John A. Garcia, Jr.**  
Superintendent

Downey Unified is located approximately 12 miles south of Los Angeles within driving distance of scenic mountains and beaches. For decades, our schools have enjoyed the reputation of an outstanding school system. Our mantra is "Our Kids Deserve the Best..." and this drives all of our daily practices. The city of Downey is a highly desirable location for families because of the opportunities provided by our award-winning schools. Downey Unified's graduation rate of 96% exemplifies our Vision of preparing students to be college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character.

We are proud to have eight of our 13 elementary schools designated as Apple Distinguished Schools, a globally renowned merit where only 34 schools in the state of California and 728 globally have earned this designation. We also have physical Wellness Centers and/or Spaces at each of our 21 schools where students are able to find mental health and wellness supports from licensed professionals at any time during the day.

Downey Unified provides students with STEAM classes/programs such as robotics and coding courses beginning as early as TK and access to state-of-the-art facilities, CIF champion sports and cheer, and countless Career Technical Education pathway offerings.

In addition to our strong academic programs, we offer the nationally recognized CHARACTER COUNTS! program districtwide. This character education program, which is integrated into academic, discipline, and athletics, is based on the following Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

On behalf of our Board of Education and employees, I welcome you to come visit to see for yourself what sets Downey Unified apart from other districts.



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### 21st Century Schools – 21st Century Students



**Dr. Gordon Amerson**  
Superintendent

Duarte Unified offers a Competitive Advantage Plan that sets our students on the road to success for college, career, and life. Our school district is built upon Four Pillars that serve as the foundational principles of our organization. These Four Pillars are:

**A Focus on Results:** The district will reduce the achievement gap equitably between the most successful and least successful students, regardless of their race or ethnicity or social or economic circumstances.

**Service-Centered:** The district will create a culture of service grounded in the promise that all people will be treated with dignity and respect.

**21st Century Schools:** The district will prepare teachers and leaders to create the conditions for students to think critically, solve problems creatively and collaboratively, and compete in the world of complex environmental, political, technological, and socioeconomic challenges.

**Strong Partnerships:** The district will create a culture where partnering entities work together to integrate and complement each other in support of student success.

These Four Pillars support our instructional vision, and guide our professional practices in every classroom at every school across our entire district to ensure success for all students, without exception.

With this foundation, our district is able to offer progressive educational experiences for our students rooted in the arts and sciences. These include exclusive partnerships with the California School of the Arts-San Gabriel Valley, City of Hope National Medical Center, and Early College Program and Career Pathways with industry leaders and institutions of higher learning.

## East Whittier City School District

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### Building for Success at EWCSD



**Dr. Marc Patterson**  
Superintendent

At EWCSD, success isn't just measured by academic achievement, but by development of the five essential skills of Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, and Community. That's why we go beyond the conventional curriculum to offer a wide array of enrichment opportunities aimed at discovering new passions, fostering creativity, and developing leadership traits. From academic clubs to our dance program, students have the opportunity to explore interests beyond the classroom.

EWCSD's Broad Course of Study initiative also offers students valuable opportunities to develop 21st century skills during the instructional day. Our STEM classes ignite innovation among students and prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow's world. In addition, our art and music programs nurture self-expression and imagination, allowing students to try new things and become more creative. Our extended P.E. program builds teamwork qualities and enhances personal growth.

We also believe in the importance of empowering student voice through leadership opportunities. Through our Student Advisory Committee and the Student Board Member programs, EWCSD is building a foundation of success for students that will pay dividends far beyond their time in our district. Students in these leadership roles learn the importance of collaboration, community involvement, and communication to enhance their school communities. In light of our efforts in this area, we were very proud to earn a CSBA Golden Bell Award for Student Leadership this past year. By empowering students to excel academically, socially, and personally, we are working each day to accomplish our mission of "Opening the Door to Every Child's Future."



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## Eastside Union School District

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### Everyone Contributes, Every Student Achieves



**Dr. Jezelle Fullwood**  
Superintendent

Eastside Union School District, located in city of Lancaster within the Antelope Valley, has a strong focus on ensuring that all students are provided access to engaging and rigorous instructional opportunities that supports student learning. In addition, we seek the various ways in which to meet the social emotional needs of our students, as well. The district serves approximately 3,500 pre-school through 8th grade students within four elementary schools, one middle school, and one transitional learning center.

Our mission is “To provide a rigorous education in a safe, inclusive learning environment with caring, passionate professionals who prepare students to reach their highest potential.” And we strive to deliver on this promise through our adopted district goals which include:

1. Improve teaching for student learning, achievement, and success.
2. Promote a safe and caring learning environment.
3. Foster a team commitment.
4. Operate with increasing efficiency and effectiveness.
5. Improve outcomes for low-performing student groups

We are excited about the potential of our students and the community in which we serve. We are dedicated to meeting each and every student where they are and to providing the foundation needed to have all students rise to the highest levels imaginable.

I am proud to be the superintendent of a district that represents hard work and an unwavering commitment to our students, their families, and the entire community.

## El Monte Union High School District

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### Cultivating Lifelong Learners



**Dr. Edward A. Zuniga**  
Superintendent

At El Monte Union High School District, we take pride in fostering educational innovation and student success. Our emphasis on school attendance, college and career readiness and cultivating lifelong learners underscores our commitment to excellence.

El Monte Union is dedicated to emphasizing the importance of regular school attendance for every student. Through our Attendance Campaigns, we highlight the significance of consistent attendance and promote responsibility, essential for achieving educational goals.

We also prioritize college and career readiness through workshops, scholarship programs and Districtwide college events that provide our students with the necessary tools and resources they need to navigate their post-secondary options.

El Monte Union has much to celebrate this school year, including Arroyo High School's Band and Color Guard teams securing gold at the 2023 Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association. This historic win represents the first-ever gold medal for both Arroyo and El Monte Union bands, highlighting the talent of our students and faculty. Additionally, all five of our comprehensive high schools were recognized on the 2023-24 Best High Schools list by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The District also earned the Sustainable Trailblazer Award from the Southern California Regional Energy Network for our notable Clean Mobility in Schools Pilot Project, acknowledging our environmental stewardship within our community.

The success of our students, the improvements in attendance, the acknowledgment of our sustainability initiatives, and the ongoing excellence throughout our District are a result of the collective efforts and support from our committed Board of Education, teachers, staff, families and community members.

## El Monte City School District

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### Broadening Horizons and Igniting Passions



**Dr. Maribel Garcia**  
Superintendent

As we embark on this school year, I am thrilled to share El Monte City School District's goals for fostering equitable experiences for all our students and families. Our commitment to providing enriching opportunities while removing barriers remains unwavering.

This year, we're proud to announce initiatives aimed at broadening horizons and igniting passions. Imagine all fourth graders exploring the rich history of our state capital in Sacramento or eighth graders immersing themselves in the heart of American democracy during a week-long trip to Washington DC – all at no cost to families. These are the experiences we are providing for our students to educate and empower them to become informed and engaged citizens.

Furthermore, we've expanded our enrichment programming to offer diverse activities catering to various interests. From tumbling to color guard, golf to basketball, and even Olympic handball and video game clubs, there's something for everyone. These opportunities supplement academic learning and cultivate skills, talents, and passions outside the classroom.

Our mission is to ensure every student can access experiences that inspire, challenge, and empower them to reach their full potential. Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and endless possibilities!

## El Rancho Unified School District

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### Premiere Education for All Students



**Dr. Marco A. Villegas**  
Superintendent

The El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) is dedicated to uncompromising excellence in academics as well as providing student safety and wellbeing for all students. Our students have access to world-class opportunities, including Project Lead the Way, robotics, academic decathlon, athletics, competitive cheer/dance, premiere music programs, and other engaging enrichment experiences. We offer a diverse array of programs, including Dual Language (Spanish), Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, AVID, and Career Technical Education (CTE) with multiyear options guiding students toward postsecondary education and careers. Starting with a wide offering of early learning programs, including a dual language preschool, our students are equipped academically, prepared socially, and empowered to participate and thrive in a challenging, diverse world.

ERUSD proudly serves the residents of Pico Rivera. The district educates approximately 7,500 students at 14 distinct schools from TK-12 including an adult education program. Each campus offers a wide variety of options for students allowing us to deliver a quality education for each student, every day. The District's well-prepared, dedicated, and highly qualified teachers and support personnel are second to none.

Our Board of Education is resolute in the belief that, “All students will receive a world class education and graduate with a valuable diploma, ready for college and careers.” Accomplishing this vision requires all of us to work together in order to bring it to light for all students. We are passionate about doing whatever it takes to prepare students to be successful and contributing citizens of the 21st century.

Be a student as long as you still have something to learn,  
and this will mean all your life.

— Henry L. Doherty



## El Segundo Unified School District

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### Transforming Education for a Changing World



**Dr. Melissa Moore**  
Superintendent

At the heart of the El Segundo Unified School District lies our steadfast commitment to our motto, *Transforming Education for a Changing World*. It is not a simple endeavor to prepare our students for success in a rapidly changing world in order to be prepared for the workforce of the future. At ESUSD, we are embracing innovative approaches to instruction and support services to meet the needs of our incredible students. Over the past six months, ESUSD launched its Generative AI Leadership and Literacy Initiative followed by focus groups to engage with the community regarding the intersection of GenAI and education. In pursuit of this goal, we established a cutting-edge [AI Policy Lab](#) in partnership with EdSAFE AI Alliance

earlier this year. It's designed as a collaborative, interdisciplinary partnership that encourages responsible AI policy development, safe deployment, and responsible usage.

Our educators, administrators, and staff are united around the unique vision of ESUSD's Graduate Profile, which articulates the competencies every student should possess when they graduate. Everything we do can be tied back to our Graduate Profile, our *True North*. Embedded within the Profile are skills that define appropriate usage of GenAI in a classroom setting. We look forward to implementing a comprehensive GenAI policy that outlines essential components such as data privacy, bias/access, usage, literacy, and academic honesty.

This year, like every year, ESUSD has been singularly focused on remaining at the forefront of educational advancement. With each stride forward, we reaffirm our commitment to providing an unparalleled educational experience, empowering our students to thrive in college, careers, and beyond.

## Garvey School District

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### GARVEY Making a Profound Difference!



**Anita Chu**  
Superintendent

2023-2024 marks a significant milestone in realizing our commitment to make a profound difference in the Garvey community!

#### *Making a Difference in* **Capturing Kids' Hearts**

The new post-pandemic normal has been marked by a concerning increase in social-emotional, mental, and behavioral challenges among students. To promote whole-child wellness, our committed team provides individualized support services in a nurturing environment. Schools are optimizing the purposefully designed "wellness center" for group and individual social-emotional learning. Most excitingly, Garvey has embarked on a journey to implement "Capturing Kids' Hearts," a research-based transformational process that focuses on social-emotional wellbeing, relationship-driven school culture, and student connectedness.

#### *Making a Difference in* **Developing Leaders**

Leadership development has been the heart of the District's vision. Emerging from the pandemic, we are recommitted to developing ALL students, including the disadvantaged, as leaders who are equipped with academic competencies, emotional strengths, and moral integrity to advance local and global communities. To this end, our schools are reinvigorating signature programs, including the "Leader in Me," Dual Language Plus, and STEAM programs, to develop future-ready global leaders.

#### *Making a Difference in* **Serving the Whole Family**

Garvey understands the importance of family in fulfilling the whole-child mission. Through the partnerships with community agencies, we offer ongoing parent education on academic support, health workshops, and on-campus counseling services. Garvey has embraced the whole family as important partners in our journey.

Despite the prevailing challenges, Garvey continues to make a profound difference in providing a safe, happy, and vibrant haven where all students, parents, and staff can journey and grow together.



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## Glendale Unified School District

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### Preparing Our Students for Their Future!



**Dr. Darneika Watson**  
Superintendent

Under the new leadership of Superintendent Dr. Darneika Watson, Glendale Unified School District continues to thrive. The district has increased its focus on maximizing academic achievement and fostering a positive culture of learning while creating endless pathways for student success. Ten GUSD schools have earned the U.S. Office of Education's highest designation, the National Blue Ribbon, and 26 GUSD schools have been recognized as California Distinguished Schools. The district proudly offers dual immersion programs in seven languages: Armenian, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish, and six magnet schools focused on technology, world languages, and visual and performing arts. GUSD also offers a wide variety of Career and Technical Education pathways beginning in middle school.

The district partners with Digital Promise and Verizon Innovative Learning Schools to increase digital equity and provide middle school students with state-of-the-art technology education and tools. Additionally, through a collaborative partnership with Glendale Community College, GUSD offers students multiple opportunities to earn college credits before graduating high school, including the innovative Hoover High Early College Academy and Glendale High Cloud Computing and Computer Science Academy. In the past two years, GUSD has transformed five elementary schools into hubs for community support as part of the Community Schools Partnership Program and opened "wellness centers" at every middle and high school to improve students' mental health and well-being.

The district remains committed to supporting every student, improving family and community engagement, and providing professional development for educators and staff while prioritizing student safety.

## Gorman Joint School District

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### Small School Preparing for Success



**Dr. Dena Kiouses**  
Superintendent

Gorman School is a small rural school serving students in grades transitional kindergarten through eighth grade, in Gorman. We are a School of Choice and serve students in the Frazier Park area of Kern County and the Neenach area of Los Angeles County.

In the past couple of years, we have focused on increasing our STEM activities and added middle school FFA, a science teacher, robotics club, and are currently creating a science lab/maker's space. All students also participate in coding and use their knowledge to create coding projects that illustrate knowledge of coding and core curriculum combined. Students have progressed through block coding. Middle school students have learned block coding, Minecraft for Education, Python, and are now working through HTML. Between coding cycles, students participate in enrichment activities including cooking, art, horse management, and science lab.

Spanish was added this year for all students. Students participate in learning to speak, read, write in Spanish and also learn about cultural events and holidays.

A man's mind, stretched by new ideas,  
may never return to its original dimensions.

— Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

## Glendora Unified School District

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### We have "Lift-Off"



**Dr. Dominic J. DiGrazia**  
Superintendent

Glendora USD (GUSD) is excited about the opportunities that 2024 and beyond will bring to our students and their families. We are certainly proud of the accomplishments of GUSD students over the past year. At the same time, we are cognizant of our continued growth and desire to incorporate new programs and facilities that match the level of our expectations.

To that end, our inaugural Aviation classroom opened this year at Glendora High School (GHS), allowing enrolled students to interact with our new flight simulator equipment as they work towards completing their ground school hours during the two-year program.

Through our partnership with the Glendora Education Foundation (GEF), GHS students had the opportunity to participate in the Mission 17 space project. Four Tartans had their award-winning experiment "Lift Off" on SpaceX on November 9th and it was successfully sent to the International Space Station (ISS). GHS's entry was 1 of 37 nationally to be included in this mission. GHS students are currently working on their Mission 18 submissions for the next launch.

We are also in final preparations for our new Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program (in Spanish) that will begin (at the Kindergarten level) in the Fall of 2024 at Sutherland Elementary.

In addition, we recently announced our plans to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) Labs in each of our TK-8 schools by December 2024. The labs will be equipped with a wide variety of resources, enabling students to explore, experiment, create, and collaborate on various projects in preparation for opportunities for future study in College and Technical Education (CTE) pathways.

We look forward to you joining us on the journey that awaits!

## Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

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### Engage, Experience, Connect.



**Dr. Alfonso Jiménez**  
Superintendent

Hacienda La Puente Unified School District offers a wide-ranged curriculum that consists of cutting-edge, personalized learning experiences designed to develop critical thinking skills, increase cultural competency and boost self-efficacy for all students.

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We support this effort by offering free 24/7 tutoring and mental health resources, including wellness centers and year-round educational workshops, webinars and more.

Inspired by our global partnership with New Pedagogies for Deep Learning, our District designs learning experiences that build on learner strengths and needs, using real-life problem-solving and forward thinking lesson plans, including 28 Career Technical Education (CTE) programs in 10 industry sectors.

This school year, we expanded the Youth Cinema Project to La Puente High School along with three new Visual and Performing Arts CTE pathways and Speech and Debate to all four comprehensive high schools and the Biomedical Science Pathway to Glen A. Wilson High School.

Our District's success is not just claimed, it is recognized. We have received nine out of the 18 Civic Learning Awards for California public schools and have also been honored with the California School Boards Association Golden Bell Award for our real-world community engagement program, Project LEAD. And that's not all; four HLPUSD schools were named National Blue Ribbon Schools for their academic excellence and success in closing achievement and opportunity gaps, which was the largest number of school awards given to any district in the state and country.

At Hacienda La Puente Unified, we continue to create knowledge that helps students identify their talents, purpose and passion, make a positive impact and grasp opportunities that will lead to success in life.



## Hawthorne School District

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### A District on the Move



**Dr. Brian Markarian**  
Superintendent

How do you measure the success of a school district? Is it academic performance, safe and supportive learning environments, or impact on the community? Hawthorne School District is proud to be able to celebrate a broad range of successes across all of these areas.

Between the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years, all three HSD middle schools were named Schools to Watch by the California League of Educators. This designation is given to schools that are determined to be operating model programs for students. At the high school level, Hawthorne Math and Science Academy was ranked within the top 1% of high schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. HMSA also earned the Gold

Honor Roll Award and the AP Access Award for achievement and accessibility of Advanced Placement courses and exams.

Academic achievement is not possible in the absence of supportive learning environments. We are proud of the fact that every HSD elementary school has been awarded either the Silver or Bronze certification from California PBIS for their implementation of the positive behavioral interventions and supports model. HSD has also fully implemented the Capturing Kids' Hearts program, a model that is designed to strengthen relationships between all members of our school communities.

Our services and supports extend beyond the boundaries of our schools. As we implement a Community Schools model, we have brought in a host of partners to provide free medical, dental, and mental health services, as well as robust programming, such as ESL classes.

HSD is on the move, and we can't wait to see what the future holds!

## Inglewood Unified School District

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### A Culture of Growth and Learning



**Dr. James Morris**  
County Administrator

As we continue our journey toward a brighter tomorrow, I am pleased to share the strides and triumphs of the Inglewood Unified School District. With a shared vision of fostering academic brilliance and empowering our community, we are on a steadfast course toward becoming a shining beacon of educational excellence.

Our path is illuminated by the remarkable progress we've achieved across all fronts. Through unwavering dedication, our students have soared to new heights, and showcased commendable growth and achievement. Each milestone reached is a testament to our shared commitment to nurturing a culture of growth and learning, ensuring that every student thrives both academically and personally.

At the heart of our success lies the unwavering dedication of our devoted staff. Teachers, administrators, support personnel, and the Board of Education alike pour their hearts into guiding and uplifting our students, and going above and beyond to ensure their success. Their tireless efforts extend far beyond the confines of the classroom, embodying a spirit of mentorship and support that transcends traditional boundaries.

Moreover, our collaborative partnerships with esteemed community partners have fortified our mission, enhancing our educational facilities and fostering vibrant learning environments conducive to success. Together, we stand committed to providing our students with the tools and resources they need to flourish and excel.

As we press forward, let us take a moment to celebrate our achievements and reaffirm our unwavering dedication to unlocking the limitless potential of every student. Hand-in-hand with our dedicated Board of Education, staff, families and community partners, we will continue to illuminate the path toward a brighter, more promising future for generations to come.

## Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School District

16633 Elizabeth Lakes Rd., Lake Hughes, CA 93532 • 661/724-1231 • [www.helus.org](http://www.helus.org)

### Away We Grow!



**Susan Denton**  
Superintendent

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union School District (HELUS) stands as a vital institution in the rural northern Los Angeles County mountain community, experiencing a noteworthy 20% enrollment growth in the 2023-24 academic year, now reaching 206 students in grades TK-8. Established in 1874 and 1899, the merger of the Elizabeth Lake and Lake Hughes School Districts in 1950 solidified HELUS as the oldest school district in the Antelope Valley.

In addition to enrollment growth, HELUS demonstrated substantial improvement in state test scores this year, including a 25.7-point increase in ELA scores (63% meeting/exceeding standards), a 29.2-point rise in Math scores (42% meeting/exceeding standards), and a 42-point growth in 8th-grade Science scores (49% meeting/exceeding standards).

The district attributes its academic success to collaboration, a dedicated staff, community ties, and an active PTA. Focused on maintaining a positive learning environment fostering social-emotional learning, school spirit, and a growth mindset, HELUS proudly offers electives for middle school grades, STEAM field trips for all students, and a specialized ELOP After School and Intersession Days program.

Becoming an AVID Small School District Pilot this year, HELUS hosted its inaugural AVID College and Career Day, inviting alumni and local residents to share experiences. The district provides diverse enrichment opportunities, including robotics, music, drama, art, sewing, and sports. HELUS remains committed to offering rich learning experiences for all students, preparing them for future college and career aspirations, and ensuring regular positive communication with parents through an increased social media presence.

## Keppel Union School District

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### Fostering a Sense of Belonging and Unity



**Priya Darbari**  
Interim Superintendent

As Interim Superintendent of Keppel Union, I am privileged to serve and represent our diverse communities. From Pearblossom's bustling streets to Valyermo's serene landscapes, each neighborhood adds to our cultural heritage.

As we continue to uphold our motto of 'Encourage, Empower, Educate: Seeking excellence, striving for greatness for every student,' we do so with a deep appreciation for the cultural heritage that enriches our district. It is through this collective respect and understanding that we foster a sense of belonging and unity among all who call Keppel Union home.

One significant initiative involves our partnership with LACOE's Center for Distance and Online Unit (CDOL) SCALE UP! 2.0 Project, focusing on empowering staff, engaging families and communities, and promoting student voice and leadership. Through interdisciplinary approaches and instructional materials, emphasizing arts and social-emotional learning, we support our students' holistic development. They benefit from immersive learning experiences outside the classroom, collaborating with organizations like Disney and Spotify, attending workshops at Disney's Imagination Campus, and engaging with Soundtrap by Spotify to foster creativity and innovation. Enhancing our Promising Learners Project (PLP) improves student engagement, school climate, and community partnerships, empowering educators to create positive learning experiences through social-emotional learning and the arts.

Our Early Literacy Initiative underscores the importance of nurturing language acquisition and literacy skills from an early age. Through active family involvement and evidence-based strategies, we are mitigating learning loss and equipping our students with the foundational skills they need. We prioritize teacher professional development to support classroom instruction, while expanding parent programs like PIQE and CABE's 'Project to Inspire' to deepen community involvement.



## La Cañada Unified School District

4490 Cornishon Ave., La Cañada, CA 91011 • 818/952-8300 • [www.lcusd.net](http://www.lcusd.net)

### Our Success is Intentional



**Wendy Sinnette**  
Superintendent

La Cañada Unified School District is a learning community committed to personal growth and academic excellence. All facets of the district work to ensure its success is intentional. Part of the fabric of the community, La Cañada schools inspire a national standard for high academic achievement, citizenship, and student well-being. LCUSD emphasizes safety, security, and belongingness as a priority on each of its school campuses. The district operates three elementary schools and a combined grades 7-12 middle and high school. Current student enrollment is approximately 4000. Each school in the district has developed a comprehensive Responsive Teaching Plan, Positive Behavior Intervention and

Support Plan, and has adopted Stanford's Challenge Success initiative to ensure that all students receive appropriate tiers of support in mastering academic standards and in developing their social, emotional, and physical health and resilience. La Cañada Flintridge is home of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Descanso Gardens. The professional residents of La Cañada are attracted to the city because of its excellent schools and its strong community spirit. Parent participation and involvement in the schools are extensive as evidenced by a robust La Cañada Educational Foundation which contributes over 2 million dollars annually to the district and the active volunteerism and program support of the PTA at each school site and the Spartan Boosters at LCHS 7-12. Approximately 99% of graduating seniors enroll in post-secondary schools, with students attending their best fit colleges and universities across the nation. All of its schools have been named National Blue Ribbon schools, with Palm Crest and Paradise Canyon Elementary Schools recognized in 2021. La Cañada High School 7/8 was named a National Forum "School to Watch" school four times, most recently in 2023. All LCUSD schools have been designated as California Distinguished Schools, with its three elementary schools recognized again in 2023.

## Lancaster School District

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### Where Life's Journey Takes Flight



**Dr. Paul M. Marietti**  
Superintendent

Serving over 14,000 preschool through 8th grade students in the Antelope Valley and employing over 2,000 dedicated staff, the Lancaster School District is committed to providing safe, inclusive learning spaces where the whole child is educated, nurtured, and inspired. Lancaster School District is committed to valuing and respecting our diversity; building and strengthening our communities of care; partnering to build a sense of belonging and connectedness; and insisting upon student academic growth through rigorous learning environments.

Our commitment to developing the whole child is supported through programs like STEAM, AVID, Capturing Kids Hearts, a Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program, enrichment with Disney Imagination Campus and Spotify, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Wonder Media Animation electives, and Visual Performing Arts and music programs.

In addition, Fulton & Alsbury Academy of Arts and Engineering has consistently been named the best public school in the Antelope Valley by *Antelope Valley Press*, and has been ranked one of the best middle schools in the state by *US News & World Report*. Fulton & Alsbury also has been recognized as a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School, and is one of 18 schools to be named a California Green Ribbon Schools Award honoree by the California Department of Education.

Lancaster School District where life's journey takes flight!

## Las Virgenes Unified School District

4111 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302 • 818/880-4000 • [www.lvusd.org](http://www.lvusd.org)

### Shaping the Future with Educational Excellence



**Dr. Daniel D. Stepenosky**  
Superintendent

Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) is ranked among the nation's top districts and encompasses 15 schools, spanning preschool through high school, and serving the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village. LVUSD is a destination district with superior academics, award-winning music and art programs, and championship athletic programs. The District is known for its incredible team of administrators, teachers and staff, an engaged and supportive School Board, strong city and academic partnerships, and an innovative business community. LVUSD's accolades include California Distinguished Schools, *U.S. News* Best High Schools, U.S. Blue Ribbons, California Gold and Green Ribbons, an AP Honor Roll

District of Distinction, and students who are accepted into the most prestigious universities and colleges.

LVUSD offers a myriad of innovative programs appealing to a diverse student body including Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Early College Academy, GATE, Dual Language Immersion, a Waldorf-Inspired K-8 school, and a variety of career pathways such as Culinary Arts, Sports Medicine, and BroadCast Journalism. Students have access to a robust counseling and wellness program that has specialists available in the areas of college guidance, as well as social-emotional and family counseling. LVUSD has adopted and implemented Social Justice Standards and a Social Justice high school class. We are committed to supporting our staff with cutting edge professional development and ensuring all of our students feel welcome, included, and supported. We are thankful for our outstanding Las Virgenes community, who supported the District's recent \$340 million school bond approval for technology, safety and building improvements, and upgrades will further enhance LVUSD's ability to offer each student an environment in which to thrive.



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### The Hidden Gem of the South Bay



**Virginia Castro**  
Superintendent

The Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) is a hidden gem within the South Bay! Our district is proud to address the needs of children from early childhood to 8th grade. LESD has a wealth of services, offering State Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten for our young students and serving as a resource for our Special Education students through the Early Start Bright Beginnings Program and Lawndale Early Advantage Program that provides students across multiple districts with the skills needed for their transition into K-8th.

Lawndale recognizes the importance of addressing the needs of the whole child and is fully committed to cultivating a supportive environment for our diverse community. All our schools have onsite counselors, social workers, psychologists, resource teachers, and English language instructional resource teachers who work together to help our students progress.

Given the varying learning needs of our community, our teachers implement various strategies using assessments to adjust instruction and provide individualized learning to ensure our students build the necessary skills to succeed. We also offer various support groups and designated community liaisons to help students and families navigate their education and resources. Furthermore, as our community becomes more diverse and the need for students to gain global knowledge and skills expands, we are growing our Spanish Dual Immersion Program and offering more language support for our students and families.

We take great pride in our approach to implementing a Multi-Tiered System of Supports and efforts to serve the growing needs of our students and families. To learn more about our district, please visit [www.lawndalesd.net](http://www.lawndalesd.net).

## Lennox School District

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### Growing Leaders Everyday!



**Gabriela Tavitian**  
Superintendent

Lennox School District continues the important work of ensuring our 4,000 students are *On the Flight Path to Success!* With an incredibly talented and dedicated staff, Lennox proudly serves students in our State Preschools, five elementary schools, and one middle school.

Guided by our strategic goals in the areas of **Academic Success, Family and Community Connections, and Resource Equity and Efficiency**, our District is committed to providing the highest quality educational program to our students. Through our continued partnership with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), our students are learning to overcome obstacles, achieve success, and establish a growth mindset.

In Lennox, we believe that leadership is not for a few but for everyone. We are very proud of the strong leadership culture we have built throughout our schools by proudly embracing Dr. Franklin Covey's **Leader in Me** model. One of the key frameworks of this model is The 7 Habits of Happy Kids. The 7 Habits help students learn and apply communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and social-emotional skills, to support their personal and academic lives.

Our Playworks recess support at the elementary level reinforces leadership skills, conflict resolution, and academic success ensuring that our students have support both within and outside of the classroom. The systemic integration of a non-negotiable 50-minute intervention block to the school day for support, allows students to receive support or acceleration to their academic program.

Our entire Lennox Team recognizes and celebrates the greatness of each child and provides students with multiple opportunities to develop their full potential. We are proud to be growing leaders every day!

## Little Lake City School District

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### Leading by the Middle



**Jonathan Vasquez**  
Superintendent

As Superintendent of the Little Lake City School District, I am delighted to reflect on the 2023-2024 school year and share that the comprehensive approach we have taken to foster student success at all nine of our schools can be seen demonstrated daily in our classrooms and across our schools. Our employees' dedication embodies our District's Beliefs of: Students First, Results Matter, Whatever it Takes.

We are committed to providing a quality education that prepares our students for a bright future. To that end, all nine of our schools have been recognized for their academic excellence, ability to close the achievement gap, and the ability to create safe, respectful, and positive learning environments. Little Lake City schools are Gold Ribbon Schools; all have been honored by the California Business for Education Excellence; and all schools are PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) award winners. Our two middle schools have been named California Schools to Watch, which has enabled both to qualify for National Schools to Watch recognition. In addition, I am proud to announce that our 2023 SBAC results in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science are all above state and county averages.

Our instructional philosophy is to create a clarity of focus and a culture of shared leadership that develops collective expertise at the district, school, and classroom level. Through the concept of "Leading by the Middle," we have built the capacity of our teacher leaders empowering them to collaborate on key instructional decisions at their sites that will benefit the academic performance of our students. With a commitment to research based instructional practices, data-driven decision making, and collaboration, we strive to provide our students with a nurturing and empowering learning environment.

## Long Beach Unified School District

1515 Hughes Wy., Long Beach, CA 90810 • 562/997-8000 • [www.lbschools.net](http://www.lbschools.net)

### Educational Excellence and Equity



**Dr. Jill Baker**  
Superintendent

At the [Long Beach Unified School District](http://www.lbschools.net) (LBUSD), we prioritize student needs and voices in our educational transformation. Our commitment to innovation, excellence and equity drives our work. Recognized by the esteemed [Aspen Institute](http://www.aspeninstitute.com), our renowned [Equity Leadership and Talent Development Pipeline Programs](http://www.aspeninstitute.com) equip aspiring leaders for success. This includes our new Preliminary Administrative Services Credential Program, providing future educational leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead with purpose and confidence.

[Vision 2035](http://www.lbschools.net), developed with student and community voices, guides us toward a dynamic educational landscape where students are equipped with the skills and mindset to thrive in an ever-evolving world. Our [Black Student Achievement Initiative](http://www.lbschools.net) serves as a cornerstone of our efforts to prepare students for the future, dedicated to addressing disparities and ensuring all students have equitable access to opportunities for success.

Our commitment to holistic education extends beyond academics. The full implementation of Proposition 28 enriches every one of our students' lives by providing robust investments in the arts, fostering creativity, self-expression and cultural appreciation. Additionally, all of our classrooms have been modernized with new furniture, creating [dynamic learning environments](http://www.lbschools.net) that inspire and engage learning.

LBUSD remains steadfast in our dedication to building a brighter, more inclusive future for every student and our entire community. I am beyond proud to serve LBUSD and grateful for our community's support as we reimagine education for today and tomorrow. Join us on our journey toward educational excellence and equity!



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## Los Angeles Unified School District

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# Accelerating Success



**Alberto M. Carvalho**  
Superintendent

In the first year I was Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified, our team undertook the diligent process of developing systems, procedures and platforms to transform the potential of the District, charting our course in Ready for the World, our 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. In year two, we are accelerating our efforts to help all students reach their limitless possibilities.

So far, that work has proven successful. We have increased attendance rates, reduced chronic absenteeism, stabilized our enrollment, extended tutoring programs to students with the greatest need, provided additional academic opportunities with Winter Academy and Summer of Learning, upgraded our campuses with modern facilities and additional green spaces, launched an AI-powered accelerated learning platform known as Ed to provide personalized educational action plans and have 100% of our workforce under contract. We also continue to identify and pursue innovative partnerships with the broader Los Angeles community for the benefit of our students and schools. This includes efforts such as the Cultural Arts Passport and the creation of education compacts with seven municipalities.

The District remains committed to providing all students with a quality educational experience, bridging the achievement gap and guaranteeing fair access to a first-rate education. With a clear vision, tangible strategies and a committed team, Los Angeles Unified is well on its way to becoming the premier urban school district in the country. Through our collective efforts, every student will leave our classrooms ready to thrive in college, career and life.

## Los Nietos School District

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# Working Together for Student Success



**Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba**  
Superintendent

I am pleased to share some significant achievements and initiatives that reflect our unwavering commitment to student success. This academic year's overarching theme, "Working Together for Student Success," underscores the collaborative efforts undertaken by our dedicated educators, staff, students, and families.

One noteworthy accomplishment is the well-deserved recognition of Los Nietos Middle School STEAM Academy. Their Cyber Security Program has earned them the prestigious Golden Bell Award, a testament to the exceptional work of our students and educators in the ever-evolving field of STEAM.

Throughout the year, we have prioritized building capacity within our district. Our commitment to student and staff development has been evident through targeted programs and resources to enhance educational experiences. This investment in growth extends beyond the classroom, reaching into our expanded before- and after-school programs designed to support families and students throughout the day.

I am pleased to note our increased engagement in our community. Events such as "Supper with the Superintendent" have provided a platform for open dialogue and valuable feedback. This initiative has strengthened our ties with the Los Nietos community, creating an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and valued.

As we move forward, the Los Nietos School District will continue to work hand in hand, fostering an environment where collaboration, innovation, and dedication pave the way for the continued success of our students.

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### Destination District



**Jim Coombs**  
Superintendent

The Lowell Joint School District strives to be among the leading districts throughout the State of California, holding true to our traditional American core values since 1906. Our outstanding teachers focus on our #1 priority, which is student success. This is evident in the fact that our students' scores exceed the scores of Los Angeles and Orange County as well as the State of California. We are honored to serve our communities of La Habra, La Habra Heights, and Whittier. Each of our six schools are Distinguished, Gold Ribbon, and California Business Excellence Schools. Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate is also recognized as a three time "Schools to Watch." Lowell Joint has been awarded seven CSBA Golden Bell awards in the last

seven years, and two National Magna Awards from the National School Board Association. The importance of education, family, and traditional American values are the bedrock of LJSD, as is our emphasis on higher education, personal integrity, and Character Education.

Specialized academic programs include coding & robotics, STEAM Innovation Labs, Dual Language Immersion, and ARTS FOR ALL: band, choir, dance, theater, media & fine art. Rancho-Starbuck is proud to provide students the Pre-AP/IB Honors Academy, Conservatory of the Arts, AP Computer Science, Robotics and Engineering, eSports, and Green Architecture, which transition into our local high schools and onto post-secondary education.

Together the people of Lowell Joint make Lowell a Destination District where we focus on ensuring that our students have the foundation to be globally competitive and grounded in traditional American values.

## Manhattan Beach Unified School District

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### Excellence in Education



**Dr. John Bowes**  
Superintendent

MBUSD is a "Destination District." We are supported by a close-knit community, the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, and other local partners who value a high-performing public school district. MBUSD serves approximately 6,200 students across one preschool, five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school.

MBUSD is known for its academic excellence, with students regularly receiving state and national accolades in academics, STEM, visual and performing arts, athletics, sustainability, and community service. From National Merit Scholarship program finalists to a GRAMMY® award-winning music program to top-ranked athletic teams, our students can pursue and excel in their areas of interest.

In 2023, Mira Costa High School was nationally ranked by the *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the "Best High Schools." Three MBUSD elementary schools were honored with the coveted California Distinguished Schools title. All of our elementary schools have been recognized with this distinction at least once.

MBUSD is committed to a Climate of Care. We are the first school district in the greater Los Angeles region to be recognized by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to have implemented the No Place for Hate® program at all schools.

I am proud of our outstanding and dedicated administrators, teachers, and classified staff. We focus on the whole child, and MBUSD's Personalized Learning Framework is designed to ensure that every student achieves academic success and is well-positioned to be a lifelong learner. We recently unveiled several state-of-the-art facilities, including a new middle school music building, new classrooms, a multi-purpose room, and an administration building at elementary campuses.

## Lynwood Unified School District

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### Educational Equity, Excellence and Innovation



**Dr. Gudiel R. Crosthwaite**  
Superintendent

Lynwood Unified School District is a model urban school district dedicated to ensuring equity, access and justice for every student, fostering academic excellence and a positive learning environment where our scholars can thrive.

As a District, we prioritize college and career readiness, offering numerous opportunities such as FAFSA and college application workshops, several career technical education options at our secondary schools, and an expanded Dual Language Immersion program at our elementary schools.

Additionally, our Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caravan awarded students with on-the-spot acceptances and \$4.6 million in scholarships. With two Schools to Watch and a Model Continuation High School, we continuously strive for educational excellence.

For the second year in a row, all Lynwood Unified schools have been recognized with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Coalition Awards for their efforts in maintaining positive and engaging environments that bolster student success. In the 2023-24 school year, the District earned a \$24.4 million Community Schools state grant, ensuring increased access to social-emotional supports and community resources for students and families for continued academic and personal success.

Following a \$250 million grant from the State Legislature, Lynwood High School's reconstruction is progressing swiftly. Demolition was completed in February 2024, paving the way for the construction of modern and secure classrooms set to open in Fall 2027.

Our dedicated leadership ensures that Lynwood Unified remains a beacon of educational opportunity as our dedicated educators empower our students to achieve their academic and personal aspirations.

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**Flint Fertig**  
Interim  
Superintendent

The Monrovia Unified School District exists to provide all students with an exceptional education, ensuring all graduate fully prepared for college, career, and life. We live that mission daily in the classrooms by ensuring our students have everything they need to succeed.

Monrovia Unified's strong academic programs begin with early education at Canyon Early Learning Center and extend into elementary and middle school with offerings like robotics and coding, dual-immersion courses in Mandarin and Spanish, and the arts.

At Monrovia High School, our engaging humanities, math, science, and theater arts instructional programs provide students with critical skills. Our award-winning Early College Program allows students to advance their college careers free of cost, even as they take their high school courses. Our Career Technical Education pathways in various fields, such as automotive science, video production, sports medicine, engineering, and entrepreneurship, prepare our students to compete for high-wage careers.

We have options tailored to the needs of individual families. Mountain Park School is one option that has served students who need a flexible schedule and can learn with a virtual platform. MUSD offers independent study courses for all students K-12 at MPS.

Finally, Monrovia also has an outstanding Adult School that offers numerous programs, such as short-term career technical education (CTE) training, career development education, English as a Second Language (ESL), primary education, and high school diploma and equivalency. These options help our adult learners earn certifications and give them the skills they need to start a new career.

I want to thank our teachers, staff, students, and families who make Monrovia feel like home for so many people. We can serve our schools and community daily through their commitment and dedication.

## Newhall School District

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### Possibilities are Endless!



**Dr. Leticia Hernandez**  
Superintendent

Newhall School District consists of ten elementary schools serving approximately 6,000 PK-6th grade students in the Santa Clarita Valley. This award-winning school district has a history of excellence and is consistently recognized for its superior performance as California Distinguished schools. Our strong academic programs begin with an emphasis on early education and extend into programs that enhance student learning through art, theater, and music. NSD's annual music concerts and art showcase are a highlight in the community. As we look at our students as global learners, our Dual Language Immersion program in Spanish is expanding grade levels every year.

NSD has highly skilled teachers who are trained in curriculum alignment so that all students experience a highly rigorous education. They participate in Professional Learning Communities where they analyze the needs of the students and create plans to enhance their lessons. We are also proud of the counseling services offered at each one of our school sites that significantly impact student wellness. We truly believe in meeting children's needs. The District also draws vital support from parents and community members through our local PTA/PTOs and foundations. As NSD focuses on student needs, our Governing Board and administrators embody the support for educational excellence.

With these resources in place, the opportunities for our students are endless. Our students have consistently reached high academic levels and have excelled in all areas. Empowering Every Child Every Day is our commitment to our District community.

## Mountain View School District

3320 Gilman Rd., El Monte, CA 91732 • 626/652-4000 • [www.mtviewschools.com](http://www.mtviewschools.com)

### Inspiring Each Student to Succeed Every Day



**Dr. Raymond Andry**  
Superintendent

MVSD strives to create experiences that engage, empower and inspire all learners, preschool to eighth grade, in every classroom, every day. We believe in our students and through a spirit of high expectations, teamwork, respect and care our team is dedicated to providing the highest quality instruction and programs for our students and families.

Inspiring each student to succeed every day is our mission and we are committed to the development of the whole child, providing instructional support to ensure students are learning, as well as social/emotional support to ensure they are ready to learn. MVSD is proud to have school counselors and mental health partners at every school.

In MVSD we believe that together we can, and our team is dedicated to providing the best for all students. We are proud to provide innovative learning experiences that prepare students to become problem solvers, critical thinkers, effective communicators and positive contributors to their community. This is achieved through programs like STEAM, AVID, SEAL, extensive technology learning, Spanish Dual Language Immersion, Mandarin Enrichment, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, comprehensive Visual and Performing Arts, Band, a strong college bound culture, after school enrichment and sports, and nationally recognized nutrition and health education and family engagement programs. MVSD is also proud to be one of four LA County Disney Imagination Campus Districts.

Each day we strive to make a positive difference in the life of each student we are privileged to serve as we provide a solid foundation of skills that inspires lifelong learning and prepares them for the next level.

## Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

12820 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 • 562/210-2000 • [www.nlmusd.org](http://www.nlmusd.org)

### Providing Resources for Success



**Dr. John M. Lopez**  
Superintendent

As we enter the spring months of the 2023-24 school year, Norwalk-La Mirada is blooming with activity to help our students reach their fullest potential. Our District had enacted key initiatives and received a multitude of grants aimed at fulfilling the promise of providing the necessary resources for student, staff, and family success.

The Early Literacy campaign is a focused approach to create an elementary school community with a common understanding and equitable implementation of the best practices of structured literacy. This work involves four main focus areas: Community of Practice, Parent Partnership, Teacher Professional Development, and Goal Setting.

Community of Practice involves structured literacy modules for principals, containing key elements of monthly professional development sessions which they shared with teachers to build collective understanding. Parent Partnership improves family literacy by giving them the opportunity to practice reading with their students as well as access to reading and writing activities. Teacher Professional Development is the active participation of teachers in spiral review of the reading strategies learned during their early literacy, Reader by 9, and professional development training. Goal Setting is use of data at the school, grade, and student level to make instructional decisions.

The District has also been the recipient of number of grants that will increase outcomes for our students and staff. Among the grants are the Mental Health Service Professional Grant (\$4.9 million), the Community School Grant (\$6.8 million), and through a partnership with with UCLA, we are among the Districts receiving the U.S. Department of Education Teacher Quality Partnership Grant (\$8 million).

These initiatives and grants are among the many tools the District provides to prepare our students and families for success, preparing them to achieve their fullest potential in a modern world.



## Palmdale School District

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### A Decade of Excellence – Palmdale PROMISE



**Dr. Raul Maldonado**  
Superintendent

Celebrating a decade of the Palmdale PROMISE, we reflect on Pursuing Remarkable Opportunities to Marshal Innovation, Inspiration, and Imagination for Success and Engagement. The Leadership Team and School Board affirm our unwavering commitment to “Palmdale LEADS,” fostering a respectful and collaborative culture.

Introducing the theme “Discovering the Magic Within,” we embarked on an exciting and collective quest to unveil unique potential and brilliance within each student, staff member, and community member. Over the past ten years, PROMISE has transformed relationships, elevated student expectations, and reshaped our understanding of robust instructional programs.

Our commitment to excellence extends to embracing multilingual learning, career technical education, the arts, and technology, providing a dynamic educational experience that equips our students for success on a global scale. Actively shaping their futures, students have taken on a more prominent role, and community partnerships have flourished, positioning Palmdale as a proactive national model of excellence.

Amidst accolades and awards in the State of California, I find great honor in serving as Superintendent of Schools. As we commemorate a decade of excellence, we anticipate continued success in the next phase of our journey. Embracing the theme “Discovering the Magic Within,” let us collectively unveil extraordinary potential, propelling Palmdale School District to new heights of achievement and distinction.

The Palmdale PROMISE will continue to be a beacon guiding us toward a future characterized by academic achievement, cultural enrichment, and collaborative success. As we say in Palmdale, “Palmdale LEADS!”

## Paramount Unified School District

15110 California Ave., Paramount, CA 90723 • 562/602-6000 • [www.paramount.k12.ca.us](http://www.paramount.k12.ca.us)

### Reaching New Heights in Achievement



**Dr. Joshua L. Lightle**  
Superintendent

The Paramount Unified School District serves approximately 12,000 PK-Adult Education students across twenty-one campuses. Our mission is to ensure learning and success for each student by providing a quality education. We do this by providing our faculty and staff with professional learning opportunities to further their development in providing a rigorous academic program using a variety of instructional strategies to meet the differentiated needs of every student in the classroom. Our district focus areas include:

1. College and Career Ready Graduates: Students will possess the knowledge, skills, and certifications necessary to be successful in any post-secondary environment.
2. High Quality Teaching and Learning: Students will be provided with daily instruction that is standards-based, relevant, personalized, and rigorous.
3. Positive School Climate and Environments Conducive to Learning: Students will be provided with an environment that is safe and supportive of all students.
4. Parent and Community Partnerships: We will engage parents and community members in meaningful ways, communicate regularly with them, and create opportunities for partnerships that will result in greater student achievement and strengthen the bond between them and our schools.

PUSD strives to be an exemplary district with a clear vision of reaching new heights in achievement. We fully believe that all educational partners contribute to the success of each and every student, each and every day.

## Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District

375 Via Almar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 • 310/378-9966 • [www.pvpusd.net](http://www.pvpusd.net)

### One Team, One Goal, One PVPUSD



**Dr. Devin Serrano**  
Superintendent

From a thriving and successful past to a future shaped by strategic innovation, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District is building on our accomplished history while moving forward with a clear commitment to fostering positive change.

As the new superintendent of PVPUSD, I am proud to serve a district that is not satisfied with the status quo, but instead is dedicating itself to continuous improvement.

This year, Niche named PVPUSD the 6th Best School District in California and the 54th Best School District in America.

Our district has a strong focus on the future and has created clear goals for improvement. Our focus areas include:

- Enhancing district communications
- Expanding academic opportunities for students
- Focusing on social-emotional learning and mental health for students
- Addressing aging facilities

We are engaged in creating a strategic plan, which will provide a clear and unified vision for the future of PVPUSD.

In all that we do, we are focused on embodying the motto: “One Team, One Goal, One PVPUSD.” Our teachers and staff are committed to working collaboratively with the shared goal of empowering our students to excel academically, socially, and emotionally.

Together, we celebrate the accomplishments of our past and empower our students to succeed in their futures. Learn more at [www.pvpusd.net](http://www.pvpusd.net).



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## Pasadena Unified School District

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### Cultivating a Culture of “With”



**Dr. Elizabeth J. Blanco**  
Interim  
Superintendent

At PUSD, we are building a culture of “with,” where every child is welcomed and included. Along with employees, families, and community partners, we are realizing the goals of *Imagine PUSD 2028*, the district’s new strategic plan that was developed after a year-long community engagement process. The voice of students is now elevated from the classroom to the Board room.

PUSD’s preschool and transitional kindergarten (TK) programs help children balance imaginative play with the exploration of language, math, history, science, and art. Our youngest learners practice resolving conflicts, sharing responsibility, and working collaboratively. By Fall 2024, all PUSD neighborhood schools will offer free full-day TK.

PUSD’s abundance of engaging academic programs are inclusive of all preK-12 learners. From world language (Spanish, Mandarin, French, and Armenian), to early college and career education, arts, STEM, and International Baccalaureate, we are developing lifelong learners who are ready for the world. With a third consecutive federal magnet school grant, we have added a middle school visual and performing arts conservatory, a new environmental science magnet, and a cross-cultural learning program.

We know that learning is inherently linked to physical and emotional wellbeing. In addition to an extensive array of student wellness and support services, every PUSD school now has “wellness rooms” staffed by experienced behavior specialists. Wellness rooms address students’ social-emotional needs in a safe, almost spa-like space with features such as aromatherapy, soothing sounds, calm lighting, kinetic sand, fidget toys, lemon water, bean bag chairs, and murals.

PUSD’s excellent educators, fantastic families, and outstanding community partners are working together to transform education and empower students to succeed.

## Pomona Unified School District

800 S. Garey Ave., Pomona, CA 91766 • 909/397-4800 • [www.pusd.org](http://www.pusd.org)

### Did You Know...



**Darren Knowles**  
Superintendent

Pomona Unified School District is dedicated to providing a high quality education to all of our students, and creating student experiences that inspire them to dream and achieve. This year our priorities are student achievement, parent engagement, and communicating with our community about our incredible programs. We could not be more proud of PUSD Students and Staff, so we have launched our “*Did you Know...*” campaign to promote the amazing work that is happening at PUSD. This year, we have done some incredible things. So, “*Did you Know...*”

- PUSD has partnered with Pacific Clinics and opened six Wellness Centers at our secondary schools. Our students now have a safe space to seek support when they need it.
- PUSD has created E-sports programs at our High Schools and built E-sports rooms for our students to compete at CIF.
- PUSD earned our sixth Golden Bell Award this year for our InvenTeam at Garey High School (supporting students as creative, innovative scientific inventors).
- PUSD’s Deputy Superintendent, Lilia Fuentes, was honored as a LACOE Cabinet Member of the Year.

We are proud to be PUSD and are so excited for this next year as we keep making strides at every level of student achievement. We believe “Student Success is our Success” and we will keep pushing to ensure all of our students dream big and have pathways to achieve their goals.

Visit our website [www.pusd.org](http://www.pusd.org) to learn more about us.

## Redondo Beach Unified School District

1401 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90278 • 310/379-5449 • [www.rbusd.org](http://www.rbusd.org)

### Passion, Purpose, Success and Significance



**Dr. Nicole Westley**  
Superintendent

RBUSD is at the heart of our beautiful Redondo Beach community. We’re fortunate to have our residents, stellar teachers and staff members, parent and guardian volunteers, PTA and Redondo Beach Education Foundation, and many other community partners working together to promote and celebrate **academic achievement, social emotional learning, and post-secondary preparedness**. Our district is committed to enhancing our employee capacity with grants for credential programs, professional development, and **leadership development**, as well as improving **IT security, digital citizenship**, and our state-of-the-art facilities, so we can provide the best education for current and future RBUSD students.

With an A+ in academics, teachers, clubs and activities, diversity, college prep and administration, RBUSD’s Niche ratings help drive enrollment and reflect all the wonderful aspects of going to school in Redondo Beach.

RBUSD serves approximately 9,550 TK-12 students at eight elementary schools, two middle schools, one comprehensive high school, one continuation school, one community day school, one adult school, and a district-wide child development center program. From preschool through high school, we guide all students on a holistic journey helping them realize their passion and purpose, maximizing their success and significance and preparing them for future careers and all life has to offer. The culture of RBUSD embraces a forward focus as students prepare for an ever-changing global society. Redondo Beach Unified is just that, unified. Students, parents, and staff model learning in and out of the classroom that is collaborative, rigorous, and transformational—this is what makes RBUSD great!

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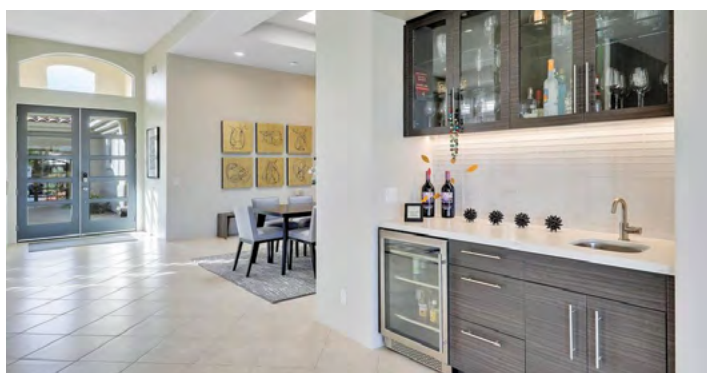
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### Developing the Leaders of Tomorrow



**Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba**  
Superintendent

We are proud to be one of the top-performing school districts in the San Gabriel Valley. In 2023, the Rosemead School District received the prestigious recognition of being ranked as one of the top school districts in the San Gabriel Valley. Our District accomplishments include the recognition of Savannah Elementary School as a 2018 California Distinguished School, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School and Emma W. Shuey Elementary School as a 2020 California Distinguished School, Muscatel Middle School as a 2022 Pivotal Practice School, and Mildred B. Janson Elementary School as a 2023 California Distinguished School. All five of our district schools were named 2019-2020 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll

schools for high achievement in student success, rated at the “star” category — the highest rating. In 2020-2021, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School was named a Leader In Me® Legacy Lighthouse School, making it the second school worldwide to receive this distinction. And recently, in 2021-2022, Mildred B. Janson Elementary School, Savannah Elementary School, Emma W. Shuey Elementary School, and Muscatel Middle School were named Best Schools by *U.S. News and World Reports*. We are also proud that Encinita Elementary School launched a Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Mandarin program in the 2020-2021 school year. This program reflects our efforts to prepare students to thrive in a global society.

For more information about our amazing school district and/or signature programs, please visit us at [www.rosemead.k12.ca.us](http://www.rosemead.k12.ca.us).

## Rowland Unified School District

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### Innovative Learning for All



**Dr. Julie Mitchell**  
Superintendent

The award-winning Rowland Unified School District has a long-standing tradition of success in the 4 A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities. Rowland Unified has 19 schools with 13,200 students and serves the communities of Rowland Heights, Walnut, La Puente, City of Industry, and West Covina. As Superintendent, I am proud of our passionate employees that embrace care, compassion, connection and content for all students through new modes of teaching and learning, social-emotional support, integrating technology and working collaboratively to provide innovative learning for all – for our students, staff, and parents.

The District has garnered numerous state and national awards, including California Distinguished and Gold Ribbon Schools, Schools to Watch, California Model Continuation High School, California Association of Bilingual Education for the Seal of Excellence Award and the latest, being accepted into the National League of Innovative Schools by Digital Promise, a national coalition of forward-thinking K-12 school districts with the mission to accelerate innovation in education and improve the opportunity for all to learn through technology and research.

Choices abound with Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), GATE, AVID, International Baccalaureate (IB) World Schools, Career Pathways, Dual Language Immersion, music, arts and athletics. Our graduates have not only earned millions of dollars in scholarships, but have been accepted into some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the nation.

## San Gabriel Unified School District

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### Strategic Planning – Future Vision



**James "Jim" Symonds**  
Superintendent

This year, San Gabriel Unified School District (SGUSD) is excited to launch its new Strategic Plan. The SGUSD Strategic Plan articulates the District's Mission and Vision, as well as the goals and objectives needed to bring it to life. The plan ensures that all students are provided equitable opportunities to learn in an environment where they are nurtured and supported to succeed at high levels throughout their TK-12 #SanGabrielExperience and beyond.

This work was driven by the SGUSD Educational Advisory Committee (EAC), which consisted of teachers, parents, administrators, classified and certificated staff, community leaders, business partners, and most importantly, students.

The journey began in 2020 when, with the help of the EAC, the District launched our Portrait of a Graduate. Students led the way in the development of the SGUSD Portrait of a Graduate, working in partnership with committee members to share their ideas, identify needs, and brainstorm ways to bring the new shared vision to life. The SGUSD Portrait of a Graduate consists of six core competencies that we strive to nurture in all of the SGUSD students, grades TK-12: Collaborator, Communicator, Creative Thinker, Empathetic, Global Citizen, and Resilient.

The Portrait of a Graduate has become our North Star and has guided our decision making process in SGUSD. By launching our SGUSD Strategic Plan, our hope is to bring the Portrait of a Graduate to practice at all sites and levels of the District. The collaborative work ahead will empower us to advance steadily toward accomplishing our aspirational goals and help to empower ALL students to achieve the six core competencies.

## San Marino Unified School District

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### Leading Edge in Education



**Dr. Linda de la Torre**  
Superintendent

The San Marino Unified School District (SMUSD) continues to set the standard for excellence in education. As a boutique District committed to providing a premier educational experience for all students, SMUSD continues to raise the bar in all four A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities.

In partnership with Pasadena City College (PCC), we launched a highly successful Medical Arts Academy at San Marino High School (SMHS). This innovative program allows students to earn college credit while providing them with invaluable opportunities to jumpstart their academic and professional careers. At SMUSD, we pride ourselves on offering exclusive courses/programs designed to inspire and challenge our students. From our Humanities course in collaboration with the Huntington Library, our inaugural K-5 Mandarin Dual Language Immersion program, to our STEM course supervised by Caltech professors, we provide a diverse array of educational opportunities that cater to the unique interests and talents of each student.

Our dedicated team of highly trained educators is committed to delivering a rigorous, personalized, and engaging educational experience. Through close collaboration with parents, we ensure that every student receives the support and resources needed to thrive academically and personally.

SMUSD offers a wide range of extracurricular activities to enrich the student experience. Whether it's participating in sports, exploring visual and performing arts, engaging in outdoor education, internships, or volunteering, there is something for every student to explore and enjoy.

With a focus on producing astute global citizens equipped to thrive in an ever-changing world, we prioritize the safety, support, and emotional wellness of our entire school community by providing services and resources to ensure that every student and staff member can succeed both inside and outside the classroom. Our District remains a top choice for families seeking a high-quality education for their children.



## Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

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### Equity. Belonging. Curiosity. Empowerment.



**Dr. Antonio Shelton**  
Superintendent

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is expanding on our goal to ensure the educational success of all students through a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) lens. While these principles have always been at the core of our mission, we now incorporate fostering a sense of belonging, encouraging curiosity and cultivating empowerment among our students.

We firmly believe that every student deserves access and opportunity to excel academically, socially and emotionally. To achieve this, we are dedicated to creating an environment where every student feels a sense of belonging, where differences are celebrated and where all voices are valued. We understand that true learning cannot occur unless every individual feels safe, respected and supported.

SMMUSD is committed to celebrating curiosity among our students, encouraging them to explore, question and innovate. By nurturing their sense of wonder, we empower them to become lifelong learners, equipped with the critical thinking skills necessary to navigate an ever-changing world.

We recognize that each student is unique, with their own set of strengths, challenges and aspirations. Therefore, it is our duty as educators to meet each student's individual needs, providing the necessary support and resources to help them reach their full potential.

SMMUSD's mission is not just about academic achievement, but about creating well-rounded individuals who are confident in their abilities, compassionate towards others and equipped to make meaningful contributions to society.

## South Pasadena Unified School District

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### Continually Preparing for the Future



**Dr. Geoff Yantz**  
Superintendent

Established in 1886, South Pasadena Unified School District (SPUSD) serves approximately 4,800 students at three elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. SPUSD has earned a reputation for providing high-quality, public education and attracting families who value challenging academic programs and outstanding teachers. SPUSD students frequently earn honors at the local, state, and national level. All three elementary schools and the middle school have earned both National Blue Ribbon Schools awards and California Distinguished Schools honors. *U.S. News and World Report* also ranks South Pasadena High School as a Best High School in its national and California rankings.

SPUSD receives vital support from parents and community members through the South Pasadena Educational Foundation, local PTAs, and booster clubs. A \$98 million bond measure has helped improve facilities including a new SPHS STEM Building and Athletics Facility, a renovated SPMS Arts Building, and new arts classrooms at the elementary schools, among other modernization projects. Parcel tax funds, renewed in 2023, help keep class sizes manageable and pay for arts programs, counseling programs, and advanced instruction in core academic areas including science and technology.

Informed by SPUSD's strategic goals, opportunities for students abound in academics, arts, and athletics. From an early age, students are exposed to various pathways including electives in engineering, biomedical science, business, and visual and performing arts. Continually preparing for the future, SPUSD faculty and staff help students reach their individual potential by developing their intellectual abilities, emotional maturity, unique talents, and a sincere love of learning.

## Saugus Union School District

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### Together, WE achieve more!



**Dr. Colleen Hawkins**  
Superintendent

The Saugus Union School District (SUSD) continues to emphasize student wellness ensuring students have the foundational skill necessary to benefit from all academic opportunities provided to them. Maslow's before Bloom's (basic human needs before academic needs) has driven the school district since January of 2020 and remains the bedrock of District culture.

Like many school districts, SUSD has seen increases in its chronic attendance rate and decreases in its average daily attendance rate (ADA). The 2022 California Dashboard reported the district's chronic attendance rate at 12.8% (i.e., students missing 10% or more of their days enrolled). The district's ADA was at a historic low of 95.5%. In 2023, SUSD saw a dramatic decrease in chronic attendance to 10.7% (-2.1%). Preventative measures and monitoring ensure that parents understand the connection between positive student attendance, positive student mental health, and positive student academic progress. To date, SUSD is seeing the ADA over 96% and chronic attendance at 8%.

SUSD continues focusing on the wellness of all members of the organization. The programs/practices implemented across the district are designed to wrap students in the security of physical and social-emotional wellness. In 2022, SUSD participated in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthiest Schools program. Two schools, Cedarcreek Elementary and West Creek Academy, were recognized as All-Star schools (recognition in all nine areas for the award program). In 2023, SUSD was honored to have all 15 of its school sites nationally recognized as part of the Healthiest Schools in America. SUSD had 9 of its schools nationally recognized as part of the 14 All-Star winning schools.

## South Whittier School District

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### Success for Every Student



**Dr. Gary Gonzales**  
Superintendent

South Whittier School District (SWSD) is an award-winning district that is comprised of 5 elementary schools (TK-6) and a middle school (7-8) located in the unincorporated area of Whittier and proudly serves approximately 2300 students. The District's motto is "Success for Every Student" and is evident through the intentional actions and high expectations of our Trustees and the commitment and dedication of our classified, certificated and administrative staff members. Collaboratively, we work together to ensure that every child has access to a rigorous and appropriate education in a clean and supportive environment where they can grow and thrive academically and emotionally. SWSD is committed to providing every student with a world-class education that includes opportunities such as AVID, Spanish Dual Immersion, STEM, VAPA (Mariachi, Folklorico, band and guitar) and concurrent enrollment in a local community college. Additionally, students and families have access to our award winning Mental Health Program and many other services to ensure a well rounded scholastic experience. SWSD students develop skills and characteristics that prepare them to transition into high school, college and eventually the workforce. SWSD students are supported in an educational environment where they are engaged in conversation, projects, performances and presentations that utilize critical thinking skills so that they are prepared to compete in and contribute to a global society.

Every SWSD employee has a hand in making the District the best it can be and the power to positively influence students by fostering healthy relationships, supporting students in their challenges, and providing access to a robust and broad curriculum. We look forward to working with the entire community in providing the optimal educational environment for SWSD students.



## Sulphur Springs Union School District

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### Commitment to the Whole Child



**Dr. Catherine Kawaguchi**  
Superintendent

Sulphur Springs Union School District (SSUSD) staff continue to be dedicated and committed to providing all 5300 students access to achieving academic excellence in all areas. Through our six state preschools and nine elementary schools, the District offers enriching learning opportunities for students of all ages. The District is very proud to have a very diverse population of students, with over 25 different home languages spoken. Teachers take the time to educate students around the five core competencies of social emotional learning to further support all students.

We know the success of our students starts at the home, and our staff pride themselves on continuing to focus on strengthening relationships and partnerships with families and community members to enhance the educational outcomes for each and every student. In addition to making sure students are offered an enriching academic education, there is a targeted focus on supporting the whole child in which students are learning in healthy, safe, supportive environments.

Not only is there a focus to support academics as well as social/emotional wellness, there is a continued commitment to supporting all students during playtime. The District has built 8 inclusive playgrounds, which incorporate the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design, and all of the playgrounds are developmentally appropriate and address the needs of the whole child. The District is proud to support students of all ages and ability levels, and is committed that no child is excluded from play.

As the proud Superintendent of SSUSD, I will always place all students as a top priority. Further, the Board of Trustees, staff and I will continue to ensure that each and every student achieves academic excellence in supportive and nurturing environments.

## Torrance Unified School District

2335 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501 • 310/972-6500 • [www.tusd.org](http://www.tusd.org)

### TUSD A Multi-Generational Choice



**Dr. Tim Stowe**  
Superintendent

It's truly awe-inspiring when a family's educational journey spans three to five generations within the same school district – but it's a common occurrence among both our students and staff at Torrance Unified School District. Multi-generational families who choose to keep sending their children to Torrance Unified are a testament to the enduring appeal and strong sense of community found at our 32 schools. Despite being a district of more than 22,000 students, we continue to foster a welcoming, accessible, and inclusive environment that supports the individual needs of every student, every day.

For more than 75 years, we have skillfully blended the wisdom obtained from our rich past with the innovation and adaptability necessary to shape our collective future. Each new generation of students discovers why Torrance Unified is the best choice for education, continually securing our position as the number one school district in the South Bay, as voted by our community ([whytusd.org](http://whytusd.org)).

We encourage families to explore our diverse array of programs designed to enable every student to delve into their interests and needs. Our robust curriculum includes Career Technical Education pathways, STEM initiatives, early college readiness options, dual language immersion and biliteracy experiences, civic engagement projects, and creative and performing arts. These comprehensive offerings ensure our students become well-rounded individuals, prepared to succeed in any career or college path they choose and ready to play a vital role in shaping the future of our global community for the generations to come.

## Temple City Unified School District

9700 Las Tunas Dr., Temple City, CA 91780 • 626/548-5000 • [www.tcusd.net](http://www.tcusd.net)

### Finding Those Opportunities



**Dr. Arthur Cunha**  
Superintendent

Rated as one of the top 50 school districts in all of California, Temple City Unified School District is located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. We serve a diverse group of over 5300 students in grades PK-12 and adult transition. All schools are operated by a dedicated team of educators and staff who are committed to providing a caring and supportive environment.

Our ongoing commitment involves finding opportunities that not only ignite students' enthusiasm for learning but also gives parents a sense of pride for belonging to our district.

The district has been committed to promoting opportunities for females in STEM. This year our high school Science Olympiad team, more than half of which are female, took first place overall in the 4th annual Bird Science Olympiad Invitational. To help prepare our future females in the sciences, Emperor Elementary School offers a female bridge building club after school where students learn and apply structural concepts taught by a retired female engineer. At Oak Avenue Intermediate, we introduced an advanced STEAM class. Students will take the knowledge learned and have the ability to participate in two unique STEM related opportunities being offered at Temple City High School. The first is the Helios Solar Car Project, where students are designing and building a solar powered car for a competition this summer, in Texas. We also have a group of students participating in the SeaPerch Challenge. Students will build and operate an underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle) fostering basic engineering, design, and science concepts.

Beyond the realm of the sciences, Temple City High School launched a financial algebra class, which students have found to be both practical and valuable. Looking ahead, the district will use this next year to develop a Mandarin dual immersion class.

## Valle Lindo School District

1431 N. Central Ave., South El Monte, CA 91733 • 626/580-0610 • [www.vallelindo.k12.ca.us](http://www.vallelindo.k12.ca.us)

### Shaping Tomorrow Together



**Dr. Elizabeth Evans**  
Superintendent

At Valle Lindo School District, our heart lies in the vibrant community we've cultivated over the past 160 years. Generations of families, educators, staff, and community members have united in a shared mission to empower students with the skills necessary to navigate and lead in an ever-changing world.

Our educational philosophy extends beyond academic excellence, incorporating enriching programs in dual language immersion, the arts, and fostering a well-rounded, inclusive environment. We're committed to every student's social-emotional well-being, ensuring a sense of belonging within a framework of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Benefiting from small class sizes and modern facilities, our team collaborates closely with families to support each student's unique path. New Temple Elementary and Shively Middle School have been honored with prestigious accolades such as the Title I Academic Achievement Awards, Pivotal Practice Awards, and distinctions as California Distinguished Schools and California Gold Ribbon Schools. Our commitment to excellence has been recognized with six CSBA Golden Bell Awards and the honor of being a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase District.

As we look to the future, Valle Lindo School District is embracing the opportunity of preparing students for college, careers, and life beyond with a forward-thinking approach that includes the integration of technology and innovation, student wellness, and social-emotional learning. We invite you to join us on the journey of 'Shaping Tomorrow Together' at Valle Lindo School District, where the legacy of learning and leadership prepares every student to excel.



## Walnut Valley Unified School District

880 S. Lemon Ave., Walnut, CA 91789 • 909/595-1261 • [www.wvUSD.org](http://www.wvUSD.org)

### Inspiring Students to Be Their Best



**Dr. Robert P. Taylor**  
Superintendent

Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD) is a premier school district committed to “KIDS FIRST – Every Student, Every Day.” Our wonderful teachers and staff are dedicated to preparing all students to thrive in a rapidly changing, competitive, global economy by teaching skills through quality programs that include STEAM – science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

Our schools continue to experience growth in academic achievement and have earned some of the highest honors of any of the unified school districts across the country.

This year, WVUSD earned an A+ grade and top 1 percent ranking in the 2024 Niche report of Best School Districts in America.

Our high performing high schools score in the top 1 percent out of 20,446 public high schools in the nation.

WVUSD has been honored as a National Schools to Watch District. Only 8 school districts in California and 17 in the nation received the prestigious recognition.

Our schools have been distinguished with top honors, including National Blue Ribbon, California Distinguished School, Exemplary Arts Education Programs, CSBA Golden Bell, NAMM Best Community for Music Education, CIF State Champions, and more. Diamond Bar High recently won exclusive rights to stage Disney’s “Frozen: The Broadway Musical.”

Our students, schools, and community are benefitting from nearly \$153 million in local funding made possible by voter approval of Bond Measure WV in November 2016.

We appreciate the ongoing support from our Walnut Valley community with volunteers donating time and resources to enrich the educational experience of our students. We strive to develop first-rate learning facilities.

## Westside Union School District

41914 50th St. West, Quartz Hill, CA 93536 • 661/722-0716 • [www.westside.k12.ca.us](http://www.westside.k12.ca.us)

### Celebrating 77 Years of Excellence



**Regina L. Rossall**  
Superintendent

Westside Union Elementary School District serves 9100 students TK-8th grade in 12 sites, serving the western portion of the Antelope Valley. At nearly 360 square miles, the district is the largest elementary district in Los Angeles County, and our students are from both suburban and rural areas. We are currently celebrating our 77th anniversary as a district.

During this past year, our Vex Robotics teams at Joe Walker Middle School had an excellent opportunity to compete in many tournaments, including an invitation for all three teams to attend the World tournament held in Texas. Though prior teams have participated in the World event as well as all the tournaments

needed to qualify for the World event, this is the first time all teams were invited. Though competition was strong, the teams won several awards.

Several of our schools received their WASC visits, and were awarded 6 year accreditation. All schools in the district are already WASC accredited but are participating in their ongoing assessment process for the 2nd or 3rd visits. We are very proud to add that distinction to our sites.

Our TK program has continued to grow and currently we have opened 16 classrooms throughout the District to serve our students. To help all of our students have a TK experience, we are accepting all students who will be eligible to attend kindergarten next school year to participate in our TK programs now.

Thanks to the wonderful staff and parents at WUSD, our students continue to grow both academically and socially.

## West Covina Unified School District

1717 W. Merced Ave., West Covina, CA 91790 • 626/939-4600 • [www.wcusd.org](http://www.wcusd.org)

### Dedicated to Uncompromising Excellence



**Dr. Emy Flores**  
Superintendent

West Covina Unified School District is committed to ensuring the safety, holistic development, and unwavering excellence in academics and citizenship for all students. WCUSD offers unparalleled opportunities and enriching experiences, spanning diverse disciplines. Our curriculum is crafted to cultivate a well-rounded education designed to cater to students’ unique interests and aspirations.

In alignment with our pledge to inclusivity and academic diversity, WCUSD offers a spectrum of specialized programs, including Dual Language instruction in Mandarin and Spanish, International Baccalaureate TK-12th grade, and Career Technical Education pathways. Additionally, students may attend the Mt. SAC Early College Academy, where they may earn college credits and an Associate Degree.

Our commitment to an optimal learning environment is epitomized by our state-of-the-art facilities, thanks to the unwavering support of the community through Bond Measure ES. From modernized classrooms, world-class athletic facilities, the Aquatic Center/Athletics Complex, the Event Center/CTE building at Edgewood Schools, a CTE/Science Building and Performing Arts Center at West Covina High, and a Gym/Music Building at Hollencrest Jr. High, our facilities meet the evolving needs of 21st-century learners.

We recognize the importance of collaboration and partnership and in collaboration with educators, parents, city, and community stakeholders, we aim to maximize opportunities and support for students. Moreover, we remain committed to the social-emotional well-being of students, providing access to a range of support services including childcare, counseling, social work, and healthcare.

As Superintendent, I am deeply honored to lead a dynamic and forward-thinking educational community. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the WCUSD community for their trust and support in our mission to nurture and empower the next generation of leaders and innovators.

## Whittier City School District

7211 S. Whittier Ave., Whittier, CA 90602 • 562/789-3000 • [www.whittiercity.net](http://www.whittiercity.net)

### Access, Opportunity & Achievement!



**Dr. Brad Mason**  
Superintendent

We have a firm belief in Whittier City School District that expanding opportunities for our students will lead to greater involvement and achievement. We have shown that commitment in our middle schools by reimagining and reinvesting in our elective program offerings. A child’s dream of “what they want to be someday” is often limited by their individual life experiences. We take seriously our commitment to expanding opportunities for all of our students. Towards that end, we want to provide expanded opportunities for our middle school students to experience and explore interests in middle school that might ignite their imagination and launch

them successfully into high school and the rest of their lives. At our three middle schools we offer an array of elective opportunities; Spanish, Robotics, Coding, Engineering, Apptivity (App Creation), Screen Printing, Fine Art, Multi-Media Art, Photography, Choir, Band, Guitar, Music Appreciation, Dance, AVID, Cosmetology, Journalism, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Gardening, ASB, Competitive Sports, Cheerleading and Health & Conditioning.

All this to say, if you have an interest in the Whittier City School District we have a middle school program that is just right for you! We are able to offer all of these amazing opportunities due to the collective efforts of our middle school administrators, teachers and staff imagining the schools our students need and building these programs. We are committed to creating middle schools that are fertile environments for our students to learn, grow and explore. Come join us!



## Whittier Union High School District

9401 S. Painter Ave., Whittier, CA 90605 • 562/698-8121 • [www.wuhsd.org](http://www.wuhsd.org)

### To Achieve and Maintain Excellence



**Dr. Monica Oviedo**  
Superintendent

At Whittier Union High School District, we are dedicated to ensuring our students have access to the resources needed for their success. Across our schools, students and staff continue reaching new levels of achievement.

Recently, three District schools were recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement Honor Roll schools, demonstrating our commitment to increasing college readiness. Our District's Advancement Via Individual Determination program is one example of the support systems in place, with one of our sites earning revalidation as an AVID National Demonstration School.

These accolades extend to the playing field, with teams across the District winning league titles and qualifying for CIF – a testament to the strong athletic programs at Whittier Union. La Serna High School's football team came out on top this fall semester and won the Southern Section Division Four Championship and the CIF State Championship, Division 2-AA. We are so proud of all our student-athletes.

At Whittier Union's Adult School, the Citizenship Class is helping students become a U.S. citizen through continual support and recognition of important milestones. We anticipate similar exceptional results in the newly launched medical assistant class, which focuses on the clinical and administrative knowledge necessary to work in the medical industry.

The achievements of Whittier Union students would not be possible without our Board of Trustees and entire District community who continue to do *Whatever It Takes* to prepare students for their personal versions of success.

## William S. Hart Union High School District

21380 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 • 661/259-0033 • [www.hartdistrict.org](http://www.hartdistrict.org)

### Preparing Students for Post-Secondary Life



**Mike Kuhlman**  
Superintendent

The William S. Hart Union High School District serves 7-12th graders and adult learners in the Santa Clarita Valley. Academically, the district consistently ranks in the top tier of districts of its size in California and was named an Exemplary District by the State of California in 2019 (one of only 18 districts statewide).

Over 20,000 students are enrolled in the seven comprehensive high schools, six junior high schools, a California Model Continuation school, an Early College high school, an independent study school, an adult school, and a unique school designed to address the needs of students with significant social/emotional issues. Our newest comprehensive high school, located in Castaic, opened in fall 2019. The District has a strong focus on student wellness and has opened wellness centers at every campus in the District.

The Hart District offers outstanding extra-curricular programs, including athletics and performing arts that are locally, state, and nationally recognized for their excellence. We also place a strong emphasis on college and career readiness, sending more than 90% of our graduates on to four-year colleges or universities, community colleges, or career technical programs.

The Hart District prepares students for post-secondary life with strong collegiate, civic, and business partnerships. Academy of the Canyons and the iCAN Academy, through partnership with College of the Canyons, allow students to take college courses while completing high school graduation requirements. Through the Career and College Readiness Program, students attending any of the district's schools can begin their career paths as early as junior high. The Hart District offers 30 career paths, and enrollment in career education courses has increased steadily since 2015.

## Wilsona School District

18050 E. Ave. O, Palmdale, CA 93591 • 661/264-1111 • [www.wilsonasd.net](http://www.wilsonasd.net)

### Focused on Student Achievement



**Steve Doyle**  
Superintendent

The Wilsona School District serves the small, rural, high desert community of Lake Los Angeles. The Wilsona School District is an organization which views itself as a family. Tucked in the northeast corner of Los Angeles County, the District provides welcoming campuses and devoted staff to its 1250 plus students. Student achievement and high standards are the focus of our schools. Parent participation is encouraged through volunteers, PTOs, School Site Councils, English Learner Advisory Committees, and other site and district committees.

The District covers approximately 100 square miles in the northeast corner of Los Angeles County although most of the region is uninhabited. 90% of the area's population is located within 20 square miles. The community includes both unincorporated parts of Palmdale and Lancaster as well as Wilsona Gardens and Lake Los Angeles. The District boundaries reach Avenue J to the north, 260th to the east, Avenue S to the south and 142nd to the west. Our high school students attend Littlerock High School which is part of the Antelope Valley Union High School District.

The continued successes of our students validate the direction set by the Board of Trustees and encourage us to stay the course. We are proud of our students, teachers, support staff, and administrators who are dedicated to improving student achievement each and every day. We are confident that our daily classroom instruction focus will enhance the learning outcomes for all Wilsona children! We encourage all parents and community members to visit our schools and see the great things happening.

## Wiseburn Unified School District

201 N. Douglas St., El Segundo, CA 90245 • 310/725-2101 • [www.wiseburn.org](http://www.wiseburn.org)

### Collective Efficacy for Student Success



**Dr. Blake Silvers**  
Superintendent

In Wiseburn Unified School District, the principle of collective efficacy stands at the core of our educational approach to enhance student outcomes for our 2,500 TK-8th grade learners.

We organize around five district-wide priorities and encourage our teams to focus on important questions or barriers in achieving those priorities. Among our district's strategic objectives, two have emerged as pivotal: the deepening of collaborative practices among our educators, and the enhancement of our school facilities.

Dedicated efforts to foster meaningful collaboration across all levels of our educational community — among teachers, between teachers and principals, and between principals and district leadership — are central to our strategy. This concerted focus is especially critical in core areas such as Mathematics and English Language Arts, ensuring that our collective efforts yield tangible improvements in student achievement.

The enhancement of our school facilities, with a keen focus on safety and creating engaging learning environments, is equally imperative. Our progress in this area owes much to the unwavering support from our broader community, which passed Measure EE in 2022 — securing \$98 million for necessary repairs, technology upgrades, and site improvements. This funding is a testament to our shared commitment to providing safe, state-of-the-art learning spaces that foster trust, connection, and well-being among students.

Our approach is centered on a shared belief that every student can achieve at high levels when we, as a community of educators, align our efforts towards common goals. Together, we are shaping a future in Wiseburn USD where every student is engaged, empowered, and elevated during and beyond their educational journey in our District.



*The mission of the Río Hondo Math Academy is to provide a supportive, equitable, and engaging environment that fosters appreciation of mathematics and skills development to prepare middle and high school students for higher college level math courses, such as AP Calculus and AP Statistics.*

In collaboration with local school districts, the Río Hondo Math Academy provides free exceptional academic courses to meet the unique needs of our region and strengthen our communities. High school students complete 10 HS credits in summer so they can be placed in the next math level the upcoming year. Middle school students develop the skills for a strong mathematical foundation.

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