



Community Legislative and Advocacy Briefing

February 24, 2021



Welcome and Ice Breaker

Introductions



- **Martha Alvarez** - Director of Legislative Affairs & Government Relations
- **Laura Matz** - Senior Secretary
- **Colleen Pagter** - Legislative Liaison
- **Olga Shilo** - Legislative Advocate
- **Deborah Bautista Zavala** - Legislative Advocate
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Agenda

- Welcome and Ice Breaker
- Los Angeles Unified's 2021 Advocacy Agenda
 - Sponsored Legislation
- School Reopening Updates and Advocacy
 - State School Reopening Proposals
 - Increasing Access to COVID-19 Vaccine
- Looking Ahead
 - LA Metro Free Student Transit Passes
 - State Budget Advocacy
 - What to Expect in 2021 from Sacramento
 - How Can I Get Involved with District's Advocacy?



Ice Breaker

Name

Organization

What's your one word intention
for the next 90 minutes?



Los Angeles Unified's 2021 Advocacy Agenda



OGR's Advocacy Role

- Advocate at the local, state, and federal levels
- Develop and execute a legislative advocacy agenda that is coherent and aligned with Los Angeles Unified's priorities
- Influence outcome of state budget and resource allocation for P-12 and adult education programs
- Develop and maintain relationships with elected officials
- Analyze and monitor legislation and regulatory bodies
- Assist with implementation of new laws

Overview



- Schools at the center of their communities



- Policy and funding in response to COVID-19 pandemic

- Collaboration with elected officials



- Outreach to stakeholders



Access and Support for All Students



- Support equitable state funding to address **learning loss** - including by making Kindergarten mandatory starting in 2022-23 - **SB 70 (Rubio)**
- Address the **digital divide** with additional investments
- Support **sustainable funding** for P-12 **special education students**



Meeting the Needs of the Community During COVID-19



- Increased funding for P-12, including **COVID-19 testing, vaccination** and **food relief** efforts

- School-based credentialing programs for **school nurses - AB 815 (Rivas)**



- Extension of **telehealth** flexibilities and access to mental health services - **SB 508 (Stern)**

- Dedicate Prop. 63 funds to expand **mental health** services for students - **AB 883 (O'Donnell)**

Getting to Know Your Priorities



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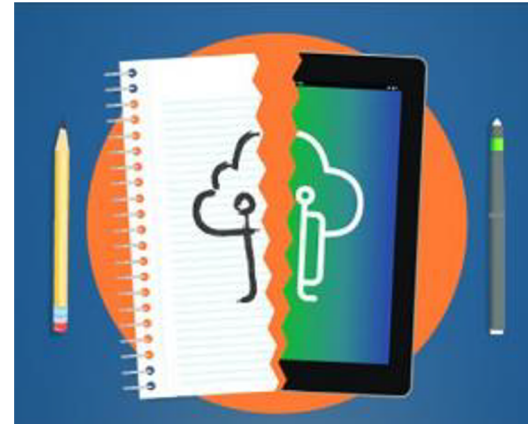


School Reopening Updates and Advocacy

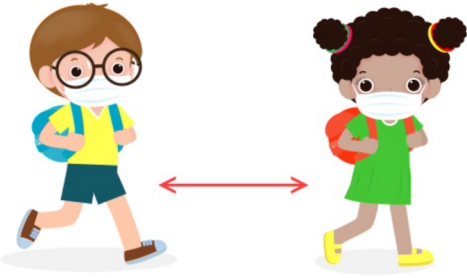
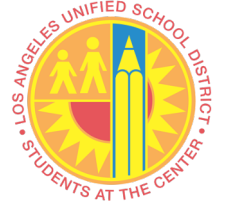
State School Reopening Proposals



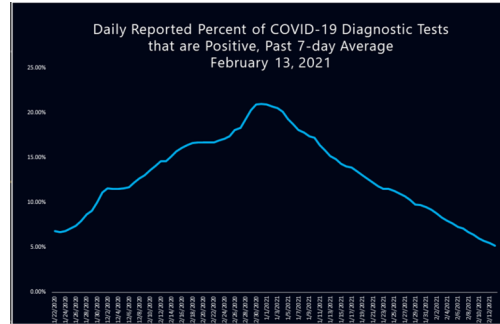
- Governor's proposed In-Person Instruction Grants - *Safe Schools for All*
- Legislature's proposed Senate Bill 86 - *Safe and Open Schools Plan*
- March 1st - 10% vaccines allotment for education workforce statewide



Steps to Reopen Los Angeles Unified Pre-K and Elementary Schools



**Health & Safety
Protocols**



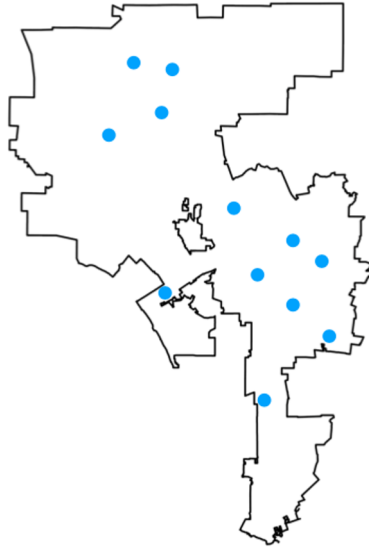
**Reduced
Community Spread**



**Vaccinate 25K
School Staff**



Schools Based Vaccination Centers



Roybal Learning Center





Prioritizing School Staff for Vaccines



“If we don’t get the vaccine, we’re going to keep dying. So this is the most important thing that could possibly happen for me, my family, and everybody that I know.”

--Count Ellis, Clerk for Infant and Preschool Special Education



Looking Ahead

LA Metro Free Student Transit Passes



- Los Angeles Unified’s advocacy since January 2020
- LA Metro’s Fareless System Initiative Task Force potential pilot program
 - January 2022: low-income riders
 - August 2022: K-12 students
 - June 2023: end of pilot
- Full Metro Board vote in May 2021
- District will re-engage community partners and other stakeholders



October 9, 2020

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RE: LA METRO’S EXPLORATION ON FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE AND ENSURING STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERED FOR FREE TRANSIT PASSES

Dear LA Metro Board of Directors,

In January 2020, the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) was joined by over 50 community, civic and labor organizations in a united effort to request the LA Metro (Metro) provide free transit for students attending Los Angeles Unified. This is necessary to provide equity for all students, in particular those most in need.

Governor's Proposed Budget for 2021-22



- Funding priorities as reflected in the Governor's proposals:
 - In-person instruction grants
 - Expanded learning time and academic intervention grants
 - Educator professional development
 - Teacher recruitment and retention
 - Special education
 - Early education and care
 - Student mental health



What to Expect in 2021 from Sacramento



- Mitigating impacts of COVID-19 on learning and social-emotional supports
 - Child nutrition
 - Student mental health
 - Special education
- Early education and care
- Broadband/digital divide
- Labor laws
- Housing and homelessness





Collective Advocacy



Elected Officials Who Represent Los Angeles Unified

- **Local**

- 15 Los Angeles City Council Members and Mayor
- 26 City Councils and Mayors
- 5 LA County Board of Supervisors



- **State**

- 40 State Senators and 80 Assembly Members
 - **Los Angeles Unified: 9 State Senators and 16 Assembly Members**

- **Federal**

- 100 U.S. Senator and 435 Congressional Members
 - **Los Angeles Unified: 2 U.S. Senators and 10 Congressional Members**

Ways to Get Involved with District's Advocacy



Advocacy Letters

Sign on to upcoming letters to elected officials, including proposed changes to state law and funding.

Public Comment

Partner with us for public comment opportunities in Sacramento.

Coordinating on Elected Official Engagement

Aligning our messaging around what is needed to support LA students, families and staff.



Save the Date

April 8, 2021 | 10-11:30 am

May 20, 2021 | 10-11:30 am



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Questions

