



Parent Advisory Committee Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Greetings, Parent Advisory Committee Members:

During this holiday season, we wish you all great joy, peace, and inspiring times of reflection! This year, you have partnered with our officers and the membership to build a shared understanding of how Los Angeles Unified supports its students through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). So far, this has included a deep dive review of the LCAP goals and actions, in addition to activating our subcommittees. The new year will bring opportunities to learn about the LCAP goals, and a syllabus will be available to help you see the cycle of learning scheduled for this year. We are grateful for you and value your participation! In this report, the Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement (SFACE) provides a brief update on the various learning opportunities offered within Los Angeles Unified through various District initiatives.

- **Sponsor-A-Family:** The Los Angeles Education Campaign is collecting donations to support families experiencing homelessness this winter season. If you would like to support with a donation, you can visit the following website to learn more: <https://lausdef.givecloud.co/fundraising/forms/G2EXWJD6>

- **LAUSD 2025: We Are One Campaign:** The Los Angeles Unified is re-launching our *We Are One* campaign under a new name, *LAUSD 2025: We Are One*. This effort seeks to ensure Los Angeles Unified is a leader in offering a brighter, more



inclusive environment for all students and families. The campaign will feature Resilience and Healing Circles for families and members of the community, and Know Your Rights resources will be updated as web-based and PDF guides. SFACE will provide parents with ongoing updates.

- **The Winter Academy** offers academic and enrichment opportunities for students during the winter break. This year's programming will be offered from December 16 – 18, with small group instruction and meals provided during the week. Participants who have registered can learn more at <https://www.lausd.org/winteracademy>





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- **The Family Academy** is offering a training series on the English Learner Advisory Committee and School Site Council operation. For more information and to access the webinars, view the Family Academy course catalog at <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>.
- **Region Family and Community Engagement** teams are partnering with *Families in Schools* in December to offer Title I parents the opportunity to learn more about the District's Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy and provide input. More information can be found on the course catalogs for each Region for the month of December at <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>.

Strategic Plan Pillar III: Engagement and Collaboration Highlights

The Parent Portal is available for all parents and guardians to learn more about the progress of their children in a variety of different areas. Over 85% of Los Angeles Unified families are already connected to student accounts! Learning about the different features of the Parent Portal allows parents to partner with their school communities to celebrate student achievement, ask focused questions, and identify needed support. Call the Los Angeles Unified Hotline at 213-443-1300 for help getting connected or for assistance with using the features.

The School Volunteer Program is a resource available for families and the community to offer their time, skills, and knowledge to support Los Angeles Unified students. This year, Los Angeles Unified had over 31,000 processed volunteers serving in District schools. For more information about the School Volunteer Program, visit <https://www.lausd.org/volunteer>.

Special Education Workshops: The Division of Special Education has various resources available for parents to take advantage of every opportunity as an active partner in their child's education. Workshops and training are offered covering various topics related to the needs of students with disabilities and the many ways parents can support their child both in and out of the classroom. In addition to workshops and training sessions, District- and community-sponsored events supporting students and parents are available. For more information, visit <https://www.lausd.org/spedParents>.



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The Family Academy: The Family Academy is comprised of webinar, in-person, and hybrid sessions designed to leverage families' assets to be empowered as they support their child from the early primary years to college and career success. This effort complements families' knowledge by connecting them to actionable learning focused on their child's development, as well as opportunities to accelerate their own careers and quality of livelihood. The schedules for offerings online and in the Regions with webinar links and summary information are available at <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>, along with past recorded content.



Region Ambassadors: The Los Angeles Unified Region Ambassadors will be valuable advocates and guides who inform their school communities about District services and resources. Each learning segment is hosted in a hybrid format to meet the preferences of diverse families so they can learn in person and online. If you are interested in learning more about support for English Learners, students with special needs, or the Local Control and Accountability Plan, which is the District's plan for using its general funds, consider attending a Region Ambassador session. For more information and to connect to the sessions, visit <https://www.lausd.org/ambassadors>

Equity Course Pathways: The Family Academy, in partnership with the Division of Adult and Career Education, offers cohort-centered courses known as Equity Course Pathways. The curriculum is organized as a 7-class course experience where families engage in culturally relevant curriculum in a cohort learning environment, define family engagement, and develop their action plan to stay engaged in their child's education. Choose from one of four pathways: Multilingual Learners, Black and African American Learners, Youngest Learners, and Exceptional Learners. Click on the link to join the interest list, and someone will contact you to enroll: LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild.

AERA Adult Education Virtual Academy **LAUSD**

Learn How To Help Your Child Succeed in School

Choose from one of four classes:

- African American and Black Learners**
Learn about the history of Black education, explore language development, literacy, and college/career readiness.
- Exceptional Learners**
Learn about the history of special education, explore the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the needs of exceptional learners.
- Youngest Learners**
Learn the importance of language, literacy, cognitive, socio-emotional and physical development, and the importance of play.
- Multilingual Learners**
Learn about the history of language education, the role of English learners, explore a variety of subjects and how to advocate for your child in the schools.

Classes begin August 20 and meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

2024 ONLINE Classes Now Enrolling!
Sign up today!
Visit LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild or scan the QR code.

Graduates will be honored by the District at the end of the school year!

Additional Resources

Los Angeles Unified Student Wellness and Family Hotline: Please continue to direct parents and students to this service provided for families. Trained District personnel are available to help with all health-related topics and are accessible by dialing the following number: 213-241-3840.



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Los Angeles Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services

Hotline: For more information on services to support students with special needs, call (213) 241-6701.

Region Leaders: Each child's school sits in a geographical Region in the Los Angeles Unified. To connect with District leaders in a specific Region or to learn more about the specific services offered in the Region, visit <https://www.lausd.org/regions>.

Board of Education Meetings: The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education hosts in-person meetings and will continue to broadcast meetings online. Visit the following webpage to learn how to speak during public comment: <https://www.lausd.org/boe>.

Responsibilities Assigned to the PAC

The PAC shall advise the LAUSD Board of Education and the Superintendent on the following tasks:

1. Review and comment on the development or annual update of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).
2. Engage in data review, study sessions, and training regarding the LCAP goals, actions, and expenditures in order to develop comments.
3. Provide written comments to the Superintendent and Board of Education regarding the LCAP goals, actions, and expenditures.
4. Review the progress of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) regarding the district's targeted student populations.



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