

Greetings and Highlights

On behalf of the Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement and our Region Family and Community Engagement teams, we extend warm wishes to our families for a new year filled with health, joy, wellness, and achievement. We hope your family benefited from the resources provided in December to offer our students continuity of learning. We will provide these to you in this report because they are important to continue using throughout the year:

- **Metro Cards:** Los Angeles Unified students can request a Metro card from their school site, which provides free transportation.
- **Colleges and Universities:** Enjoy a picnic and visit colleges within the Greater Los Angeles area. Campuses we have not featured in previous years include the [Claremont Colleges](#), which are made up of five recognized institutions. Other options close to many of our District level committees include UCLA, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Dominguez Hills, and Cal State Los Angeles. The University of California, Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University, University of Southern California, and Occidental College are other campuses that offer our students generous financial aid packages.
- **Student Success Card and City Library of Los Angeles:** All Los Angeles Unified students receive a Student Success Card, which provides students with museum passes, online learning resources, and access to books year-round. Visit the following site to learn about the office hours for the closest library: [Click Here](#).
- **SORA:** Sora is the quickest and easiest way to read digital books. LAUSD students can log in using their LAUSD email address and password and instantly access hundreds of ebooks and audiobooks on virtually any device for free. This program has expanded to include books from the Los Angeles City Library. Visit the Parent Portal and explore our libraries under the Digital Library Tab.

Committee Highlights

- **SFACE** will be offering training for our District level committees to support your roles as a member in the areas of:
 - **Parliamentary procedure**, where you will learn the purpose of agendas, roll calls, motions, and consensus-building procedures.
 - **Understanding data** where we will provide guidance on using tools such as the School Experience Survey and Open Data Portal available to the public.
 - **SMART comment development** is where members will learn and practice draft comments that are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant/reasonable, and time-based.
- The first segment of training will be hosted as follows:
 - Monday, February 5, 2024, Parliamentary Procedure
 - Monday, February 26, 2024, Understanding Data
 - Monday, March 11, 2024, SMART Comments

Strategic Plan and District Updates

Pillar 3: Engagement and Collaboration

- **Parent Portal and LAUSD Mobile App:** The upgraded version of the Parent Portal and access to the LAUSD Mobile App 3.0 continues to link families with valuable student information. Our 2023-24 measure for students linked to a Parent Portal account is 83%.
- **School Volunteer Program Management System:** The site has included new efficiencies that

inform prospective volunteers and school employers missing information required in order to approve the application. To date our office has assisted school sites with processing over 20,000 volunteer applications. The team leads are also to date in processing applications processed by the school site.

- **The Family Academy Course Catalogue:** The Family Academy continues to build great momentum. Evaluations completed by participants have offered comments and scores showing participants are learning information to act in their child's education, to be civically engaged and to connect to valuable resources. The schedule with webinar links and information is available at <https://achieve.lausd.net/familyacademy>. In person learning and engagement will continue through webinars and in person opportunities hosted with our Region office FACE teams.
- **Family Academy Equity Course Pathways:** We are also recruiting parents for the Equity Course pathways which are four courses offered as seven classes in partnership with the Division of Adult and Career Education. Click on the following link to access the flyer with information: [Click Here](#). Choose from one of four pathways: multilingual learners, Black and African American learners, youngest learners, and learners with exceptional needs. The next round of classes begins on Thursday, January 18.
- **Professional Development:** Regions are hosting professional development convenings for their school teams where administrators, coordinators, Parent and Family Center, and office staff are invited to complete clinics focused on family engagement. To complement support provided to school sites our FACE teams will continue to offer clinics to help school sites with systems that support welcoming environment, volunteer processing, Parent Portal registration and leading budget consultations with and for families.
- **Family Ambassadors:** This offering of engagement is aligned to our commitment to honor perspectives and invites families to engage with Region Office leadership centered on school and classroom support for Students with Special Needs, English Learners (Emerging Bilinguals), and the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Visit the flyers with the winter scheduled by visiting lausd.org/ambassadors.

Los Angeles Unified Family Hotline and Special Education Hotline

- ✓ **Los Angeles Unified Student Wellness and Family Hotline:** Please continue to direct families to this service provided for families. Our personnel are available to help on all health-related topics and are accessible by dialing the following number: 213-241-3840.
- ✓ **Los Angeles Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services Hotline:** The phone numbers is (213) 241-6701, and the webpage can be accessed at <https://achieve.lausd.net/sped>.