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Division of Instruction

TO: GEAR UP 4 LA High School Principals

DATE: October 30, 2024

FROM: Carol Alexander, Ph. D. *CA*
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SUBJECT: GEAR UP 4 LA SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURES BY 6/30/2025

The purpose of this correspondence is to share information regarding the closure of GEAR UP 4 LA offices at your site **by June 30, 2025**. In accordance with the District's GEAR UP grant approved by the Board of Education in 2018, and in partnership with the school community, GEAR UP 4 LA has been providing supplemental college and career readiness services at your site for the Class of 2024 and 2025 students and families, to increase enrollment and persistence in postsecondary education.

The Division of Instruction's seven-year Federal GEAR UP grants have allowed GEAR UP staff to follow and support the above cohorts of students and families from secondary schools into their first year of post-secondary education. The Class of 2025 GEAR UP cohort will graduate from high school in June 2025. As such, and as the end of the seven-year period approaches, all GEAR UP 4 LA high school offices will close **by June 30, 2025**. While GEAR UP school offices will close, a reduced team of GEAR UP staff will continue to centrally serve Class of 2025 cohort students during their transition into postsecondary education with the support of selected college partnerships.

We deeply appreciate your continued commitment and support. The GEAR UP team is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with you at your high school site and looks forward to a successful final year. We also want to express our gratitude for your past support, which has been instrumental in the success of the GEAR UP 4 LA program.

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