

Los Angeles Unified School District School Culture, Climate and Safety Task Force Meeting

Board Blue Room Tuesday, June 27, 2023 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

I.	Welcome	Andrés E. Chait, Chief of School Operations Pia Escudero, Executive Director
II.	Attendance and Check-in	Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SHHS Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SHHS
III.	Approval of Minutes	Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SHHS
IV.	PBIS/RP Highlights from the 2022 - 2023 School Year	Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SHHS Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SHHS
V.	Understanding of Expulsions	Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator Student Discipline and Expulsion Support
VI.	 Open Data Portal Public data Guide to suspension platform Connect to previous data questions 	Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SHHS Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SHHS
VII.	Public CommentsFive Speakers (two minutes each)	Paul Gonzales, Specialist SHHS
VIII.	Adjournment	Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, SHHS



Los Angeles Unified School District School Culture, Climate and Safety Task Force Meeting May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Opening

Laura Zeff called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. She began by welcoming everyone. She followed by introducing Andres Chait, Chief of School Operations

Welcome - Andrés E. Chait, Chief of School Operations

Mr. Chait welcomed everyone. He started with thanking, Ms. Blanca Cruz, Principal, Roybal Learning center for hosting. He shared that on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 the Board of Education approved Board Member Tanya Ortiz Franklin's resolution to commemorate the School Climate Bill of Rights and honor its decade long commitment and progress made thus far. He spoke about the Division of School Operations, Every School Safe: A Blueprint for Safety. Mr. Chait explained the six components of the Blueprint. He then introduced Joel Cisneros, Administrator, Student Health and Human Resources.

Joel Cisneros, Admin. Director, Student Health and Human Services

Mr. Cisneros greeted everyone on behalf of Pia Escudero, Executive Director, Student Health and Human Resources. He briefly spoke about Mental Health Awareness Month and of the resources available and were to find them.

Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator, Student Health and Human Services

Ms. Zeff began by informing everyone present that all meeting material can be found in their packets. Laura then introduced Paul Gonzales, Specialist, SHHS. Mr. Gonzales greeted everyone then continued by facilitating a check-in activity. He asked all members to introduce themselves to the person next to them say and share something they've learned, watched, listened too, something they can't live without, or something form their childhood. Once everyone shared, Paul thanked them all. He concluded with how this activity works by connecting people. Paul then asked everyone to look over the minutes from the May 10, 2023 task force meeting. Sean Starkey made the first motion to accept the meeting minutes and Nery Paiz made the second motion to accept the meeting minutes. Mr. Gonzales reintroduced Ms. Zeff. Ms. Zeff began by referring back to the May 10 meeting about understanding suspension categories and what they mean. She then introduced Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline and Expulsion Support.

Understanding Suspension Types - Isabel Villalobos, Coordinator, Student Discipline and Expulsion

Ms. Villalobos presented the Matrix for Student Suspension and Expulsion Recommendation to the members. She discussed all three categories and explained how and when they are used. During this time, she provided in-depth information about the matrix and each category. During her presentation members asked questions and Ms. Villalobos answered them. Once completed, turned it over back to Laura.

Presentation Continued - Laura Zeff, Administrative Coordinator

Laura continued by introducing the Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) from the updated Discipline Foundation Policy and that it will be replacing the Rubric of Implementation (ROI). She went on and shared the TFI Companion Guide and how it works to support schools with the implementation of PBIS/RP on school-site. During the presentation members asked questions and Laura answered them. She asked the members to get into groups to discuss and provide their thoughts of the TFI and TFI companion guide. They were also asked to provide any questions or suggestions they had about the TFI and/or TFI Companion Guide.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Closing

Laura announced that the next meeting will be on June 27, 2023. Alfonzo Web made the first motion the close the meeting. William Estrada seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 6:00 pm.



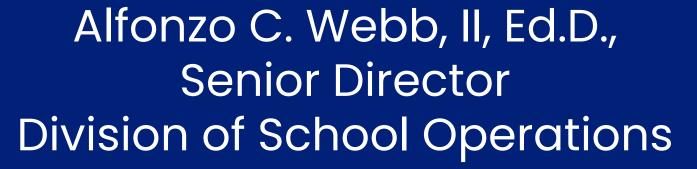
Welcome

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June 27, 2023

Welcome









Check-in





What food do you associate with gatherings?









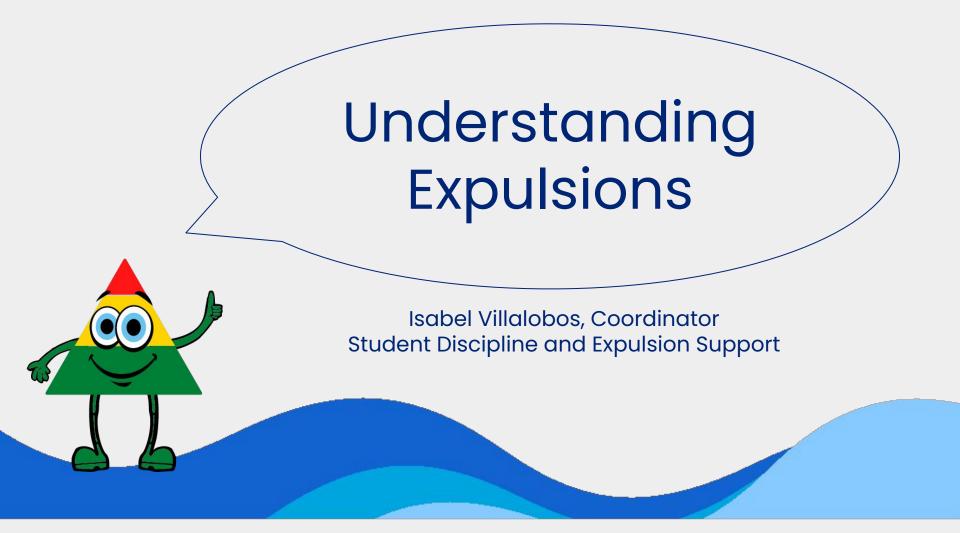
Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2023 Meeting











Suspension

Definition – Short term removal of a student from ongoing instruction, for adjustment purposes.

• Suspensions shall only be utilized when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct, and/or safety is at risk.

• "Informal suspension" is prohibited. (e.g., parent told to pick up student or keep student at home, without an official suspension notice).



Length of Suspension

- For all students, a single suspension may not be issued for more than five (5) consecutive school days.
- The total number of suspension days for which a student in general education, including students served under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, shall not exceed <u>20</u> school days in any school year.
- In the case when the student is transferred to another school or program, the total number shall not exceed <u>30</u> school days in any school year.



Students with IEPs

 Students with IEPs shall not be suspended for more than <u>10</u> school days in any school year.

• The school shall adhere to all requirements specified in the student's IEP when issuing any suspension.

Expulsion

 Definition - The removal of a pupil from the immediate or general supervision of school personnel for a specified period of time.

• Expulsion of a pupil is only by action of the governing board, in a public session.

• Prior to Board action, the student is not expelled.



Length of Expulsion

- Remainder of current semester
- Remainder of current semester PLUS a semester
- One calendar year from the Board action date (Category I offense)

Legal Authority



Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion Recommendation

• E.C. Sections 48900 et seq., 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, 48915

Role of the School Principal or Superintendent

• Can suspend a student and make expulsion recommendations.

Role of the Expulsion Review Committee

• District employees (certificated only) serve as the Board-appointed administrative hearing panel to conduct hearing and render recommendation for or against student expulsion, based on facts presented.

Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion Recommendation

• Takes final action on whether to expel a student.

Suspension Appeal Process



- Suspension can be rescinded <u>only</u> at the Region level through an appeal process, <u>not</u> at the school site level.
- Parent must submit their written suspension appeal request to the Region Administrator of Operations.
- The Region Suspension Appeal Panel will hold the suspension appeal conference, render a decision, and notify the parent in writing.
- The Suspension Appeal Panel's decision is <u>final</u>.
- If parent objects to the panel's decision, the parent can submit a written objection which should be kept in the student's confidential file (Yellow Folder).



Expulsion Appeal Process

• Within 30 days following the Board decision, the student's parent/guardian may file an appeal to the Los Angeles County Board of Education (LACOE).

• Within 20 school days following the filing, the LACOE board shall hold a hearing thereon and render a decision.

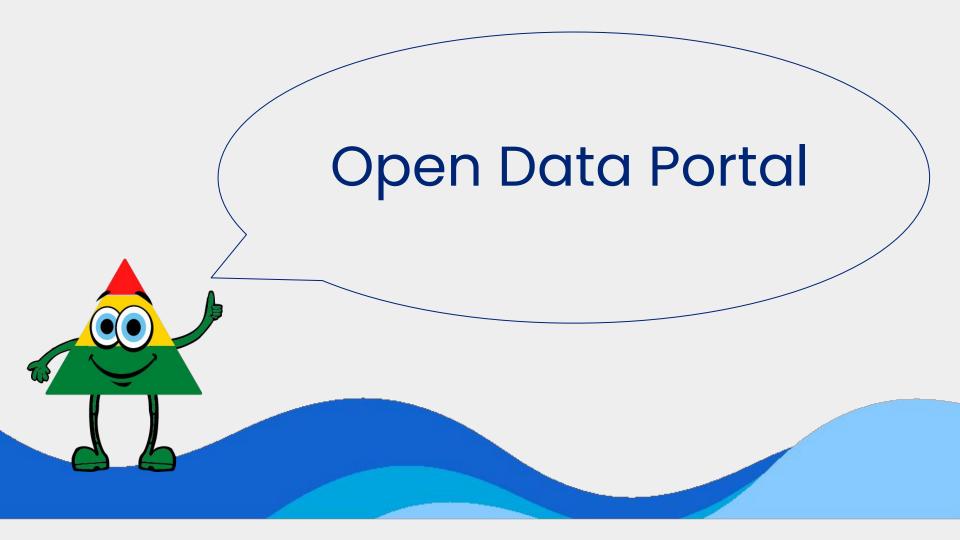
• The decision of the county board is final.



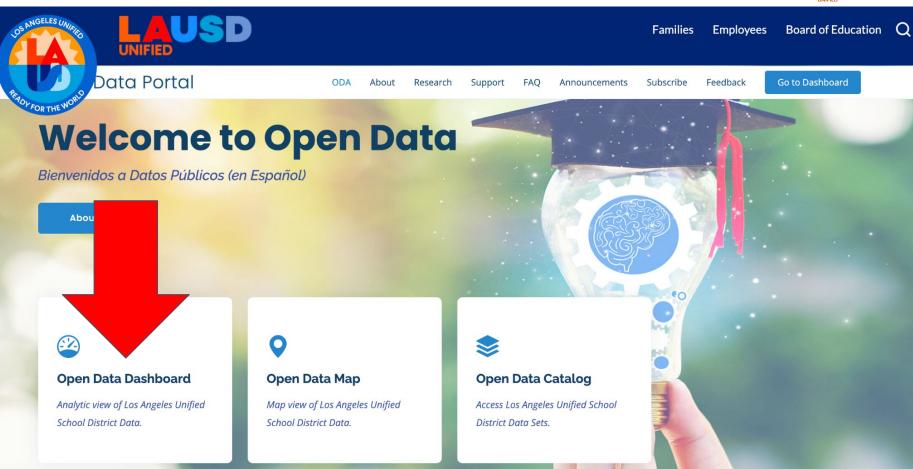
Discussion and Q & A

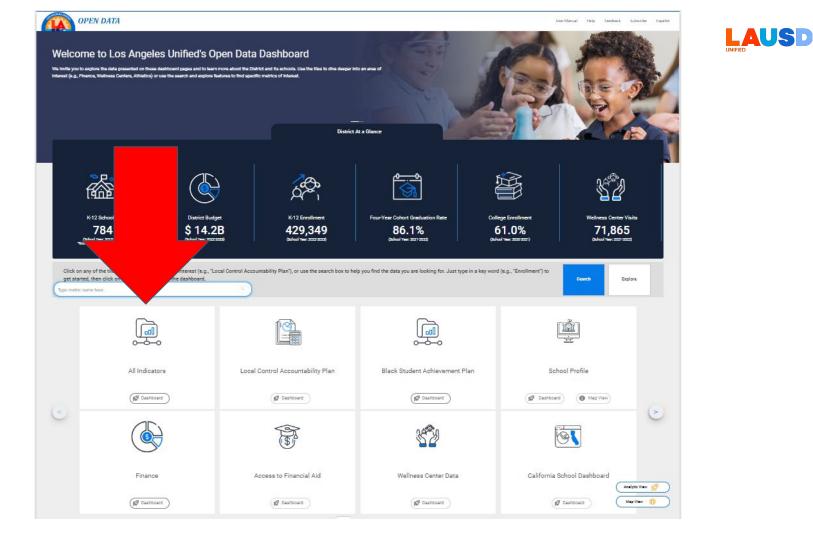


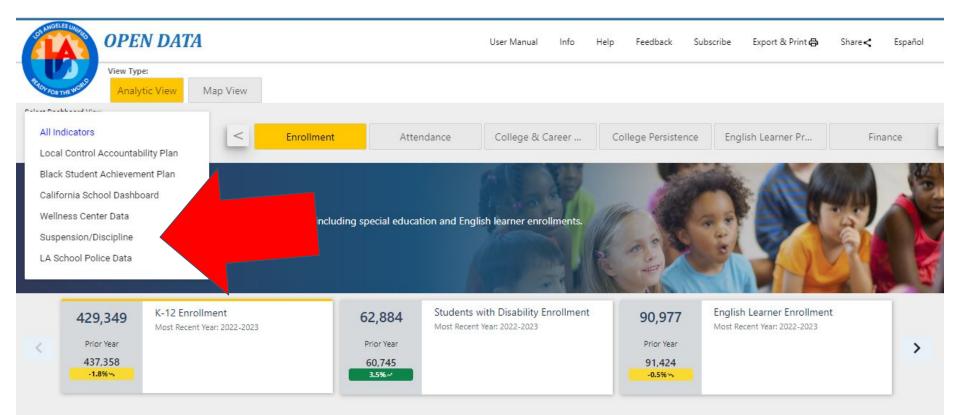






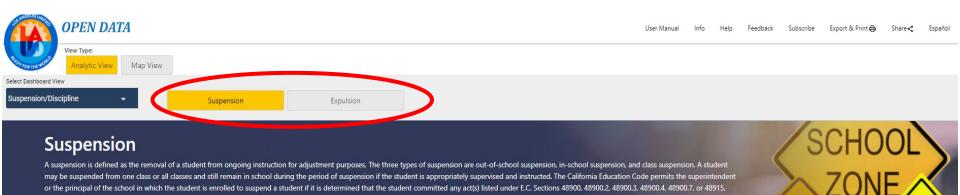






K-12 Enrollment

This indicator represents the number of students enrolled in transitional kindergarten through twelfth grade on Norm Day. Norm Day is generally the fifth Friday of the school year and has been designated by the District as the official count day for the allocation of various school resources. Note: These counts include pre-kindergarten special education students enrolled in LA Unified elementary schools.



A suspension is defined as the removal of a student from ongoing instruction for adjustment purposes. The three types of suspension are out-of-school suspension, in-school suspension, and class suspension. A student may be suspended from one class or all classes and still remain in school during the period of suspension if the student is appropriately supervised and instructed. The California Education Code permits the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the student is enrolled to suspend a student if it is determined that the student committed any act(s) listed under E.C. Sections 48900.2, 48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7, or 48915. duct of willful defiance as described in E.C. Section 48900 (k)(1). However, the District's policy prohibits suspension and expulsion to be utility



Single Student In-School Suspension Rate

This indicator represents the percentage of students who received 1 or more in-school suspensions at anytime during the school year. In-school suspensions are those in which students serve their suspension	ion on campus instead of being sent home.	
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Data by Month: Suspension The data displayed for each month are cumulative/year-to-date (YTD). For example, the suspensions and opportunity transfers reported for June include data from July through June.		Ð
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What specific data should be reviewed and analyzed by this Task Force?





Public Comment



