Local Control and Accountability Plan Highlights

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Basic Services – A Foundation for Excellence
The Long Beach Unified School District’s tradition of excellence includes a commitment to efficiency and effectiveness in the basic operations that support teaching and learning. LBUSD teachers are highly qualified, well trained and assigned to the proper grade level and subject area. The school district works diligently to provide high quality, carefully selected textbooks, computers and other instructional materials and tools for every student. The district also is committed to providing students and staff with the best possible school facilities. All of these functions are part of the Local Control and Accountability Plan, which includes a specific goal related to these services:

- Students will receive basic services that are fundamental to academic success.

A Commitment to Training and Professional Development for Employees

The school district regularly provides training, or professional development, to help employees continually improve and perform to the best of their abilities. LBUSD is widely recognized as a leader in professional development for teachers, providing customized learning options, online tools and many other resources. More than 150 teachers here have earned National Board Certification, the highest professional distinction in teaching. The rigorous certification is a year-long process that involves submitting portfolios, videotaping classroom instruction and participating in a day of written exercises. Nearby Cal State Long Beach, which is the source of the majority of new teachers here, has partnered for years with LBUSD to help make sure first-year teachers are ready on day one.

An Investment in Technology

The school district in recent years has upgraded classroom technology to help prepare students for 21st Century careers. Every campus now has WiFi access throughout, and more than 65,000 Chromebook tablets are being used in classrooms, where the technology has been integrated into the curriculum. Half of campuses now have tablet devices, such as iPads, for every student. Computer labs also have been upgraded in recent years to support instruction and computer-based testing.
Building on Success – Campus Improvements

LBUSD is committed to providing efficient, safe and inviting schools that support excellent learning environments. To support the important work detailed in the LCAP, the Board of Education called for a local school bond election in November 2016, when voters overwhelmingly supported Measure E, which is providing funding for repairs, technology, air conditioning, and health and safety upgrades including all-weather athletic fields and swimming pools. Additional work is being completed to meet the latest seismic and accessibility standards, and schools are receiving upgrades to restrooms, roofs, fire alarms and security systems. The school district also has opened three smaller, thematic high schools in the past four years in response to public demand for an alternative to the larger, comprehensive high schools. Each of these new, smaller high schools – McBride, Sato and Browning – offers rigorous college preparatory curriculum and thematic pathways leading to high-demand, high-paying jobs.

Percentage of Schools Deemed in Exemplary or Good Repair:

100%

Resources Allocated to Ensure Consistency of Basic Services

The school district’s LCAP includes nearly $86 million specifically for basic services:

- **Basic plant and maintenance services ($68.2 million)**, which ensure that all campuses are safe, clean and inviting.
- **Instructional materials and technology infrastructure ($8.6 million)**, which help students develop 21st Century skills.
- **General professional development for employees ($6.1 million)**, which is often supplemented with additional staff training for specific academic programs.