Local Control and Accountability Plan Highlights

LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Team Effort – Parents, Students and School
Providing a high quality education requires a team effort involving students, parents and schools. The Long Beach Unified School District regularly uses detailed surveys and other data sources to measure parent involvement, student engagement and other key aspects of the school environment. The Local Control and Accountability Plan allocates resources to address these goals:

- Schools will be safe, inviting, engaging and supportive places for students, parents and staff.
- Students will be actively engaged in their learning.

Parent Satisfaction Up, Suspensions Down

More than 94 percent of parents in the Long Beach Unified School District agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, “I feel welcome to participate at this school,” a significant increase of 9 percentage points over two years.

At the same time, student suspension rates have steadily decreased. Among LBUSD students, 96 percent have no suspensions. Students here also miss far less class time than their counterparts nationally.
Grad Rates Up for 5th Straight Year
Graduation rates increased in LBUSD for the fifth year in a row, surpassing state and county rates. Students of color in Long Beach schools also outperformed their peers countywide and statewide. Seven high schools here reported graduation rates above 90 percent. Steady gains in the graduation rate are the result of a concerted effort to provide additional support to students who need extra help. Educators here analyze data by school and demographic subgroups to make sure they provide support where it’s needed most. Such analysis is a key part of the school district’s careful implementation of the LCAP. The school district also has consistently maintained high attendance rates, another key metric.

Resources Allocated to Support School Climate Improvement and Student Engagement
The school district’s LCAP includes nearly $54 million allocated specifically toward parent involvement, student engagement and school climate improvement efforts:

- **Nurses, psychologists, community workers and other support staff ($38.7 million),** all of whom help students to have positive learning experiences.

- **Academic programs that help students to get ahead in their classes and provide leadership opportunities ($2.4 million),** such as summer bridge courses and the Male and Female Leadership Academies.

- **General parent engagement activities ($353,187),** which are often supplemented with additional family support services that address specific student needs.