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Test Scores Rise, All Groups Improve

Third-year results from the newest state tests show significant gains in student achievement in local schools. The Long Beach Unified School district achieved greater English and math gains than other large California school districts, and all student subgroups improved here, including all racial/ethnic subgroups, students learning English as their second language, special education students, and homeless and foster children. Long Beach's results are considered preliminary until the California Department of Education releases statewide results.

View a related video and see supporting documents by finding an extended version of this article at lbschools.net.

The gains accelerate a trend of growth seen last year, as the school district has allocated restored state funding and taken advantage of greater local control of that funding. The results are among several measurements showing progress in Long Beach schools, including improved graduation rates and greater participation in Advanced Placement college courses and exams.

Many Long Beach schools saw double-digit gains in the percentage of students meeting state standards, and several schools saw their achievement gaps close by 50 percent or more, compared to their prior year's achievement for their lowest and highest performing subgroups.

Support for SAT Prep Earns National Honor

Long Beach Unified School District is a winner of the 2017 Official SAT Practice All In Challenge, the first-ever award from the College Board, the Council of the Great City Schools and Khan Academy. The award recognizes Council districts for encouraging and supporting students as they practice for the SAT and college-level courses using the free online SAT practice platform, Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy.

"Our students and staff work hard, and the nation has noticed," said LBUSD Superintendent Christopher J. Steinhauer. "We appreciate this high honor."

LBUSD is one of only five school districts to win the inaugural award, receiving the "MVP" prize for the highest overall percentage of students linking their College Board and Khan Academy accounts to receive free, personalized SAT practice. Since the challenge began in December 2016, 93 percent of Long Beach Unified students who took either the SAT or a PSAT-related assessment linked their accounts.

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Colburn



Fiala



Lomeli



Madrigal



Ocampo



Worsham

New Assignments Fill 59 Key Positions

A total of 59 administrators start new assignments at schools and offices in the Long Beach Unified School District this school year.

Promoted to principal are Veronica Madrigal, Henry, was assistant principal, Dooley; Osvaldo Ocampo, King, was assistant principal, Washington; Tracy Fiala, Mann, was assistant principal, Addams; Lisa Colburn, Hudson, was assistant principal, Muir; and Dawn Lomeli, Lindbergh, was assistant principal, Hughes.

Assigned to principal (12-month) is Veronica Coleman, Jordan, was principal, Jordan.

Reassigned principals are Cassandra Richards, from Willard to Fremont; David Komatz, from Henry to Lafayette; Kevin

Maddox, from Jefferson to Stevenson; Jennifer Rodarte, from Harte to Willard; Connie Magee, from Lindbergh to Jefferson; Elio Mendoza, from Cabrillo to EPHS; and William Salas, from Jordan to Poly.

Lisa Worsham becomes principal at Harte, was program administrator, OCIPD.

Assigned to acting principal is Juan Gonzalez, Smith, was assistant principal, Smith.

Promoted to vice principal are Stacie Alexander, Cabrillo, was assistant principal, Poly; and Ray Rodriguez, Jordan, was assistant principal, Jordan.

Promoted to assistant principal are Linda Cargile, Jordan, was teacher on special (Continued on next page)

Grads Earned \$94.4 Million in Scholarships

The Class of 2017 in the Long Beach Unified School District earned \$94.4 million in scholarships and grants. The total is a five-fold increase since a decade ago, and just shy of the record \$96 million earned in 2015. Many students earned full-ride scholarships to some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and universities.

Poly High School students earned \$32.6 million. More than 100 universities accepted Poly seniors, including all University of California campuses. Top school acceptances included Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Notre Dame, West Point, Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, USC, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Reed College, Smith College, NYU, University of Pennsylvania, Barnard College, Scripps and Williams College.

Wilson High School students earned \$19.9 million. School acceptances included Stanford (2), UCLA (27), UC Berkeley (17) and all other UC campuses, plus Georgetown, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, Purdue, James Madison University, Spelman, Fordham, Howard, Syracuse, Chapman, Pepperdine, University of Washington, University of Hawaii, Villanova, Xavier and University of Illinois.

Lakewood High School students earned \$14.2 million. School acceptances included multiple UC and California State University campuses, plus Stanford, Johns Hopkins, USC, Swarthmore, Boston University, Boston College, NYU, Seton Hall, Fordham, Hamilton,

Baylor, Penn State, University of Connecticut, Georgia Institute of Technology, DePaul, Loyola University of Chicago, Butler, Bentley, Spelman, Syracuse, Temple, George Washington University, Pomona College, Loyola Marymount, Chapman, Pepperdine, Lewis and Clark, Ohio State, Stony Brook, Tuskegee, Clark Atlanta, University of Hawaii, Oregon State, University of Oregon, Willamette, Brigham Young, University of Washington, Washington State, Howard, Whittier College, Mount St. Mary's, University of La Verne, Biola, Azusa Pacific, California Baptist and California Lutheran.

Millikan High School students earned \$11.9 million. School acceptances included most UC and CSU campuses plus Johns Hopkins, Boston College, Pitzer, Northwestern, Penn State, USC, Georgetown, University of Wisconsin, St. Olaf, Baylor, Xavier, Emory, Columbia College Chicago, Chapman, Biola, Cal Lutheran, Loyola Marymount, California Baptist, Azusa Pacific, University of Redlands, Hope International, Mount St. Mary's, University of La Verne, Pepperdine, Southwestern, Spelman, Seton Hall, Arizona State, University of Oregon, Fordham, Washington State, University of Montana, Western State Colorado University, University of Colorado Boulder, Simpson University, Colorado School of Mines, Texas State, Berklee College of Music, Salem State, University of Idaho, Sierra Nevada College,

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• Dozens of New Assignments for 2017-18

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assignment, OCIPD; Catherine Hickox, Addams, was teacher on special assignment, Millikan; Tanya Ennover, Hamilton, was teacher, Washington; Danyette Armstrong, Lindbergh, was program specialist, Hamilton; Raquel Welch-Kitchen, Marshall, was teacher on special assignment, EPHS; Sunday Vetrovec, Powell, was teacher, Washington; My Ngoc Nguyen, Rogers, was activities specialist, Poly; Chris Thompson, CAMS, was teacher, McBride; and Charo Darwin Glomah, Lincoln, was teacher, Burbank.

Assigned to assistant principal are Carmen Hernandez, Measure E, was administrative assistant, Elementary Office; and Marcus Galbreath, Washington, was assistant director, Deputy Superintendent's Office.

Reassigned assistant principals are Andrew Buggs, from Rogers to Franklin; Lushandra Prioleau, from Marshall to Hughes; Alma Black, from Nelson to Lindsey; Karen Grunst, from Powell to Muir; Nicole Reyes, from Hamilton to Stanford; Patrick Booker, from Stanford to Stephens; Victor Jarels, from Cabrillo/Wilson to Cabrillo; Jorge Montanez, from Franklin to Cabrillo; Donald Williams, from Lakewood to Cabrillo; Susan Lafiche, from Cabrillo to Jordan; Jonathan Hayes, from Cabrillo to Lakewood; Debbie Broadway, from LBSA/Wilson to LBSA; Dorian Eveland, from Wilson to McBride/Measure E; Matt Brown, from Cabrillo to Poly; Renee Shipman, from CAMS to Wilson; Jenny Ramos, from Grant to Roosevelt; and Donna Robertson, Lincoln to Roosevelt.

Darron Evans becomes assistant principal,

Dooley, was principal, Alliance College-Ready Middle Academy in Los Angeles.

Assigned to acting assistant principal are Rita Aslan, Smith, was assistant principal, Hudson/McBride; Linda Reynolds, Lafayette, was assistant principal, Lindsey; and Rebecca Taylor, Lincoln, was teacher on special assignment, Lincoln.

Kimberly Weber was promoted to instructional director/principal supervisor, Elementary Office, was principal, King.

Kimberley Duenas was promoted to assistant director, Deputy Superintendent's Office, was teacher on special assignment, Deputy Superintendent's Office.

Stacey Benuzzi was promoted to math assistant principal, Middle and K-8 Schools Office, was teacher on special assignment, OCIPD.

Promoted to program specialist are Julie Tsai, Leadership Development, was teacher, Los Cerritos; and Lucy Carbajal, Student Health Services, was nurse, Nursing Services/Henry/Keller.

Jenny Acosta was promoted to program administrator-program support services, Head Start, was assistant principal, Grant.

Promoted to activities specialist is Vincent Puth, Poly, was teacher, Poly.

Katiria Hernandez becomes administrative assistant, Elementary Office, was assistant principal, Roosevelt.

Becoming Early Learning Center managers for Head Start are Lena Blakeney, was early childhood manager at Youth Policy Institute; and Desiree Hall, was child development specialist/area supervisor at Training and Research Foundation Head Start in Los Angeles.

• Scholarships

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North Carolina University, Dillard University, Fisk University, Lincoln University, Bethune Cookman University and University of Alabama.

California Academy of Mathematics and Science students earned \$8.6 million. School acceptances included all UC campuses, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Amherst, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Bucknell, Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Cornell, Emory, Georgia Tech, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, Olin College of Engineering, Pomona College, Purdue, Reed, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Spelman, Swarthmore, Tulane, University of Pennsylvania, USC, Middlebury College, Pepperdine, Claremont McKenna, Dillard, Loyola Marymount and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Jordan High School students earned \$2 million. School acceptances included multiple UC and CSU campuses, plus a full ride scholarship to Pine Manor University and two full-ride scholarships (earned by twins) to Wiley University in Marshall, TX.

Cabrillo High School students earned \$2 million. School acceptances included multiple UC and CSU campuses, plus Stanford, USC, Grand Canyon University, Langton University of Oklahoma, University of LaVerne, San Francisco School for the Arts, Syracuse, University of Great Falls, Humboldt State, Alabama A&M, Texas Southern, Otis College of Arts and Design, University of Antelope Valley, Northeastern and Whittier College.

McBride High School students earned \$1.6 million. School acceptances included multiple UC and CSU campuses, BYU Idaho, College of the Redwoods, Grand Canyon, Hope International, Northern Arizona, University of Hawaii, University of Puget Sound and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Renaissance High School for the Arts students earned \$680,000. School acceptances included L.A. Film School, Otis College of Art and Design, Azusa Pacific, Gordon College, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Long Beach, Lutheran University, Hobart and William Smith, AMDA and Arizona State.

Avalon High School students earned \$657,617, while students at Educational Partnership High School earned \$170,000, and students at Beach High School earned \$28,710.

Dates to Remember

September	Library Card Sign-Up Month
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Getting to School the Safe Way," Grades 1-5, ed.tv 8
3	Treaty of Paris Anniversary
4	Labor Day — HOLIDAY
5	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00; 21 - 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 — "School Bus Safety," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
6	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Native American Day," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
7	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "School Bus and the Exceptional Child K-12," Grades K-12, ed.tv 8
8	International Literacy Day
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: Learning to Follow Instructions," Grades 1-3, ed.tv 8
9	California Admission Day
10	National Grandparents Day
10-16	National Arts in Education Week
11	Patriot Day
12	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Staying Out of Trouble with Your Friends (Duffy's Story)," Grades 3-4, ed.tv 8
13	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Pocahontas," Grades 3-8, ed.tv 8
14	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Ask For It," Grades 1-2, ed.tv 8
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Beginning Responsibility: A Lunch Room Goes Bananas," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
15-Oct. 15	National Hispanic Heritage Month
15-16	Mexican Independence Days
16	Mayflower Day
17	Citizenship Day
17-23	Constitution Week
19	Back to School Night — Elementary Schools
19	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Columbus," Grades 3-5, ed.tv 8
20	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Christopher Columbus," Grades 2-8, ed.tv 8
20-22	Rosh Hashanah
21	International Day of Peace
22	First Day of Autumn
26	Back to School Night — Middle Schools
26	9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 2:00— "Columbus Controversy: Challenging How History is Written," Grades 7-12, ed.tv 8
28	9:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Riding Your School Bus Safely," Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
29	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30— "Study Skills: Take That Test," Grades 4-8, ed.tv 8
29-30	Yom Kippur

In Memoriam

Janet L. Smith
former instructional aide
June 19, 2017

Benny J. Brose
former teacher
June 19, 2017

Dorothy E. Shankwitz
former teacher
June 25, 2017

Nedra D. Miller
former teacher
June 30, 2017

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For the Record

Former Millikan High School teacher Denise Mickelson was inadvertently omitted from the annual School Bulletin listing of retirees. She served the district for 37 years. She had hoped to be listed alongside her husband, Kevin Mickelson, who retired from Millikan this year with 34 years of service. Thank you, Denise and Kevin, for your combined 71 years of service.

Help for Houston

After Hurricane Harvey, Houston schools need children's clothes of all sizes (clean and in reasonably good repair), school uniforms and school supplies. Clothes and school supplies can be sent to Delmar Stadium, 2020 Mangum, Houston, TX, 77092. Learn more at houstonisd.org.