



The LB CaLL Board of Directors is excited to announce an arrangement with LBUSD that allows its enduring legacy to live on and its functions to improve. At the forefront of all Board decisions is ensuring the best possible work-based learning opportunities are made available to Long Beach students. By embedding the functions of LB CaLL into the District, the Board of Directors is confident its mission will be better supported and it will maintain the stability needed (and too often a struggle for nonprofits) to ensure lasting impact for thousands more students.

“After much Board discussion it became apparent that the best option for maximizing impact for students would be if CaLL’s ongoing function was made an internal component of the District,” said Cindy Bater, LB CaLL Board Chair. “The Board is excited by the stability this will bring to CaLL’s mission and looks forward to continuing its work and maintaining its strong partnerships. The arrangement may be different, but the benefit to students and businesses alike will continue, if not improve.”

To ensure ongoing college and career-readiness impact for LBUSD students, all staff and functions of LB CaLL are transitioning to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Schools and its new Administrator of K-16 Collaborations & External Programs, Michelle Thomassian. (Michelle was recently hired after the passing of CaLL’s prior Executive Director, Jean Egan). Upon the consent of the State Attorney General’s Office, CaLL will dissolve as a 501(c)(3) non-profit and function as an LBUSD program. The current commitment of CaLL Board Members will continue in an Advisory Council capacity – helping to ensure a seamless transition and provision of support to students and business partners.

“LBUSD’s Linked Learning approach has had tremendous success in helping students graduate with the skills and confidence necessary to succeed in college, career, and life. This integration of LB CaLL’s work is an exciting opportunity to increase students’ access to work-based learning experiences as well as their application of classroom knowledge to the real-world,” shared Dr. Jill Baker, LBUSD’s Deputy Superintendent of Schools. “The District would like to thank CaLL’s esteemed Board Members and their respective organizations for their years of service. We are excited to continue partnering in an advisory capacity as well as engaging additional organizations who share our dedication to the college and career readiness of Long Beach students.”

Building off the success of the Long Beach College Promise, LB CaLL launched in 2012 as an intermediary to support Long Beach students in college and career readiness. Over the course of its history, LB CaLL has served thousands of students and businesses. Business leaders have routinely praised CaLL services citing the improvements to both morale and productivity. Over the last three years, CaLL has placed 239 high school students in internships, and over 2,000 have participated in work-based learning activities.

Questions regarding on-going services for students and business partnerships can be referred to:
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