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Campus Improvements Moving Forward

A soon-to-be-published annual report for the Long Beach Unified School District Department of Facilities Development and Planning describes another successful year for school campus improvements despite the challenges of COVID-19.

The 2019-20 report, created by the Measure E and K Citizens' Oversight Committee, highlights the more than \$180 million directed toward facilities projects that were started, continued or completed during the 12-month period.

Although all district schools were unexpectedly closed for in-person instruction in the spring, renovation and construction continued without interruption. During the unprecedented closure, LBUSD worked hard to balance the health and welfare of workers with the need to maintain construction schedules and ensure classrooms are ready when students return.

In response to new COVID-19 protocols, all community meetings and campus tours became virtual. Various online virtual tours were created to inform parents and students about improvements at their schools.

The annual report also highlights a recent review by an independent audit firm

Half of School AC Projects Finished

As of the fall semester, major infrastructure improvements, including the installation or replacement of air conditioning, has started or been completed at 28 of the 54 campuses initially targeted for improvement by the 2016 Measure E bond program.

To date, more than 14,000 students in 595 classrooms across 23 campuses have already benefited from bond funds. These projects include new central heating and air conditioning systems along with utility infrastructure and accessibility upgrades, electronic classroom projectors, new lighting, windows, paint and other necessary repairs.

Following voter approval of Measure E in November 2016, planning started for the installation of air conditioning systems and other upgrades at the 54 campuses where central air conditioning was outdated or nonexistent. In summer 2020, work started on an additional 168 classrooms across five campuses: Cubberley, Fremont, Madison, Prisk and Wilson.

The plan remains to ensure all schools have full air conditioning. For a complete schedule of current and future projects, visit the School Bond Projects Timeline at lbschoolbonds.net.

that designates LBUSD's bond program as having the highest rating for financial accountability and performance for the eighth straight year.

"The committee remains impressed with the district's meticulous record keeping and financial stewardship of public funds," Citizens' Oversight Committee Chairman Walter Larkins states in the report.

"We want to thank and acknowledge the Board of Education, district staff, families and the community for being steadfast partners and demonstrating commitment, adaptability and flexibility while navigating these uncharted waters together."

The full report is expected to be released in February. For more information, visit lbschoolbonds.net.



Larkins

Millikan High's New Building Completed

A unique new building has been completed on the Millikan High School campus. The 50,000-square-foot facility funded by local school bonds was designed to accommodate specific needs of the school's academies or learning pathways.

Created with input from Millikan administrators and teachers, the building houses a virtual enterprise classroom where Business Academy students can showcase their work. For the COMPASS

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SDSU Partnership Offers Credential

The Long Beach Unified School District's Equity Leadership and Talent Development department has partnered with San Diego State University to offer a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential or Master of Arts in Pre-K-12 Educational Leadership.

The Preliminary Administrative Services Credential program is only available to those who already hold a master's degree. Students enrolled in the MA Educational Leadership program will complete coursework required for the administrative credential, nine additional research units and an action research project.

Admission requirements include a bachelor's degree, California Clear Credential and four years of credentialed

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COVID Vaccines Start Soon for Employees

Long Beach Health and Human Services will begin offering a limited number of COVID-19 vaccinations for Long Beach Unified School District employees during drive-up clinics 1 to 5 p.m. on Jan. 25 and 26 at the Long Beach Convention Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd.

Employees are not required to receive the vaccine, but those who want one should make an appointment. The school district expects to receive sign-up links from the Health Department specifically for LBUSD employees and will share those links via email at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, Jan. 21. Information on COVID vaccine appointments for the public also is available at longbeach.gov/health. Use the search field to find VaxLB.

Vaccine supplies have become more limited since California's recent prioritization of people 65 and older. The Health Department will continue to work with the school district in the coming weeks to provide vaccinations for all LBUSD employees who want to be vaccinated.

The vaccine to be administered requires a second dose 28 days later, and participating employees will receive information and reminders regarding the second round.

The Health Department states that vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent disease and save lives.

A list of frequently asked questions and answers about the vaccine is available at longbeach.gov/health. Go to Diseases & Conditions > Information On > Coronavirus Disease 2019.

The city also provides a COVID Hotline at 570-4636 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For vaccine information, wait to select option 6 when you hear it, and leave a message, or email COVID19Vaccine@longbeach.gov.



SHOP WITH A COP –
Students at Grant Elementary School received gift bags during the recent event. **Story on next page.**

Grant Students 'Shop with a Cop'

Seventy students from Grant Elementary School recently received gift bags filled with personal and essential school items as part of the annual Shop with a Cop event held in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department.

Due to the pandemic, this year's event was modified to comply with social distancing regulations. The event traditionally pairs a student with a police employee for an afternoon of shopping at a local store.

For this year's event, selected students were assigned scheduled pick up times. Upon arrival, students received "swag" bags and a 'Shop with a Cop' t-shirt, and they were signed up along with their siblings to receive toys from Toy Patrol, an LBPD outreach program that provides toys to children every December. LBPD officers directly delivered the toys to students' homes before Christmas.

The "swag" bags included personal hygiene items and essential items for virtual learning, such as blue blocker glasses, headphones and a Chromebook stand. Students also received pencils, lanyards and pizza coupons from Domino's Pizza.

Leaves, Resignations

Certificated employees planning to resign, retire or request a leave of absence for the 2021-22 school year should submit the appropriate form as soon as possible. Resignations and requests for full-year leaves of absence received after June 30, 2021 will not be approved unless the school district is able to hire a suitable replacement. For more information, contact Kimberly Dalton at ext. 8108 or kdalton@lbschools.net.

According to Article VI, "Compensation," in the Teachers Association of Long Beach contract, "Employees who have served a complete contract year are eligible for district-paid benefits through Sept. 30." For more information about duration of benefits, contact Risk Management at ext. 8234 or 8236.

Job Sharing

Permanent elementary or secondary teachers are invited to apply for job sharing partnerships for the 2021-22 school year. Job share deadlines are as follows:

• **Jan. 29 (extended from Jan. 22):** Submission of request to have your name and telephone number included on a list of interested job sharing partners.

• **March 1:** Submission of applications for new job sharing partnerships, or renewal of existing partnerships. Submit applications to Human Resource Services, Attention: Job Share, via district mail or email to jobshare@lbschools.net.

More information about Job Sharing (including the Job Share Interest Request form and the Job Share Application) can be found by going to teachlongbeach.com and selecting "For Current Employees." For more information, call Human Resource Services at ext. 8106.

• Credential Program

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experience. The program follows a cohort model and provides opportunities to present before district level leaders from numerous districts. Classes are conveniently offered off-campus and with the option of evening or weekend sessions blended with online learning components.

A one-hour Zoom information session is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. No reservation is required. The deadline to apply to the program is Monday, March 1.

For more information on the Zoom session or to apply, find this article at lbschools.net. The Equity Leadership & Talent Development office can be found in the A-Z index at lbschools.net, or call 997-8328.



NAACP GIFT CARD DRIVE – Long Beach NAACP President Naomi Rainey-Pierson was greeted and thanked at Roosevelt Elementary School by Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee co-chairs Megan Lane and Maya Bryson for delivering 350 Target gift cards valued at \$20 each for LBUSD students. The holiday drive exceeded its goal of 300 gift cards for elementary students. The additional cards were distributed to students at Child Development Centers and at Muir and Cabrillo schools.

SCHOOL BULLETIN

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NEW FACILITY – The 50,000 square-foot building at Millikan High School was funded by local school bonds.

• Millikan Building

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Academy, the installation of new graphic arts studios will expand students' design capabilities. For the SEGA-MIT Academy, special computer labs were installed where students can explore the inner workings of computer hardware. PEACE Academy students preparing for careers in law or government service will be able to conduct mock trials in a new modern courtroom. The building features a new college and career center, spaces designed for special education students and classrooms for general use.

Weight Watchers

Get ready to soak up that amazing reached-my-resolutions feeling with the new myWW+, their most holistic weight-loss program ever. You'll get a customized weight loss plan that fits your lifestyle and more. Sign up at WW.com/us/LBUSD through Feb. 28. Look for the flyer from your worksite for more information including how to redeem for the kit.

In Memoriam

Kurt D. Holmes
teacher, Wilson
December 12, 2020

Alison F. Shimabukuro
former staff secretary
December 15, 2020

Vickie L. Swan
former assistant purchasing
and contracts director
December 22, 2020

Victor V. Do
former computer
support technician
December 23, 2020

Francisco P. Maiava
custodian, Chavez
December 24, 2020

Gerardo B. Rangel
instructional aid, Beach
December 26, 2020