

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026
333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening RemarksKarla Griego
Chairperson

II. Committee Presentations

1. Student Participation in the IEP Process.....Dr. James Koontz
Coordinator, Moderate Severe and Least Restrictive
Environment Programs, Division of Special Education

Jennifer Stone
Principal, Anatola Avenue Elementary

Esmeralda Aguilar
Special Education Teacher, Anatola Avenue Elementary

Alma Garcia
Special Education Coordinator, Sonia Sotomayor Arts and Sciences Magnet

Felicia Montes
Assistant Principal, Sonia Sotomayor Arts and Sciences Magnet

Alexa Carillo
Student, Sonia Sotomayor Arts and Sciences Magnet

Tyler Malotte
Assistant Principal, Elementary Instructional Specialists (APEIS), City Terrace Elementary

John Gomez
Speech Language Pathologist, City Terrace Elementary

III. Public Comment

IV. Adjournment

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