LAUSD Greening Schools & Climate Resilience Committee Summary Report 2023-2024



Electric School Bus Transition:

Goal of all-electric fleet by 2040, aiming for 2035 to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and support student health. This transition includes prioritizing the electrification of bus yards and exploring partnerships to maximize benefits (Res-018-19/20).



CAMPUS GREENING

Target of 30% green space on all campuses by 2035, prioritizing low-income and communities of color. This includes converting asphalt areas to green spaces. Addressing soil contamination, and ensuring ADA compliance (Res 002-22/23).



COMMUNITY SCHOOL PARKS

Increase access to school playgrounds and green spaces outside school hours, particularly in underserved areas, through a partnership with the City of LA. This initiative includes addressing liability concerns and developing clear guidelines to ensure community access.



CLIMATE LITERACY

systematic integration of climate education; supporting teachers to empower students as future environmental stewards. This involves expanding programs and partnering with organizations to enhance climate literacy (Res-016-21/22).



FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

Actively pursuing funding opportunities and building partnerships with a focus on labor standards and state/federal support. This includes seeking grants, leveraging tax credits, and collaborating with various entities to secure funding.



HIGHLIGHTS





Over 100 greening projects are transforming schoolyards into vibrant green spaces with trees, native plants, and outdoor classrooms.



Three middle schools are now open as Community School Parks, with seven more planned by the end of 2024.



LAUSD is actively transitioning to an electric school bus fleet, with 38 buses currently in operation and plans to electrify the entire fleet by 2038.



The District is exploring job pathways for youth in the growing green economy, offering students opportunities to gain skills and knowledge in sustainability-related fields.



The updated Green Schoolyards for All Plan outlines a comprehensive approach to sustainability and environmental justice.



The District is developing a comprehensive Eco-Sustainability Master Plan, with specific goals and strategies for each division to promote sustainability.



The Greening Index 2.0 has been enhanced to assess and track progress in greening initiatives across all schools.



Initiatives related to environmental health, food, and nutrition are being explored to support a holistic approach to sustainability and student wellness.



Student-led green projects, such as enhancing education through indoor plants, continue to foster sustainable learning environments.



Climate literacy programs have expanded to 314 schools, empowering students to become environmental stewards.

Roots of Resilience Event



In October 2024, Dr. Rocio Rivas convened the Roots of Resilience event, uniting over 130 parents, educators, advocates, and industry leaders to advance LAUSD's greening and climate resilience goals. The event focused on building climate equity, expanding climate education, and creating pathways to green careers for students.



What's Next for 2025...

- The Committee will continue to build on 2024's accomplishments with expanded community partnerships, scaling greening projects, and deepening climate literacy programs across the district.
- Stay tuned for upcoming initiatives in 2025, as LAUSD furthers its commitment to sustainability and climate resilience, with an increased focus on equitable access to green spaces and green career pathways
 for students across the district.