

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

GREENING SCHOOLS & CLIMATE RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room Los Angeles, CA 90017

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2025

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AGENDA

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| I. | Welcome and Opening Remarks | Dr. Rocío Rivas
Chairperson |
| II. | Public Comment | |
| III. | Heros for Zero Awards Ceremony | 11:35 A.M. TIME CERTAIN |
| IV. | Presentations | |
| | a. Updates from the Eco-Sustainability Office | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Literacy • Resolution to Strengthen Greening Initiatives | Jaime Torrens
Senior Advisor to the Superintendent |
| | | Christos Chrysiliou
Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer |
| | b. 2025 Greening Forecast | Krisztina Tokes
Chief Facilities Executive |
| V. | Adjournment | |

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LAUSD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LADWP

PRESENTS:

Los Angeles Unified School District
Eco-Sustainability Office

Christos Chrysiliou, FAIA, CCM, LEED AP BD+C
Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer



THE
HEROES **FOR** **ZERO** **CONTEST**
AWARDS



AGENDA



Heroes for Zero



Partners



Awards



Heroes for Zero



Partners



Awards



OBJECTIVE:

Encourage schools to become energy conservation HEROES by making their school Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Ready!

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS:

- Conduct a baseline audit of your school's electricity usage.
- Prepare an energy conservation plan to incorporate the HEROES elements.
- Implement energy efficiency measures into practice.
- Do a follow-up audit of your school's electricity usage.
- Submit a Video showcasing the team's HEROES activities.

ZNE
FORMULA: **EE** + **RE** = **ZNE**





Heroes for Zero



Partners



Awards



Heroes for Zero



Partners



Awards



SEMI-FINALISTS!



TOP 3 TEAMS!



HEROES

FOR

ZERO

**Congratulations
to all finalists and
winners!**



**“One planet. One ecosystem.
Together, we can be
‘eco-stewards,’ as we continue
to be inspired by our youth’s
eagerness for a brighter, more
sustainable future.”**

**– Christos Chrysiliou, LAUSD
Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer**



TAB 1

ECO- SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

Strengthening Greening Initiatives Through Community Partnerships

Jaime Torrens

Senior Advisor to the
Superintendent

Christos Chrysiliou, FAIA, LEED AP
Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer

May 28, 2025



Sotomayor Magnet - From soil to structure: Climate literacy through Adobe



Board Resolution

Objectives

On February 11, 2025, the Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution for Strengthening Greening Initiatives through Community Partnerships.

Objectives:

- Strengthen and expand partnerships with non-profit organizations
- Remove internal fees and allocate funding to cover fees that cannot be removed
- Prioritize review of grant-funded greening projects to ensure timely completion
- Implement a comprehensive plan to achieve these goals and strengthen partnerships



Board Update

- Commitment to Partnerships
- Removal of Internal Fees
- Eligibility Criterion
- Review Process
- Progress Reporting
- ESO Staffing



Eagle Rock Elementary School Living Schoolyard

ECO- SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE

Updates

Greening Schools and Climate
Resilience Committee Meeting

Christos Chrysiliou, FAIA, LEED AP
Chief Eco-Sustainability Officer

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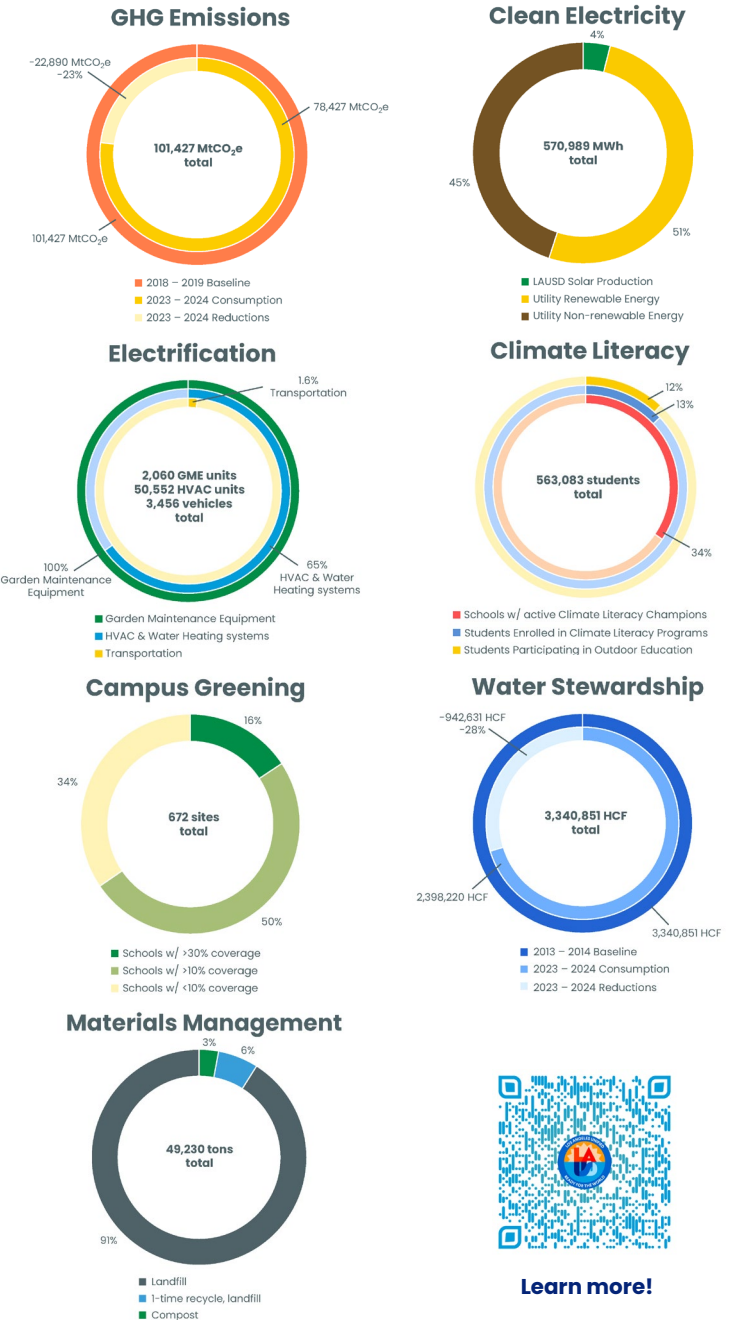
ECO-SUSTAINABILITY ANNUAL REPORT | FY 2023 – 2024

Major LAUSD achievements:

- Secured approximately **\$60 million** in grant funding within the past year to support sustainability programs and initiatives
- Achieved over **\$15.8 million** in sustainability cost avoidance and savings
- Reduced GHG emissions by **23%**
- Produced and acquired enough **renewable energy** to power **55%** of the District's energy needs
- Reduced electricity use by **13%**
- Reduced districtwide water use by **28%**
- Engaged **73,043 students** through climate literacy education programs
- Completed **8 ELOP greening projects** (Extended Learning Opportunities Program) and **7 SEEDS greening projects** (Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools)
- Achieved **100% electrification** of all District garden maintenance equipment



Dashboard



Climate Literacy Task Force Report

Timeline

- I. **Meeting 1** – 12.13.23 – tasks & roles determined
- II. **Meeting 2** – 02.27.24 @ LACI | Tour & discussions
- III. **Meeting 3** – 04.16.24 @ Sotomayor Magnet | Tour & updates on findings
- IV. **Public Meeting** – 06.12.24 | Preliminary recommendations shared & comments received
- V. **Meeting 4** – 09.25.24 | Draft report outlined
- VI. **June 2025** – Final Recommendations
Report published to CLTF website at lausd.org/cltf

Focus Areas



Curriculum



Workforce Development



Outdoor Education



Infrastructure



Logan Elementary School outdoor classroom



Planet Media Summit 2025 9th Street ES Climate Action Club beautification project



CLTF Tour at Sotomayor Magnet CTE Agriscience Program, Meeting 3

Task Force

LAUSD
Division of
Instruction

LAUSD
Facilities Services
Division



LAUSD
Eco-Sustainability
Office

United
Teachers
Los Angeles

LAUSD
Transportation
Division

Recommendations

Curriculum

- Enhance climate literacy programs, including dedicated champions at every school and professional development for all educators

Outdoor Education

- Integrate climate literacy and indigenous knowledge curriculum into outdoor learning opportunities

Workforce Development

- Partner with unions and industry leaders to create a seamless K-12 to employment pipeline in green sectors

Infrastructure

- Meet **the 2030 clean energy** target by integrating **solar programs** with energy efficiency, building decarbonization, & EV charging initiatives
- Strive to achieve exceptionally low lead levels** in school drinking water, target ≤ 1 ppb in elementary & ≤ 5 ppb in middle & high schools
- Set school-wide goals for **rainwater capture** in coordination with its 30% greening target
- Pursue grant funding & Investment Tax Credits to **build out EV bus fleet** & charging infrastructure

Funding

- Pursue bonds & government incentives; prioritize union labor for infrastructure projects