



**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
Administrator's Report
January 23, 2020**



Strategic Planning for Family Engagement Strategies & Actions

Welcome to a new year! We hope the holidays offered you opportunities to create lasting memories with your loved ones. Leading up to the holidays the team at the Office of Parent & Community Services continued to organize a lineup of important trainings for you. Those will be highlighted later in this report. Through this report we extend a personal invitation for you to participate in our strategic planning cycle that will launch this semester with the goal of creating a uniform vision for family engagement with clear strategies and actions to cultivate strong family engagement practices at our schools, Local District Offices and at central district offices. Our second orientation was hosted on January 14, 2020, where participants completed an analysis of the strengths, opportunities, and challenges from the unique perspectives offered by families. We are currently finalizing a schedule for the semester and will send this through the calendar and as a separate flyer. You each bring valuable perspectives and ideas that we want to organize with you. We look forward to hosting you in future strategic planning sessions.

Committee Update & Fall Highlights:

I am grateful for my colleagues at the Office of Parent & Community Services for their leadership and commitment to our work. We are working as one team to strengthen our presence in the conversations led centrally where we advocate for the ideas you bring to us during committee meetings while also fostering a quality space of learning for each of you. Some highlights from the Fall semester are as follows:

- Board approved a \$3 million investment to establish a new Parent Help Desk offering parents a one stop shop phone line to ask questions, request services available at the district, and present school based concerns.
- PCS offered a training to principal supervisors about perception and budget transparency where participants received a sample PowerPoint for principals to share their budget development story to families and school staff.
- Worked with district leadership to simplify budget sheets provided to schools during budget development.
- School Site Council trainings were held for six local districts during the week and weekends.
- Study Groups continue to introduce families to Title I, Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), and serving English Learners.
- Organized the school district to launch Volunteer Fingerprinting locations at each Local District Office.
- Hosted a series of workshops to build capacity of the CAC, PAC and DELAC to learn about district programs and services, and skills to fulfill your responsibilities as a committee.
- PCS and district leadership secured a \$1 million state grant to engage families in Census 2020.

Responsibilities Assigned to the PAC

The PAC shall advise the LAUSD Board of Education and the Superintendent on the following tasks:

- Review and comment on the development or annual update of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Engage in data review, study sessions and trainings regarding the LCAP goals, actions and expenditures in order to develop comments
- Provide written comments to the Superintendent and Board of Education regarding the LCAP goals, actions and expenditures
- Review the progress of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) regarding the District's targeted student populations

Parent and Community Services Update

PCS Workshops for Spring 2020: We will continue to offer workshops designed to assist families with new learning that may provide greater context about district offices and services as you create recommendations for the PAC.

- **January 17:** California Dashboard Parent Training from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **January 24:** Los Angeles Unified Budget Development Process: Central Office & School Site Process
- **January 31:** Developing SMART Comments & Recommendations for the Central Committees

Title I, LCAP and ELAC Study Groups: During the Spring semester, the Office of Parent & Community Services will continue collaborating with local district offices to host Title I, English Learner and LCAP Study Groups. The schedules are in your packet.

Board of Education Committees: The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education committee meetings continue to host conversations about special education services, family engagement, budget, curriculum and instruction, school climate, legislative advocacy, early childhood education, and technology. Meetings and agendas are



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available at <https://boe.lausd.net/event> and <http://laschoolboard.org/sites/default/files/2019-20CommitteesSchedule10-2-19version9Final.pdf>.

- Legislative Advocacy Committee on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
- Committee of the Whole on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting - Charters on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Continuous Improvement Data Committee on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
- Curriculum and Instruction Committee on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- Continuous Improvement Data Committee on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Early Education Committee on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
- Regular Board Meeting – Charters on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
- Parent Engagement Committee on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Los Angeles Unified Services Highlight

The Los Angeles Unified School District will play a central role to inform families about the dollars generated and political representation gained with an accurate count for the U.S. Census 2020 scheduled from March-July, 2020. The Office of Parent & Community Services, Office of the General Counsel and Student Health & Human Services are leading the effort through the We Are One: Make Los Angeles Unified Count in the Census 2020 campaign. Visit <http://achieve.lausd.net/weareone> to download the resource guide.

Enroll in the Parent Portal!
<http://parentportal.lausd.net>

