



Community Advisory Committee
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement Update
Los Angeles Unified School District

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Greetings Community Advisory Committee Members,

As we transition into the summer season and the close of the school year, it is a unique time to both reflect on the learning and progress made this year and to plan for the learning to continue over the summer. This year, you had a quorum of members attend every meeting, sharing experiences and encouraging others to step into new spaces of engagement and learning. You supported the development of new communication tools, like a flyer, surveys and an election video; and many of you attended in-person elections to vote for new members. You posed thoughtful questions of presenters and participants to prompt deeper thinking. You offered keen comments focused on improving programs and services for students. You attended conferences, trainings and workshops, sharing as ambassadors, organizing affinity groups at your schools, and helping other families be more connected. You were willing to come together as a group to uplift families and students with special needs.



We offer sincere appreciation to you for your dedication and commitment to support the work of the CAC and its members this year; and we extend deep gratitude for the CAC officers and subcommittee chairpersons, who volunteered countless additional hours to plan agendas, connect with speakers and plan learning opportunities for the committee! Please join us at a ceremony recognizing you and other District committee members on Friday, May 30, from 10 am to 12 pm at the former Downtown Business Magnet's multipurpose room or join us on Zoom at Webinar ID: 884 2990 3270 Password: 2025. We look forward to honoring your service together!

In addition to giving thanks for your work as a CAC leader, we want to update you on a recent learning event offered to families. The Parent and Family Engagement Hybrid Summit, held on Friday, May 16, had over 100 schools offering watch parties and 856 unique Zoom webinar users, in addition to those who joined us in-person. This conference focused on the District's literacy and writing initiatives, providing an in-depth look at i-Ready and offering essential *Know Your Rights* information. If you missed the Summit and want to learn more in preparation for summer learning with your



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children, you will be able to find the recording on our website at <https://families.lausd.org/familyacademy> at the end of the week.

To keep the focus on learning through the summer, take some time to review the resources highlighted below. We wish you and your loved ones a safe, fun and productive summer season.

Sincerely,

Office of Student, Family, and Community Engagement

Summer Programming Highlights

Summer School: Los Angeles Unified is arranging for Summer of Learning programming, which features our summer school programming, enrichment, and childcare opportunities. Make sure to visit <https://www.lausd.org/summerschool> for valuable information.



Student Success Card and City Library of Los Angeles: All Los Angeles Unified students receive a [Student Success Card](#), which provides students with museum passes, online learning resources, and access to books year-round. Visit the following site to learn about the office hours for the library closest to you: [Click Here](#). The site includes a phone number and email address you may contact to request student login information. Have your student ID number on hand when making the request.



SORA: The quickest and easiest way to read digital books is with [Sora](#); and for LAUSD students, this program is free. LAUSD students can log in using their LAUSD email address and password and instantly access hundreds of ebooks and audiobooks on virtually any device. This program has expanded to also include books from the Los Angeles City Library. Visit the Parent Portal and explore our libraries under the Digital Library Tab.



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Metro Cards: Los Angeles Unified students can request a Metro card from their school site, which provides free transportation through the summer. Before your child's school closes for the summer, contact the main office to identify the school site designee, who provides these cards to our students. Families may get one, too, if they register as students of the Division of Adult and Career Education (DACE). DACE offers in-person and online courses for adults to continue learning or train for a career. Learn more about DACE by visiting <https://adulted.lausd.org>.

SFACE and District Highlights

The Family Academy is hosting valuable learning opportunities centered on a variety of topics, including *Know Your Rights* information. The content is available for viewing by visiting <https://www.lausd.org/familyacademy>. This site also includes PDF copies of the course catalogues for Region in-person engagement and the central office webinars scheduled.



The Parent Portal is available for all parents and guardians to learn more about the progress of their children in a variety of different areas. Over 86% of Los Angeles Unified families are already connected to student accounts! Learning about the different features of the Parent Portal allows parents to partner with their school communities to celebrate student achievement, ask focused questions and identify needed support. Call the Los Angeles Unified Hotline at 213-443-1300 for help getting connected or for assistance with using the features.

The School Volunteer Program is a resource available for families and the community to offer their time, skills and knowledge to support Los Angeles Unified students. This year, Los Angeles Unified had over 41,000 processed volunteers serving in District schools. For more information about the School Volunteer Program, visit <https://www.lausd.org/volunteer>.

Additional Resources

Los Angeles Unified Student Wellness and Family Hotline: Please continue to direct parents and students to this service provided for families. Trained District personnel are available to help on all health-related topics and are accessible by dialing the following number: 213-241-3840.



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Los Angeles Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services

Hotline: For more information on services to support students with special needs, call (213) 241-6701.

Region Office Leadership: Each child's school sits in a geographical Region in the Los Angeles Unified. To connect with District leaders in a specific Region or to learn more about the specific services offered in the Region, visit <https://www.lausd.org/regions>.

Board of Education Meetings: The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education hosts meetings in person and will continue to broadcast meetings online. Visit the following webpage to learn how to speak during public comment: <https://www.lausd.org/boe>.

Responsibilities Assigned to the CAC in the California Education Code, Section 56194

The Community Advisory Committee shall have the authority and fulfill the responsibilities that are defined for it in the local plan. The responsibilities shall include, but need not be limited to, all the following:

1. Advising the policy and administrative entity of the special education local plan area regarding the development, amendment, and review of the local plan. The entity shall review and consider comments from the community advisory committee.
2. Recommending annual priorities to be addressed by the plan.
3. Assisting in parent education and in recruiting parents and other volunteers who may contribute to the implementation of the plan.
4. Encouraging community involvement in the development and review of the local plan.
5. Supporting activities on behalf of individuals with exceptional needs.
6. Assisting in parent awareness of the importance of regular school attendance.
7. Supporting community involvement in the parent advisory committee established pursuant to [Section 52063](#) to encourage the inclusion of parents of individuals with exceptional needs to the extent these pupils also fall within one or more of the definitions in [Section 42238](#)

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