

Division of Special Education Update

May 16, 2018

Legislative Sharing Day 2018:

The LAUSD SELPA was represented at Legislative Sharing Day in Sacramento on May 2, 2018.

Participants:

- Students: Erick Gonzalez, Carlos Velasquez Santos, and Alexis Soria
- Transition Teacher: Sean Cooper
- Parents: Linda Hall and Lisa Mosko
- Board member: Scott Schmerelson
- Office of Government Relations: Jeff Dunn and Enrique Ruacho
- Government Relations Consultant: Beth Gibbons
- School Fiscal Services: Nargis Merchant
- Division of Special Education: Beth Kaufmann, Lisa Kendrick, Veronica Smith, and LaTanya Tolan

The LAUSD SELPA participants divided up into four teams and met with various legislators and/or their staff to advocate for additional special education funding. A total of 21 legislative offices were visited. During these meetings, students and parents shared their personal experiences and discussed the importance of additional funding for special education. The stories of the students and parents provided an immeasurable impact on this opportunity for advocacy.