Greetings!

We have many reasons to celebrate this academic year. We have launched a transformational partnership with Neeru Khosla’s CK-12 Foundation, our students explored the four corners of the Bay Area during Week Without Walls and some are headed off for the summer adventures of a lifetime. We are also delighted at the passage of Measure D with a 62% vote, a bond measure that would pay for renovations and upgrades at 11 West Contra Costa County schools, including building a new facility for LPS-Richmond. We particularly wish to thank the WCCUSD Board and administration for their partnership and their amazing work on the bond election.

Of course, the big news from the campuses is that across the LPS Network, 97% of our graduating seniors have been accepted to college!

Here are just a few of the colleges they will be attending:

Colby College
UC San Diego
UC Santa Cruz
UC Berkeley
UC Riverside
CSU East Bay
Johnson and Whales
Hampton University
Tuskegee University
San Jose University
Academy of Art
San Francisco State University
CSU Sacramento
CSU Los Angeles
CSU Fullerton
Mills College
Spelman College

We look forward to a busy summer as we get ready for the new school year. Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to continuing to share our news with you in the coming months.

Dr. Louise Bay Waters
Superintendent and CEO

P.S. Please note that the LPS Home Office has a new Oakland address!

LPS and CK-12 Launch Transformational Partnership
California is facing a major human capital crisis that is threatening both the state's economic path and the life options of the next generation.

- More than 50% of urban 9th graders are reading at the elementary grade level.
- Only 18% of California's high school graduates are prepared for college-level reading.
- Only 9% of are ready for rigorous college math/science coursework.

The LPS strategy is to act as an R&D center for innovative programs that are simple to implement, systemic, flexible and replicable by schools across the nation. LPS and the CK-12 Foundation are creating and piloting a line of free, open source, online curriculum resources called "College Access Flexbooks" tailored for the most underserved students in the nation: students in public high schools, most of whom are of poverty and of color. These modifiable "textbooks" are aligned to state standards and California State University placement exams. Early results from two pilots completed last month have seen student gains of up to three grade levels in a single year.

Learn more about the College Access Flexbooks pilot program.

LPS Students - Summer Explorations

NOLS, Exeter Summer Academy, Summer Search, Global Citizen and more!

Connecting to local and global communities is a key component of the LPS philosophy. Here are two of the LPS students who getting ready to head out on the adventures of a lifetime.

Omar Arteaga, Senior
Global CitizenYear

A graduating senior, Omar has decided to participate in a 9-month "bridge year" sponsored by Global Citizen. The goal of the program is to develop a new generation of Americans capable of providing innovative and effective leadership to address the global challenges of the 21st century.

"I just wasn't going to school before I came to LPS. I didn't get good grades. I just didn't do anything. I decided to make a change when I saw how my mom was suffering. I chose to come to a better school and I feel like a new person. All the good things in my life have come from this school. I have been accepted to 4 colleges, I have been in Summer Search for the past two years and took trips to
North Carolina and Utah. Now I have a scholarship to live and work in Brazil for a year. This is where it all happened. It feels like the teachers are all here for one purpose - to help me learn."

Tankya Avington, Junior  
Exeter Summer Academy

A student who tries her hardest at everything she does, Tankya is looking forward to studying genetic engineering and drawing this summer.

"LPS-Richmond provides a different environment from other schools. We all feel at home here and the teachers really care. We are all thinking about college...I went to the Freshman Stanford Retreat as a 9th grader and I have had my eye on Stanford ever since. I am really excited about receiving a scholarship to Exeter Summer Academy."

Week Without Walls Adventures

Walk on an LPS campus during Week Without Walls and you may find empty classrooms and lonely lunch rooms. This is because for one week in each school year, every LPS student has the opportunity to experience learning outside of the usual classroom format. This year’s Week Without Walls program was filled with exciting learning opportunities that ranged from studying martial arts, urban hip hop and civil rights to flying the blue skies of the Bay Area.

Epic Martial Arts

Twenty students from Epic Martial Arts at LPS-San Jose took part in a life-changing journey to Lake Tahoe as part of the third annual black belt test, hosted by Master Greg D. Garcia of the Academy of Martial Philosophy.

Week With Wings
Students took a journey into the sky with lessons on the physics of flight.

View more LPS Week Without Walls Videos!

Your Generosity Transforms Lives - Thank You

We are proud to say that - thanks to you - LPS is now a leading innovator in public education. Because our network of schools is small, we can be nimble and entrepreneurial. We can quickly test new ideas, measure results, and implement solutions that work. And we can share our resources with others.

Your generous financial support of LPS makes this possible, and we thank you. Because of you, 97% of our graduates are accepted to college despite the fact that many enter 9th grade with an elementary reading level.

LPS has a New Address!

The LPS Home Office is now located in downtown Oakland!

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