Greetings!

We are increasingly seeing the impact of the LPS Personalized Pathways to College approach and it's thrilling. Results from the 2009-2010 California Standards Test (CST) and California Academic Performance Index (API) provide many reasons to celebrate our hard-working students!

- LPS schools achieved an average gain of 32 API points in 2010!
- LPS beat the state in moving students "into the top" and "out of the bottom" in all 13 California Standards Tests (CST).
- LPS-Hayward ranked in the top 3% of high schools statewide who serve majority low-income students.
- LPS-Hayward ranked third among high-performing schools statewide in API gains.
- LPS-College Park ranked 13 out of 174 statewide (top 7%) in API gain from 2009 to 2010 among schools serving 80% or higher low-income students.
- LPS-Richmond outperformed its neighborhood schools by an average of 100 API points.
- LPS schools have achieved an average gain of 82 points on the API since 2007!

We look forward to continuing this growth throughout the year as we prepare our students for success in college and their communities.

Best,

Dr. Louise Bay Waters
Superintendent and CEO

Blog: "Superman" Isn't Coming, Even to Charter Schools - It's Up to the Normal Folks

Check out the latest blog post from Dr. Louise Bay Waters on the film "Waiting for Superman".

"Last night I was fortunate to preview Waiting for Superman. It is a compelling movie that I recommend seeing. It eloquently refutes the twin ideas that inner-city parents don’t care about their children’s education and that such children can’t achieve. It makes clear that no longer are there a few teachers or classrooms that are beating the odds. Instead, these are spread across the country with
approaches to learning - and particularly to school culture - that are replicable.”  READ MORE

Right now, if you go to www.waitingforsuperman.com and buy tickets you will receive $15 to put towards a Donors Choose project. You can see LPS teacher projects on the Leadership Public Schools Giving Page!

A College-Focused Kick-Off to the School Year

School starts a week early for all incoming LPS 9th graders at the Stanford Leadership Retreat. The retreat is a key component of the LPS College-Readiness program where students from all four LPS schools travel to Stanford University for two nights and three days of team-building activities.

The last day of the retreat students participate in a series of trust-building exercises, including climbing a 15-foot wall. Ask any LPS student what she remembers most about the retreat and she will tell you - the Wall!

Students call out a challenge they want to face before they begin climbing the wall. This activity helps students practice working with the LPS school community to overcome challenges.

LPS Students - Leadership in Action

What does the "Lead" mean in the LPS motto "Learn. Lead. Succeed."?

Self-aware, resilient, independent and able to guide and positively influence others...these are a few of the qualities of an LPS student leader. This summer was filled with examples of our students stepping into leadership roles and providing positive role models for incoming 9th graders.

Stanford Leadership Retreat
Each school brought a group of Peer Leaders to help the incoming 9th graders feel more at home and learn how to maximize their
experience at LPS.

LPS-College Park Peer Leader

“I took time out of my other activities to come here because I wanted the 9th graders to feel welcome…” -- Elizabeth C.

LPS-San Jose Summer Bridge Program

Several LPS-San Jose seniors came back to campus to help incoming 9th graders learn about the LPS-San Jose school culture and get ready for the school year.

“I'm passionate about education and I want to be a teacher. I'm here because I know that it makes a big difference to the students to see someone come back who made it to graduation and college. I want them to say, 'If she could do it, I can do it.' I tell them that I plan to come back in the year 2014 and I hope to see them all at graduation.” -- Yara I.

“I like helping people. I like being a leader. This program can help 9th graders feel welcome and develop their own leadership skills. That's why I'm giving my time to these kids. I don't want them to waste any time the way I did.” -- Christopher L.

Benefactors - Big and Small!

Thanks to our youngest donor, Lili, age 9 who donated the proceeds from her garage sale to LPS for new computers!

We are also thrilled to be the primary beneficiaries of the Ira Sohn
San Francisco Investors Conference!
We thank all of our donors for their financial support. It is because of your generosity that 97% of LPS 2010 graduates were accepted to college!

LPS has a New Address!

The LPS Home Office is now located in downtown Oakland!

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