Greetings!

I am delighted to share with you Leadership Public Schools’ many successes this school year.

- **Intel Schools of Distinction Finalist:** LPS-Hayward has been selected as one of three high schools nationwide in the Math category.

- **Transformational Partnership with CK-12 Foundation:** Working with Neeru Khosla and the CK-12 Foundation we have launched a product line of **College Access Readers** in Algebra, Biology and Geometry enabling students with limited literacy skills to access rigorous college prep content.

- **Accelerating Reading:** 9th grade results for students entering LPS reading at a 4th grade level or below in the Read180 program.
  - 74% gained over one grade level in a year
  - 58% gained over two grade levels in a year
  - 33% gained over three grade levels in a year

- **Accelerating Algebra:** LPS-Richmond students using our accelerated Algebra College Access curriculum tripled their performance in a single semester!

Of course, the big news is that across the LPS network of four high schools, 97% of our graduating seniors have been accepted to college!

Here is a partial list of the colleges:

**UC San Diego, Occidental College, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced, San Francisco State University, Holy Names, UC Los Angeles, Cal State University East Bay, Sacramento State, San Jose State University, UC Riverside**

We look forward to a busy summer as we move ahead with our just-in-time data technology pilot programs, new initiatives and preparing for the 2011-2012 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

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LPS-Hayward Math Teachers Profiled by Edutopia, The George Lucas Educational Foundation

LPS-Hayward Math Teachers Mike Fauteux and Rose Zapata use video observation, collaborative planning, and candid, constructive criticism to improve their practice and increase student achievement. Take a look inside their math classrooms in this video and learn more about their successful team teaching partnership on the Edutopia blog. Their team teaching partnership is just one example of how Leadership Public Schools is developing a culture of innovation in the classroom.

Louise Bay Waters Keynote Address at Hewlett Foundation Conference on Open Educational Resources

Louise Bay Waters Keynote

"I see the power of open source educational resources on at least three levels: free, innovative products; empowering processes; and the opportunity to transform how students experience education as producers of their own educational content."
Green Pioneers Celebrate Earth Day!

The Green Pioneers, a group of environmentally-minded students, are working with the Oakland Unified School District to create a regular Farmer’s Market on the campus of LPS-College Park and Castlemont Community of Small Schools. MORE...

Student Profile: Graduating Senior Dorian Escobar

“I remember telling my mom that when I turned 16, I was going to get a job and drop out of school. I didn’t see any Latinos graduating from high school, so I thought I didn’t have what it took to get to college anyway. She would say, “do not do what I did and live this life.” She only got to 2nd grade before she left school to work.”

“I started attending LPS-Richmond, a school that feels like family. Ms. Lac, who was my English teacher for 9th and 10th grade, saw that I struggled a lot with my work. I had to work 10 times harder than a regular student. She was the first teacher to notice. In Dallas, people didn’t care about the way I learned, or the person I was. They only saw my grades. After Ms. Lac noticed me, I was diagnosed with dyslexia, and it got easier to reach out for the extra help I needed.”

“Today, this is one of my favorite quotes that I live by: “It is your time to shine, don’t wait in line.” I want to become a registered nurse, and maybe a doctor, to help kids with cancer or HIV.”
Welcome to our new LPS-San Jose Principal Vanessa Sifuentes

“I’m looking forward to working with a collaborative community of educators who are driven to see their students succeed against all odds. I’m also excited to work with a team of people moving towards the same goal of leadership development, college, and life-long success for the students we serve.”

Vanessa received her BA in Political Science and Chicana/o Studies from UCLA and her MA in Education from UC Berkeley. In the fall of 2003, Vanessa began her career in education as a Humanities teacher, continued as a Lead Teacher, and then worked as a Principal Intern for Aspire Public Schools in Oakland at both Monarch Academy and Lionel Wilson College Prep Academy. Vanessa returned to her hometown of San Jose in the summer of 2008 as the founding principal of ACE Charter School, a 5th-8th grade college-prep middle school focused on recruiting Far Below and Below Basic students and propelling them to proficiency by the end of 8th grade.