Greetings!

Our classrooms are buzzing with activity these days as we continue to develop our culture of innovation and impact student achievement across the Leadership Public Schools network.

- LPS-Hayward achieved an 866 on the Academic Performance Index (API) and now performs at the level of the most advantaged suburban high schools in California.
- LPS-College Park showed gains of over 2 years for 69% of their remedial reading students.
- LPS-Richmond has the 6th highest Academic Performance Index (API) growth among all California high schools.
- LPS-San Jose has one of the most sustained growth paths of any California high school: 190 points over four years.

In addition to celebrating these results, I had the pleasure of attending the Washington, DC awards ceremony for the Intel Schools of Distinction Competition. LPS-Hayward was selected as one of only three finalists in math from a national pool of applicants. In the words of Intel, “All finalists serve as outstanding examples of leaders preparing tomorrow’s innovators.”

We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments and look forward to building on our program successes and sharing best practices to improve public education for all.

Dr. Louise Bay Waters
Superintendent and CEO

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The Impact of Innovation

Over the past three years, LPS has launched several programs in math and literacy to help our students take control of their academic future and make the leaps necessary to prepare for college success. The impact of these programs and the LPS commitment to innovation can be seen in rising Academic Performance Index (API) scores and the gains our students are making in math and literacy.
LPS Students Shine in Summer Programs

Earthwatch Student Fellowship

"I learned about volcanoes on Mars, how to use a RAM spectrometer, and how to map out lava flows. I learned so many things on the trip, but most importantly I learned that I'm ready to travel the world and visit all kinds of places."

Alexis Valladares, an LPS-College Park Green Pioneer, was nominated by his teacher last year to become an Earthwatch Student Fellow, based on his passion for learning and commitment to engaging his community around conservation issues. The fellowship provided him with an all-expenses paid trip to Arizona where he studied volcanoes and other geological phenomena with professors and 10 other student fellows.

Summer Legal Fellows Program
"In my family no one has gone to college. My dad made it to the end of 8th grade and my mom didn't even start sixth grade. I would be the first to graduate high school."

**Student Profile: First Generation College Bound**

A core piece of the Leadership Public Schools mission is to help students believe they can graduate high school and be the first in their family to go to college.

We are looking towards the future, but had to celebrate one more LPS graduate who is taking the steps to transform both her life and that of her family.

"I chose LPS because my goal is to be the first one in my family to go to college. It's more than me graduating from high school: I feel like my family is graduating with me. We've all taken that step. My mom has been with me when I stay up until three in the morning to do my homework. They feel really proud because I'm the first one. Both of my parents didn't even finish elementary school, so it's a big difference from where they left off to where I'm going." -- Vianca Gonzalez, San Francisco State University

**LPS launches its new classroom app - ExitTicket**

ExitTicket ([www.ExitTicket.org](http://www.ExitTicket.org)) is an interactive, real-time, "exit ticket" style classroom question and feedback system designed to accelerate student and teacher performance. LPS uses a variety of techniques to help students make 2-5 years of gains in a single year, but exit tickets are one of the most powerful tools.

The project was designed and created by Leadership Public Schools with the generous sponsorship of Full Circle Fund. ExitTicket is
designed to run on common mobile devices like iPhones, Androids, tablets, iPads, laptops, anything with a WiFi connection.