Dear LPS Community,

It gives me great pleasure to reignite our LPS newsletter! Spring is a season of renewal and here at LPS we are taking that as an opportunity to refresh our commitment to sharing our work and to raising awareness of the incredible students and staff across our network of schools.

This year, we have revamped our mission, received accolades for our English Language Arts achievements, and are renewing our charters in Oakland and Richmond. We have initiated a Maker Lab in Hayward and increased the number of students in our unique partnership with Merritt Community College, creating a better pathway for the transition from high school to college. We are strengthening our partnerships with districts and affirming our commitment to solving some of education’s most complex problems so that all students benefit.

Upcoming Events

May 18, 2017  INTERSECTIONS 2017
A night of theater, community, and social justice produced by LPS Richmond students
Just a couple of weeks ago, I returned from a cross-cultural trip to Indonesia where I helped a college develop its English Language credential program. I also saw firsthand their amazing work using restorative practices and youth empowerment to build trust between Muslim and Christian communities. This gave me an entirely new perspective on these approaches, which we also use at LPS, and I am exploring ways to learn from each other and connect our programs. During that trip, I also co-authored an opinion piece with LPS Advisor Gary Yee on bridging the charter - district divide in Oakland. Overall, there is so much to celebrate here at LPS and we embrace every opportunity to improve our work for our students and their families.

We look forward to staying in touch with you each month and hope that together we can make real our vision of educational equity.

Yours in partnership,
Dr. Louise Bay Waters
Superintendent & CEO