

2022 Advocacy Agenda

PRIORITIES

The Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) legislative and funding priorities for 2022 calls for systemic policy changes that make schools a safe and equitable place for student learning. To strengthen our advocacy and improve the collaboration with the families and communities we serve, Los Angeles Unified will continue its outreach to stakeholders to encourage their engagement and support for this advocacy agenda.



LOCAL LEVEL

- Advocate to LA County to dedicate Prop. 63 funds to expand mental health services school districts directly provide to students.
- Advocate for resources that support a positive school climate and safe routes to school for all students.
- Address other local concerns on a case by case basis as issues arise.

STATE LEVEL

• Pursue legislation to authorize an alternative for executing design build facility projects.

• Pursue legislation to make Kindergarten a mandatory grade level.

Pursue legislation to promote equitable grading policies.

- Pursue technical changes to existing law that reference 400,000 average daily attendance.
- Pursue clarification to the definition of the teacher to administrator ratio calculation.
 - Pursue flexibilities to mitigate certificated and classified staff shortages.
 - Support or co-sponsor legislative efforts regarding student COVID-19 vaccines.
 - Pursue legislative authorization for vision screening consent opt-out.
 - Support funding increases to the Local Control Funding Formula.
 - Pursue legislation or support efforts to mitigate impact of declining enrollment and explore moving from an ADA-based funding system to one based on student enrollment.
- Support increased flexible funding and policies that strengthen P-12 education, including early childhood education and adult learners.
- Support sustainable funding and policies for students with disabilities.
- Support legislation to address the digital divide gap with policy changes and increased investments.
- Pursue the necessary policy and funding flexibilities as new issues arise.

FEDERAL LEVEL

- Support the adoption of the IDEA Full Funding Act.
- Advocate for sustainable funding beyond the one-time investments to support the District's COVID-19 response.
- · Advocate for increased federal appropriations for programs including Title I, Title II, Title IV and GEAR UP.
- Advocate for increased funding and policy changes to increase access to free broadband connectivity for all students.
- Support the adoption of a school construction bill to increase federal financial support for school facilities.
- Advocate for protections and supports of immigrant students and families to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment.

