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Superintendent's Office
Austin Beutner

Principals:

LA Unified is going to make it easier for families to engage in their child's education and volunteer at their local schools. We will eliminate the fees charged to volunteers for fingerprinting and background checks and expand the number of locations where families and community members can sign up to volunteer. Parents and other volunteers with appointments for fingerprinting will not be required to provide a \$56.00 fingerprinting fee. In addition, volunteers who paid the fingerprinting fee after July 1, 2018 will be reimbursed and a process for that will be shared shortly. David Kooper in my office is leading a small working group in a continuing effort to identify other changes we might make to encourage and increase family and community engagement. Please feel free to reach out to him with additional thoughts. He can be reached at 213 241-7000 or david.kooper@lausd.net.

On a personal note, enjoy the time to gather with friends and family for Thanksgiving. As we begin this holiday I would like to express my gratitude to you for your daily commitment to students.

Austin

What's Due at a Glance

Due Date	Action	Information Link	Contact
Friday, November 30, 2018	ALL: English Learner and RFEP Progress Monitoring Online Accountabilities (OLAS)	OLAS Calendar	Rafael Escamilla rafael.escamilla@lausd.net
Friday, December 7, 2018	ES:: MTSS Professional Development Modules (Parts A&B) Certification Due		Dr. Robert Whitman, rdw5302@lausd.net

What's New

- **ALL: December Instructional Update**

Division of Instruction's monthly Instructional Update lists all available professional development opportunities and resources for school sites. The Instructional Update will continue to be emailed directly to teachers on the first school day of each month.

[December Instructional Update - ELEMENTARY](#)

[December Instructional Update - SECONDARY](#)

- **ALL: Gifted Network for African American/Black Students and Families**

The Access, Equity and Acceleration Unit is proud to announce the second meeting of the Gifted Network for the 2018-2019 school year. This network invites Gifted/Highly Gifted African American/Black students and their families to participate in quarterly meetings designed to engage students and their families in enrichment programs/activities while also developing parents' awareness of District/community resources to support their Gifted/Highly Gifted child.

Date: December 1, 2018

Location: Palms Middle School, 10860 Woodbine Street, L.A., CA 90034

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Robert Whitman, Administrator, robert.whitman@lausd.net or Andre Spicer, Director, andre.spicer@lausd.net, 213-241-3340.

- **ALL: Adaptive Schools Training**

The Office of Innovation within the Department of Instruction is offering a **Calibrating Conversation 2-Day workshop** featuring educational consultant Carolyn McKanders. The workshop is open to Administrators (Central, Local Districts, and Principals). The **prerequisite** to attend this workshop is the completion of Adaptive Schools Foundational Seminar or Cognitive Coaching. The seminar is limited to 60 participants, others will be placed on a waiting list and contacted when room becomes available. Please see [flyer](#) for dates, location and registration information.

For more information, please contact Kathy Stehr, *Coordinator Professional Development Design*, kathy.stehr@lausd.net, (213) 241-5570.

- **ALL: Celebrate Computer Science Education Week, December 3 – 9, 2018, at your School!**

Are you celebrating Computer Science Education (CSE) Week? If so, please fill out this form so we can promote your event in the Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) Newsletter and the LAUSD Computer Science Education website: <http://bit.ly/csedweeklausd>. For ideas on how to organize an Hour of Code, please visit <https://csedweek.org/>.

For more information, please contact, Dawn Guest-Johnson, *Computer Science Coordinator*, dmg0923@lausd.net, (213) 241-5532.

- **ALL: LMS Stakeholder Survey Open till November 30, 2018**

Personalized Learning Systems (PLS) is seeking feedback from administrators, teachers, students, and parents using L.A Unified's Learning Management System (LMS) and online gradebook, Schoology. The survey will be available from November 1 – November 30, 2018. LMS users can complete this brief survey at: <http://bit.ly/LMSSurveyFall2018>.

For more information, please contact Personalized Learning Systems, pls@lausd.net, (213)241-3017.

- **ALL: ITI Task Force Meeting - Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm, at Parent Community and Student Services Office, 1360 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.**

The Instructional Technology Initiative (ITI) Task Force meeting is an opportunity to learn about and contribute to the District's current instructional technology efforts. This meeting will feature Dr. Katie Salen from UC Irvine to share about their research efforts on using Minecraft to explore social-emotional learning. Meetings are open to all stakeholders. To RSVP, click on the [link](#).

For more information, please contact Dr. Vanessa Monterosa, *Program/Policy Specialist*, vanessa.monterosa@lausd.net, (213) 241-5532.

- **ALL: Want to be a Linked Learning School?**

If you would like to learn more about Linked Learning and how to become a Linked Learning pathway, we would be happy to send a staff member to make a presentation to you and/or your faculty, answer any questions, and discuss the support your school will receive if you decide to adopt this approach

For more information or to arrange a presentation, please contact Tiffany Spellman, *Linked Learning Coach*, tab3028@lausd.net, (213) 241-8743.

- **ALL: Save the Date: Comprehensive Family Training: 2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners**

MMED will be launching an e-Learning training to support families on the 2018 Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners. This training will be available on the MMED website by Monday, December 3, 2018.

For more information, please contact Rafael Escamilla, *EL Programs Coordinator*, rafael.escamilla@lausd.net, (213) 241-5582.

What's Due

- **ALL: English Learner and RFEP Progress Monitoring Online Accountabilities (OLAS) Friday, November 30, 2018**

Schools are to monitor the academic progress of ELs and RFEPs as part of the Student Support and Progress Team (SSPT) meetings on an ongoing basis. Identified EL/RFEP students who are not making adequate academic progress should be referred to SSPT for an individual SSPT review. In addition, the teacher should share the academic data with individual students and their parents, supporting them to set academic goals/targets for the next reporting period or assessment opportunity.

For more information, please contact Rafael Escamilla, *EL Programs Coordinator*, rafael.escamilla@lausd.net, (213) 241-5582.

- **ES: Multi-Tiered System of Support Professional Development Module Certification Due December 7, 2018**

School principals must certify that the MTSS Professional Development Module (Parts A and B) has been completed prior to December 7, 2018 by submitting their professional development plans to their directors. Schools must retain a copy of the Banked Time Tuesday meeting agendas and sign in sheets.

For more information, please contact Dr. Robert Whitman, Administrator, Access, Equity and Acceleration, rdw5302@lausd.net, (213)241-3340.

- **HS: Reminder: Advanced Placement History/Social Science textbook selections are due on December 12, 2018.**

Please see [MEM-059298 – Selection of Textbooks for High School Advanced Placement History/Social Science Courses](#) for instructions and the list of courses and textbook titles from which to select.

What should you do with your obsolete High School History and Math elective textbooks? [REF-054697](#) provides information on disposing of obsolete HS History and Math elective textbooks.

For more information, please contact Dr. Esther Sinofsky, Administrative Coordinator, esther.sinofsky@lausd.net, (213)241-1236.

Grant, Scholarship and Partnership Opportunities
Dr. Frances Gipson

What's New

- **ALL: DonorsChoose**

DonorsChoose empowers public school teachers from across the country to request much needed materials and experiences for their students. Teachers are allowed to register the materials and resources they need and DonorsChoose matches those needs to donors interested in supporting their needs. DonorsChoose verifies the requested items and purchases them; those items are then shipped directly to the school. There is no submission deadline and classroom registration is ongoing. Website: <https://www.donorschoose.org/>

- **HS: Michael and Susan Dell Foundation Dell Scholars Program**

Scholarship opportunities for the class of 2019. A scholarship opportunity to be shared with current juniors. The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation created Dell Scholars to recognize and assist an underserved population—students in the academic middle from low-income households who are often among the first in their families to attend college. All Dell Scholars have overcome significant personal challenges in their pursuit of higher education. The financial award helps students with various education expenses; but, most importantly, the program is more than just a check: Dell Scholars is a college completion program that provides students with key supports they need to obtain a college degree. Student application window opens November 1, 2018. <https://www.dellscholars.org/scholarship/>

Information Technology
Shahryar Khazei

What's New

- **Benefit Enrollments System** – the new system is now in production and being used for the 2019 open enrollment period.
- **LAUSD TechApp** – the App is now available on the Apple and Android stores for all parents to download. As of today, 3,000 parents have downloaded the App.
- **My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS)** – The MiSiS team is preparing for the upcoming secondary grading window and the Fall to Spring scheduling rollover process. The grading window will be open from November 8-16. The next scheduled release is Tuesday, November 27. Please visit the MiSiS website (<http://achieve.lausd.net/misis>) for release notes.

Operations
Vivian Ekchian

What's New

- As we prepare for a pending work stoppage, we want to ensure that administrators have guidance on potential student walkouts and demonstrations. Please click on the following links:

[Student Walkouts and Demonstrations Guidance to Administrators](#)
[Procedures for Handling Disturbances, or Demonstrations on or Adjacent to School Sites](#)

- ALL: Reminder: The “[Continuity of Learning - Digital Backpack Resources](#)” group is available in Schoology for all school and district administrators. Administrators can join this group by entering the access code at <http://lms.lausd.net>: V9D5F-XHR7C

Please see the flyer available at <http://bit.ly/CoLbackpack> for more information.