IEP TEAM MEETING UPDATE

From July 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, LAUSD has successfully conducted 49,407 team meetings, excluding Charter.

THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD), SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

The Division of Special Education has met with the Local Plan Advisory Committee (LPAC) so far six times this spring to review the SELPA’s Local Plan. We have reviewed Section A, the Contacts and Certification section, all items 1–12 under Local Plan Requirements, and have begun reviewing the items under the Administration of Regionalized Operations and Services Section. We will continue with the revisions following the timeline shared in the December 2023 CAC meeting. You may access the LPAC timeline document here. You can also access the Local Plan at https://www.lausd.org/Page/16734.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2024 – JUNE 20TH – JULY 19TH OF 2024

The ESY student enrollment application is available on the Parent Portal and will close on June 7, 2024. If families are unable to access the Parent Portal, they may also contact their child’s school site and seek information and/or assistance. Families can visit the Special Education Division, Operation–ESY webpage for the latest information and flyer at https://achieve.lausd.net/spedESY.

DISTRICT OFFICE OF TRANSITION SERVICES (DOTS)

Students are encouraged to attend the webinar titled, “Benefits Counseling to Support Work Efforts – How you can access benefits planning services in your community.” Participants will increase their understanding about the resources available to them and will learn about the impact of their earnings, health care and disability benefits. This webinar will take place on March 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Registration required.
AUTISM SPEAKS

Is an agency that advocates and protects the rights of individuals with autism. It focuses on increasing awareness about inclusion, accessing services and support for families of students with autism. In the month of March, they are offering an online event titled, “Supporting Siblings and Caregivers of Youth with Behavioral Challenges.” Families will learn about the importance of supporting siblings with Autism. This conversation will be led by program social workers and psychiatrists from the University of Massachusetts on March 7, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. For any questions and to reserve your spot please call (857) 523-1145 or email emily.rubin@umassmed.edu. See flyer for more information and visit their webpage at Autism Speaks.

ADULT EDUCATION AND VIRTUAL ACADEMY – 2023–2024 EQUITY PATHWAYS ENROLLMENT

LAUSD Families are invited to come and learn how to help their child succeed in school. These classes focus in four areas: Exceptional Learners, African American and Black Learners, Youngest Learners, and Multilingual Learners. Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and will start March 5th. Information and enrollment sessions will be in Spanish/English and will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 27th and Thursday, February 29th from 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Zoom link & passcode: Class1. For more information contact Ms. Veronica Ferrufino at (323)-902-1841 or email her at veronica.ferrufino@lausd.net. Access the flyer and fill out the Sign-Up Form today at LAUSDAdultEd.org/HelpYourChild.

MARCH 2024 DIVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT WORKSHOP

The Division of Special Education will be hosting one of its two last workshops this spring. The March parent workshop is titled, “Elevating Student Voice and Self-Advocacy Through the IEP Process.” Families are invited to come and learn how students can be their own advocate and participate in the development of their IEP. It will take place on March 12 at 9:00 a.m. and March 14 at 6:00 p.m. See the flyer for login and more information DSE Parent Workshops.
RESOURCES

TUTORING FOR INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT LEARNING
Learn about tutor.com and how the flexible tutoring options can support students with disabilities. Visit https://www.lausd.org/Page/18681 and explore the opportunities these programs can offer to your student. Elementary school students may also access PAPER by using their sign-on via Schoology. Visit https://paper.co/lausd/educators for more information.

PHONE NUMBERS
LAUSD General Hotline
213–431–4300
Division of Special Education School and Family Support Services
213–241–6701
LAUSD School Mental Health Hotline
213–241–3840
Technology Access
213–443–1300

WEBSITES
Division of Special Education
https://www.lausd.org/sped
Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement
https://www.lausd.org/Page/9654
Parent Portal
https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/