

## October 2024

### UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- **Office of Special Education Instruction:** The Division of Special Education Instruction (Alternate Curriculum) team has provided three Foundations of Alternate Curriculum Instruction Training (FACIT), designed for new special education, alternate curriculum program, teachers, over a 2-day session during September for approximately 100 teachers. The Community Based Instruction (CBI) training provided 21 teachers and paraprofessionals with an opportunity to learn about the philosophy of CBI, how to implement CBI in an instructional program and behavior management strategies to use while participating in the community.
- For the month of October, additional training for special education teachers will include the Unique Learning System 2.0 (advanced ULS skills), assessment training, and a general education-teacher session that focuses on “Including Students with Extensive Support Needs in General Education.”
- **Special Education Local Plan Area:** Good news! The SELPA Local Plan was accepted by the California Department of Education (CDE) on September 25, 2024. The Local Plan may be accessed and downloaded on the Division of Special Education website at <https://www.lausd.org/Page/16734>. Note: A translated copy of the Spanish version will be posted on the website as soon as it becomes available.

### DATA & METRIC

- **IEP Completion Data:** From July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, LAUSD has successfully conducted 13, 870 IEP team meetings. This value excludes the number of IEP team meetings completed at independent charter schools.

### PARENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- **World Cerebral Palsy Day:** Every year, on October 6th, we come together to raise awareness about cerebral palsy (CP) and the challenges faced by those living with this condition. This is an important opportunity to celebrate the strengths of individuals with CP and to advocate for better resources, inclusion, and support. [Visit the Division of Special Education website to access more information.](#)



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- **Listen and Learn Sessions:** The Division of Special Education continues its commitment to engage stakeholders and will bring the series of Listen and Learn sessions to a close during the month of October.
- On October 11, 2024, the Division of Special Education conducted a Listen and Learn Session with a focus group comprised of members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Dr. Soto will extend an invitation to convene another Listen and Learn Session with community partners such as Regional Centers and Family Resource Centers.
- **Save The Date - Legislative Sharing Day Spring 2025:** Every spring, SELPA administrators, parents of students with disabilities, and other educational leaders gather for *Leg Day* to meet with legislators and discuss key issues affecting special education, students, families, and educators. This year's *Leg Day* will be held on April 30, 2025. As with last year, attendance will be determined through a lottery system based on specific criteria. More information will be forthcoming.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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Division of Special Education School & Family Support Services	213-241-6071	<a href="https://www.lausd.org/sped">https://www.lausd.org/sped</a>
LAUSD General Hotline	213-431-4300	<a href="https://www.lausd.org/">https://www.lausd.org/</a>
LAUSD Mental Health Hotline	213-241-3840	<a href="https://www.lausd.org/Page/12120">https://www.lausd.org/Page/12120</a>
Technology Access	213-443-1300	<a href="https://www.lausd.org/its">https://www.lausd.org/its</a>
Parent Portal	213-481-3350	<a href="https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess">https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess</a>
Tutoring for Individualized Student Learning	213-241-5200	<a href="https://www.lausd.org/tutoring">https://www.lausd.org/tutoring</a>