

LAUSD Parent Advisory Committee

Chairperson's Report

November 10, 2022

Hello, colleagues:

First, welcome to you all, new and returning members alike! Serving on our Parent Advisory Committee is a big commitment, and I do hope each of you remains with us for the entire year. If at any time you're no longer able to continue, then please inform Leah Brackins or Reina Diaz so they can arrange for your alternate to step in. This is very important to ensure continuity.

The *status quo* will be changing. Supt. Carvalho's vision is clear in the 2022-26 Strategic Plan, its five 'pillars' a renewed effort to do right by students, families, and staff alike. These pillars are:

- Academic Excellence
- Joy and Wellness
- Engagement and Collaboration
- Operational Effectiveness
- Investing in Staff

To read this Plan and download it for your own reference, go to achieve.lausd.net/StrategicPlan.

Other changes this year include aligning the eight existing LCAP District Goals with the Strategic Plan, along with a major LAUSD reorganization from the current six Local Districts to four Regions. Limited information available at the moment indicates that this organizational change is already underway. If so, my concern is that the process will surely involve much uncertainty for everyone.

While the primary role of our PAC is to review and provide comments on the District's draft LCAP to the Superintendent, I believe strongly that we also have a responsibility to support and mentor each other as well as families at our children's school sites, which after all is where we live and where most of our experiences as LAUSD parents happen. This includes, among other things, how we view our School Site Councils and English Learner Advisory Committees. Are these bodies operating properly, and are all officers and members being meaningfully trained to carry out their duties? If a school principal or staffer is running meetings rather than an elected chairperson, we should speak up to say this situation violates *BUL-6745.5* and must be immediately addressed.

In closing, I ask you to remember this proverb in your work: ***"If not me, who? If not now, when?"***

At your service,

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