



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2020 Advocacy Agenda



PUTTING SCHOOLS
IN THE CENTER

PRIORITIES

This advocacy agenda outlines the 2020 Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) legislative and funding priorities to increase academic and social-emotional learning outcomes, promote equity and excellence for all, and achieve organizational sustainability to better serve our students, staff, and communities. With schools at the center of their communities, they can serve as a place to strengthen communication and engagement with families and other local stakeholders.



ACHIEVEMENT



EQUITY



ORGANIZATIONAL
SUSTAINABILITY



COMMUNICATIONS
AND ENGAGEMENT

STATE LEVEL



- **SB 1153 (Rubio)** - Requires children to attend kindergarten in an effort to close the achievement gap and reduce chronic absenteeism.
- Pursue sustainable funding for P-12 special education students with moderate-to-severe disabilities and preschool-aged students.
- Pursue informational inquiry to move from an Average Daily Attendance funding system to one based on student enrollment.
- Improve and strengthen the administration of the California Adult Education Program.



- **AB 2175 (Gipson)** - Authorizes school districts to sponsor school-based programs for school nurses to satisfy the Clear School Nurses Services Credential requirements.
- **AB 2412 (Carrillo)** - Provides alternatives to expulsion for the sale of marijuana.
- **SB 1075 (Gonzalez)** - Increases opportunities for children to attend expanded Transitional Kindergarten.
- Support increased funding for P-12 education through the state budget process and voter education and engagement on funding initiatives impacting schools.



- **AB 3308 (Gabriel)** - Authorizes the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to allow for employer-specific preferences when issuing Low Income Housing Tax Credits.
- **AB 3324 (O'Donnell)** - Prohibits the Department of State Architect from requiring additional state review of workforce housing projects on school district property.
- **AB 1981 (Nazarian)** - Extends the sunset authorization for Los Angeles Unified to utilize best value procurement method for school facility projects as a pilot program.
- **AB 2184 (O'Donnell)** - Provides school districts with an additional method for executing design-build projects as a cost saving mechanism.
- **AB 1859 (Santiago)** - Extends the sunset date to authorize the District, until January 1, 2027, to hire outside of the rule of three ranks for certain positions if the applicant possesses specific qualifications or skills that are required for the position.
- Pursue expedient release of district's unclaimed property held by state agencies.



- **SB 1176 (Rubio)** - Minimizes the cost of fingerprinting fees for parent volunteers at their children's schools.
- **AB 3180 (Gabriel)** - Authorizes local educational agencies to adopt a local policy for the disposal of vaping devices.

OTHER ADVOCACY EFFORTS

LOCAL LEVEL



- Collaborate and develop partnerships with county officials to access Proposition 63 funds to expand a comprehensive array of mental health services that promote students' well-being.
- Pursue free, year-round public transit passes for P-12 students from district schools on any of the transit options offered by the Metropolitan Transportation Agency.
- Work with partners to increase green spaces that enrich and strengthen our campus environments.



- Encourage civic engagement efforts focused on voter registration, education and participation.
- Collaborate with city and county officials and other local partners to implement a comprehensive outreach strategy for the 2020 Census campaign.

FEDERAL LEVEL



- Support the passage and adoption of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Full Funding Act.



- Advocate for increased federal appropriations for programs including Title I, Title II, Title IV, GEAR UP and the Magnet Schools Assistance (MSA) grant.



- Support the passage and adoption of the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019.



- Advocate for protections and supports of our immigrant families to ensure that all students are learning in a safe and supportive environment.

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