



2021 Advocacy Priorities

The 2021 Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) legislative and funding priorities reinforce efforts to put schools at the center of their communities. This will require concerted advocacy calling for systemic policy changes that advance efforts to make schools a safe place for learning and provide a safety net for all working in and living near schools. Given the unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will pursue the necessary policy and funding flexibilities in 2021 as new issues arise.

To strengthen our State, Federal and Local advocacy efforts and improve the collaboration with the families and communities we serve, the District will continue its outreach to stakeholders to encourage their engagement and support for these advocacy efforts.

Access and Support for All Students

Support equitable funding to address learning loss and provide all preschool-aged through 12th grade students with additional time at school to recover lost learning opportunities and deal with the anxiety and trauma the pandemic has brought into their homes and our communities.

Address the digital divide with commitments and investments from all levels of government.

Support sustainable funding for P-12 special education students with moderate-to-severe disabilities and preschool-aged students.

Meeting the Needs of the Community during COVID-19

Support increased funding for P-12, including early childhood education, to address the inequities and impacts of the pandemic, including **COVID-19 testing, vaccination and food relief efforts**.

Authorize school districts to sponsor school-based programs for school nurses to satisfy the Clear School Nurses Services Credential requirements.

Pursue permanent extension of telehealth flexibilities authorized for the COVID-19 national emergency.

Call on state to direct counties to dedicate Prop. 63 funds and other resources to expand a comprehensive array of mental health services that addresses students' well-being exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic.