

March 16, 2018

As part of our ongoing updates to families and communities around campus safety, we are writing to inform you about the following steps that L.A. Unified took this week:

- A Parent Emergency Information website has been established (<https://achieve.lausd.net/pei>), which explains how the District prepares for, and responds to, emergency situations, including how family reunification occurs during emergencies. The website is available in English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Armenian.
- Emergency Plan mobile apps have been created to provide critical information on District preparedness and response to emergencies. You can find these apps by visiting: <http://achieve.lausd.net/emergencyapps>.
- The District provided resources and guidance to support the planning of safe, peaceful, on-campus activities on March 14. Students expressed their perspectives and recommended solutions related to gun violence.
- We embarked upon a districtwide campaign to promote *17 Acts of Kindness* for the month of March, in honor of individuals who tragically lost their lives. Everyone is encouraged to show kindness by performing 17 simple expressions of love, appreciation, and concern for others to promote healing. To learn more, please visit <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/14516#spn-content>.
- Our school police department continues to respond to social media threats. The vast majority of these threats are non-credible, and from students posting as a “joke.” Many students have been arrested for posting threats. We want to remind parents and guardians that we take all threats seriously – and fully investigate them – as they pertain to safety in our schools. Please talk to your children about using social media responsibly, and please monitor what your children are viewing and posting.

- On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Board of Education approved a resolution calling on the federal government to immediately pass common sense gun reform legislation, fund and conduct research on gun violence detection and prevention, and increase funding for emergency preparedness. As a result, the District will continue to evaluate safety procedures and move toward establishing a Safe Schools Task Force comprised of representatives of all stakeholder groups: parents/guardians, students, teachers, support staff, administrators and community organizations.
- Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer announced he is forming the Los Angeles School Safety Blue Ribbon Panel, which will hold a series of public hearings before issuing a report this summer. The panel will bring together L.A. Unified personnel, civic leaders, subject matter experts, and student and parent/guardian voices. It was also stressed that parents/guardians who own firearms will be arrested and prosecuted for their negligence and failure to properly secure and store firearms in homes. Please lock up and secure your firearms. It is the law!
- We want to remind parents and guardians again about the important role you play in our emergency notification system. It is critical that we have updated contact information, including your mobile phone number and email address, in our database. Your contact information may be updated in person, at your child's school, or through the parent portal that can be accessed via:
<http://passportapp.lausd.net/parentaccess/>.

We thank you for your continued support. Together, we will ensure the safety of our students, employees and school communities.

Sincerely,

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