



SUPERINTENDENT AUSTIN BEUTNER

"I came to Los Angeles Unified to help do the work. I am a product of public schools, and I wouldn't be here today, but for my great public education. I have committed myself to making sure children in our community have the same opportunities I was provided with. The best opportunity I was ever given was a great public education."

Austin Beutner was named Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District in May 2018.

He is a civic leader, philanthropist, public servant and former businessman who has worked for the past decade to make Los Angeles a stronger community. During this time, he has served as First Deputy Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Publisher of the Los Angeles Times, Co-Chair of the LA 2020 Commission and the L.A. Unified Advisory Task Force, and founded Vision To Learn.

In 2012, Mr. Beutner founded Vision To Learn which provides free eye exams and glasses to children in low-income communities. The non-profit organization started serving students in Los Angeles Unified and now serves students in 118 school districts in more than 300 cities and 13 states across the country. Vision To Learn has helped more than 160,000 students since it was founded.

At the invitation of former Superintendent, Dr. Michelle King, Mr. Beutner, together with then president of SEIU Local 2015 Laphonza Butler, created the L.A. Unified Advisory Task Force to help the Superintendent and the leadership team identify issues and opportunities for change. The panel of education, not-for-profit, government, labor and business leaders has provided recommendations to the District on equity, workforce, budget, student attendance, transparency and accountability, and the District's real-estate holdings.

Mr. Beutner has taught classes on ethics, leadership and effective government at Harvard Business School, the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy, the UCLA Anderson School of Management, and California State University Northridge.

Mr. Beutner graduated from Dartmouth College with a bachelor's degree in economics and currently serves on the board of the National Park Foundation, is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

PROFILES

- [L.A.'s 'job czar' boasts a broad portfolio at City Hall](#)
Los Angeles Times – Phil Willon
April 16, 2010
- [The Unpolitician](#)
Los Angeles Magazine – Gabriel Kahn
May 1, 2011
- [Giving kids a view to a better future](#)
Los Angeles Times – Steve Lopez
February 5, 2013

SPEECHES / OP-EDS

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- [Speech to Community Leaders](#)
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- [Annual Administrators' Address Speech](#)
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