

Laguna Beach Unified School District

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Opening School Year Report
2015-16

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Laguna Beach Unified School District Mission:

“Each student gains the knowledge, experience, world perspectives, and skills needed to become a lifelong learner and producer in a competitive and interconnected world.”

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- *Leadership*
- *Strategic Goals/LCAP*
- *Capacity Building*
- *Habits of Mind*
- *California State Standards*
- *CAASPP Assessment*
- *Creating authentic learning experiences for students - UDL, PBL, 4CLE*
- *Technology*

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BUSINESS – Facilities

- Roofing replacement on LBHS 40s, 50s, and 70s
- LBHS flooring replacements in 80s
- LBHS exterior stucco repairs and painting at front of school
- LBHS tennis court renovation project
- LBHS band room expansion and acoustical improvements in 50s classrooms
- LBHS press box repairs
- LBHS library renovation

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BUSINESS – Facilities

- TMS front office acoustical improvements
- TMS cabinetry demo, patch and paint
- EM HVAC replacement and addition of AC
- EM flooring replacements in A, B, C, and E
- EM windscreen replacement at playfield
- EM exterior door painting
- TOW flooring replacements in 2000 and 3000 building

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BUSINESS - Facilities

- TOW roof repairs on 4000 building
- TOW roofing restoration on 2000, 3000, and 6000 buildings
- TOW water main replacement and addition of isolation valves
- TOW siding repairs/replacements
- TOW slope wall repairs and drainage improvements

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BUSINESS - Fiscal and Nutrition

- School budgets in place, including carryover
 - added funds for health supplies related to risk management and concussion protocols
- Nutrition contractors aligned for continued improvement and accountability
- Staff development provided for nutrition staff
- Renewed contracts for bus transportation and landscape maintenance

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HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Joint Health Benefits Committee - high quality health benefits program and new HMO option
- Additional data input and further development of HR2.0
- New Public Communications Liaison, who will support video streaming of Board meetings

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HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Schools fully staffed:

- 26 teachers and counselors
 - LBHS Counselor
 - EM/TOW Counselor
 - 8 Elementary Teachers - 3 at El Morro and 5 at TOW, includes 2 Special Education
 - 2 CLC Teachers
 - EM/TOW PE Teacher
 - LBHS Athletic Director
 - LBHS Drama Teacher
 - TMS Drama Teacher
 - 4 other LBHS Teachers - 2 Science, 1 Math, .8 Social Studies
 - 6 other TMS Teachers - 2 Spec Ed, 2 Math, .6 Art, 1 Science
 - TMS Assistant Principal

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HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Schools fully staffed:

- 17 classified support staff
 - Administrative Assistant, Human Resources & Public Communications
 - Public Communications and Relations Liaison
 - Reception/Counseling Office Assistant
 - LBHS Athletic Trainer
 - Early Learning Specialist
 - Workability Specialist
 - 6 Instructional Assistants for Special Education - all sites
 - TOW Instructional Assistant for Physical Education
 - 2 Office Assistants - TOW and LBHS
 - 2 Campus Supervisors - TMS and LBHS

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - Staff Development

- Professional development for continued implementation of California State Standards through Universal Design for Learning
 - K-8 Mathematics textbook training
 - Subject Matter PLCs scheduled to meet regularly
 - Scheduled Interim and Benchmark Assessments
 - Arts Plan to be completed and implemented
 - Literacy/Writing at TMS and LBHS
 - Project Based Learning (PBL) - 2 cohorts
 - Thinking Maps
 - Two-day summer professional institute

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - Curriculum/Instruction

- ELD Pilots - 7-12
- ELA/ELD Pilots - selected grade levels, K-5
- Successful Summer School experience:
 - Approximately 129 students, K-8
 - 144 High School Students
- 12 Teachers participated in GATE Certification
- School Sites created GATE clusters
- Elementary Report Card aligned with CSS
- Online grading in grades K-5

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - Special Education

- Revised District Concussion Protocol
- Finalized Health Services website information
- Hired and trained new special education teachers
- Developed Mentor Program last spring at the HS
- Completed Special Education Summer school

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INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES - Technology

- 21st Century Teaching and Learning:
 - Added 12 4CLE Classrooms
 - Audio amplification, flexible furniture, monitors
 - 170,000 shared files in Google
 - 1:1 devices and BYOD for 2nd - 12th grades
 - Gmail training for over 120 staff members
 - Haiku usage increased by 15x
 - Flexible Library Space

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TOP OF THE WORLD ELEMENTARY

- 123 new students
 - 68 kindergarten
 - 55 1st - 5th graders
- New first and fifth grade teachers
- PBIS and Rachel's Challenge orientation
- Summer facilities projects
- Chromebooks for all 2nd - 4th graders

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EL MORRO ELEMENTARY

- 138 new students
 - 28 TK
 - 62 Kindergarten
 - 48 1st - 5th graders
- New teachers and staff
- PBIS orientation assemblies
- Everyone loves the new A/C!!
- Chromebooks for all 2nd - 4th graders

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THURSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- TMS - 717 students
 - 232 – 6th graders
 - 223 – 7th graders
 - 262 – 8th graders
- 9 new staff members - Art, Drama, Math, Special Education, Assistant Principal, Campus Supervisor, Instructional Aide
- All classes balanced, with under a dozen first day of school schedule changes
- 4 teachers GATE certified

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THURSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- First Ever WAVERIDER Day!
- Distributed 1:1 devices
- 2 sections of STEAM - over 50 students
- 1 section of Coding - 25 students
- Science Camp - preparations have begun
- Friday, September 11: Thurston SMART day
 - Visited all Science classes/PBIS Day
 - Each department shared school-wide information
 - Shake it Off

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LAGUNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

- Link Crew Leaders trained
- Link Crew Freshmen Orientation
- New Teacher Meeting
- New-to-High-School Parent Meeting
 - Over 100 parents attended

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LAGUNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

- 1130 students
 - Enrollment increased by 100 students
- 20 new staff - 8 teachers, 1 counselor, and 11 classified staff
- 6 classrooms converted to 4CLE
- Library remodel project underway to create 21st Century learning environment

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LAGUNA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

- New Playwriting and Directing elective course offered
- Organizational Focus Area: Interdependence
- Instructional Focus Areas: Engage, Apply and Go Deep
 - 1:1 Technology
 - Universal Design for Learning
 - Project Base
 - Deep Learning
 - Webb's Depth of Knowledge

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" The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination. "

*John Schaar, Political Scientist,
University of Santa Clara*