

It's a Wrap

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In Appreciation of Service

"My time in Laguna Beach was one of the most rewarding periods in my life. I have been blessed to build relationships with some of the best educators in the state that have evolved into meaningful and lasting friendships. Laguna not only inspired me to continuously grow and learn as an educator and as a person, it gave me the opportunity to experience the unique joy and pride of being the principal of an extraordinary group of kids from elementary school to graduation!"

Joanne Culverhouse, Ed.D.

Superintendent **Sherine Smith** announced that LBHS Principal **Joanne Culverhouse** was promoted to a position in Palos Verdes Unified School District. "We are excited for Dr. Culverhouse as she begins a new journey as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in Palos Verdes Unified. Although we will miss Joanne and her strong leadership, we are happy that she is meeting her personal and career goals."



LBUSD Board President **Jan Vickers** said, "It is with mixed emotions that I comment on Dr. Culverhouse leaving our district to become an Assistant Superintendent in Palos Verdes. Having worked with Dr. C. for almost 15 years, I know how we have benefited from her loyalty, integrity, passion and educational knowledge. Joanne has been 'value added,' a standard that educators use to determine merit. Three of our four schools have excelled from her leadership as principal. Of course I am sad she is leaving, but just as one of her hallmarks is her true compassion and caring for all students and their families, I need to give her the same respect as she advances to meet her career goals. I am proud of Joanne and wish her success as I thank her for all she has given to this district, our students, families, staff and the community."

Described as "a community builder" and "totally engaged every minute," the Board and District staff shared anecdotes illustrating Dr. Culverhouse's inspirational energy and care for the LBUSD school community.

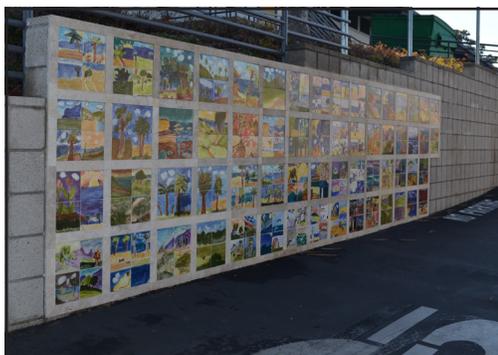
Other Reports

Director of Special Education and Student Services **Irene White** presented an update on the District’s Social Skills Facilitation Project. The program started as a pilot program with Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach staff members serving ELM, TOW and TMS. This year the program has expanded to include additional staff from the Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach at the middle school as well as the elementary school sites. “Our mission is to create a range of opportunities with supports to increase student connectedness. Our Instructional Assistants also support during these critical social times to facilitate positive interactions. Our program provides each student with a safe place to interact.”



Assistant Superintendent of Business Services **Dean West** reported on the Facilities Condition Assessment, a tool used in facilities planning. Beginning in October, the Board will participate in study sessions to review and discuss the report, and develop a ten-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Board action in January 2015.

Mr. West also presented the Proposition 39 California Clean Energy Jobs Act assessments. The recommendations focus on conservation and included a major focus on lighting and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC).



The next Board of Education meeting is September 8, 2014.