

UPDATE

Week of June 23, 2008

2007-2008 LAUSD REPORT CARD

At the end of each school year it is traditional to issue a report card to determine satisfactory progress towards the goal of grade-level achievement. It is therefore time for AALA to issue its report card regarding the success or failures of LAUSD. As with all report cards, this one is designed to assist the learners with progress towards high achievement in the running of the second largest school district in the United States. In addition, AALA stands ready to conference with the leadership of the District and to provide the intervention strategies necessary to accomplish the improved achievement.

Facilities Construction – B+

The Facilities Division has completed numerous new schools at all levels to relieve overcrowding and take schools off existing year-round schedules. The increased seats continue to allow the implementation of full-day kindergarten schedules in all elementary schools. This category would have received an "A" if the promised millions from the Grand Avenue Partners had been received to pay for the Taj Mahal tower and other architectural enhancements at the new high school for the arts at 450 N. Grand Avenue.

Partnership Agreement – D-

The Board of Education by a 5 to 2 vote and the Superintendent have recently completed an MOU with the Mayor's partnership. A review of this agreement finds it lacking on many levels including most importantly the granting of almost complete autonomy to the partnership without adequate oversight by the duly elected School Board. More than anything, this MOU is a foot in the door for any politicians who want to politicize public schools and circumvent the State Constitution and City Charter. The partnership did not receive an "F" because AALA does believe in the concept of community participation just not total partnership control. The failure of the leadership of the Innovation Division to follow its own guidelines contributed to the Partnership Agreement mark.

Joint Use Charter School Agreements – C

While the District is obligated to provide unused space for charter school use, AALA believes that it is not obligated to undermine the integrity of host district schools in order to accomplish this task. The contractual agreement being developed for host and charter school relationships is a step in the right direction. AALA does not believe in building schools to relieve overcrowding and then continuing to overcrowd them with charter school students. AALA is appreciative of Senior Deputy Cortines' realistic stand on this issue.

DISTRICT REPORT CARD (Continued)

2007-2008 District Budget – D

AAALA commends the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer for making the school district budget more transparent than in the past. However, the low mark is due to the fact that budget enhancements, such as a parcel tax, and needed reforms in State school funding to lessen fund restrictions have not been articulated by the School Board or the Superintendent. In addition, AALA feels that subjecting employees to furlough days instead of eliminating redundant divisions such as the Innovation and Accountability Divisions by whatever name they are now called is indefensible. Innovation and accountability should be part of every employees responsibilities not the task of new fiefdoms at Beaudry. Additionally, AALA has recommended the elimination and/or reduction of consultant and professional expert services to reduce the District's fiscal deficit. This mark could rise to a "C" if and when evidence of these reductions are shared in a transparent fashion.

District Leadership – C-

With the hiring of a Senior Deputy Superintendent, AALA believes that LAUSD went from a "D-" to a "C-" mark. It has brought some semblance of expertise to the leadership of the District that was very much missing. However, problems still exist with competing messages from the Superintendent and Senior Deputy. In addition, the organization and management structure of the District still needs considerable work before it is deemed finalized. If the two aforementioned divisions in the above paragraph were eliminated, this mark could increase dramatically next year.

OVERALL GRADE – C-

As with all school accountability report cards, this report is being published and shared with the community. AALA hopes that this constructive assessment will assist the School Board and the Superintendent to make major improvements next year. Some might construe this overall mark as "social promotion," but AALA feels that it is justified and hopefully, with appropriate interventions, could rise markedly.

AAALA MEMBER HONORED

Retired Associate Member **Rosalyn (Roz) Heyman** was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws in Education degree at the annual graduation ceremonies of Pepperdine University School of Education. Her dedicated support of many local institutions of higher learning, including UCLA, is well known and appreciated.

Roz is, of course, the esteemed former principal of Berendo Middle School (which became "Beautiful" Berendo during her tenure) and former Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction.

A PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSE

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the *Daily Breeze*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, and the *Long Beach Press Telegram* in response to inflammatory editorials printed from a self-serving UTLA press release. The *Daily Breeze* editorial was printed on June 16, 2008. To their credit, the *Daily News* and *Press Telegram* printed Ms. Barraza's letter on June 17, 2008, and the *Daily Breeze* planned to run her letter on June 19, 2008.

Last August I was assigned to lead Dolores Street Elementary in Carson, a proud school where test scores have been falling for two years. I was to be the fourth principal in four years. Some teachers, however, have adamantly resisted changes that were clearly necessary for the good of our students.

During my 19 years as a classroom teacher and principal, I never thought I would be accused of being a tyrant for asking faculty to show up for work on time and ready to teach. I never thought I would be forced to defend myself for ensuring that students rode to field trips on safe, District-approved transportation. And I certainly never thought I would be lumped in with an accused sexual predator as a "lemon" principal. I know better now.

How can the Daily Breeze believe that my competency as a principal is a moot question? It is the central question. What kind of message would it send if LAUSD officials yield to pressure from teachers and a few supportive parents who are willing to drag elementary school children into a labor-management conflict? And what kind of message would it send to 3,000 other principals and administrators who are asked daily to perform miracles at schools like Dolores Street?

Anna Laura Barraza

*Principal, Dolores Street School
Carson, CA*

Editor's Comment:

AALA commends the Local District 8 Superintendent and the Senior Deputy Superintendent for thus far demonstrating support for Ms. Barraza. This is a classic case of a principal attempting to implement District policy at a school where some teachers feel that they have the right to circumvent policy because of their "traditions." Three thousand AALA members are indebted to Ms. Barraza for standing up to this unwarranted demonstration of public bullying instigated by the UTLA Harbor Area Chair. Her integrity and resolve to maintain high standards as well as District policy must be respected and appreciated.

PERB ACTION FINALLY CONCLUDED – SUCCESSFULLY

After over five years of litigation through the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) and the Second District Court of Appeal, the PERB decision regarding classifications of directors as AALA members is final and binding.

No later than July 2, 2008, LAUSD shall file an initial statement of compliance with PERB. Service and proof of service pursuant to PERB Regulation 32140 are required. The following information MUST be included in the statement:

1. The date the Notice to Employees (required by section B.2 of the Order) was posted by LAUSD.
2. The final date for completion of the posting period.
3. A copy of the signed and dated Notice to Employees that has been posted.
4. A specific description of the affirmative steps taken by LAUSD to comply with section B.1 of the Order.

Our thanks and appreciation to **Spencer Covert** and **Barbara Ginsberg** for serving as lead attorneys for AALA and bringing this litigation to a successful conclusion.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN GIOVANNONI - John Giovannoni passed away last Sunday morning, June 22, 2008. John was a Supervisor of Industrial Arts in LAUSD for many years, helping teachers in incorporating the arts into their lesson plans. He was one of the founding members of our AEIOU. Our hearts go out to his wife Louise, their two children and numerous grandchildren. We will pass along the arrangements for his services as soon as we receive them.

NOTICE-----

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WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK
DUE TO THE
INDEPENDENCE DAY
HOLIDAY!

NOTE: Check the AALA website (aalausd.com) for POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates are responsible for making sure all the District requirements for administrative positions have been met. AALA is not responsible for errors in publication.

NOTE: Please do not contact AALA for information regarding administrative positions. Use the listed contact phone number, or contact LAUSD Human Resources Division at 213.241.6886 or via e-mail at http://certificated.lausd.k12.ca.us/admin_vacancies.

PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY

Fullbright Avenue School (1) MST 40, 6940 Fullbright Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91306
Fullbright is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Madelyne Coopersmith**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3614. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 7, 2008.**

Anatola Avenue School (1) MST 40, 7364 Anatola Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Anatola is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Cheryl Mueller**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3626. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

Calabash Street School (1) MST 40, 23055 Eugene Street, Woodlands Hills, CA 91364
Calabash is a D Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Cheryl Mueller**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3626. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

McKinley Avenue School (7) MST 42, 7812 McKinley Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001
McKinley is an A Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Francisco Gonzalez**, Director, School Support Services, at 323.242.1300. **Filing deadline is 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2008.**

Haskell School & Math/Science Magnet (1) MST 41, 15850 Tulsa St., Granada Hills, CA 91344
Haskell is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Marcee Seegan**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3604. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST

Stagg Street School (1) MST 37, 7839 Amestoy Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91406
Stagg is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Cheryl Mueller**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3626. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

Castlebay Lane School (1) MST 37, 19010 Castlebay Lane, Northridge, CA 91326
Castlebay is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Marcee Seegan**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3604. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

Dearborn Street School (1) MST 37, 9240 Wish Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325
Dearborn is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Marcee Seegan**, Director, School Support Services, at 818.654.3604. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 21, 2008.**

PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY

Carnegie Middle School (8) MST 44, 21820 Bonita Street, Carson, CA 90745
Carnegie is an E Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Shannon Lee**, Director, Middle School Services, at 310.354.3400. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 14, 2008.**

Associated Administrators of Los Angeles

POSITIONS AVAILABLE (Continued)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY

Chatsworth High School (1) MST 40, 10027 Lurline Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311

Chatsworth is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Larry Rubin**, Director, Secondary School Services, at 818.654.3672. **Filing deadline Monday, July 7, 2008.**

Monroe High School (1) MST 40, 9229 Haskell Avenue, North Hills, CA 91343

Monroe is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Larry Rubin**, Director, Secondary School Services, at 818.654.3672. **Filing deadline is Friday, July 11, 2008.**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY COUNSELING SERVICES (SCS)

Eagle Rock High School (4) MST 40, 1750 Yosemite Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90041

Eagle Rock is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Rosa Maria Hernandez**, Director, Secondary School Services, at 323.932.2221. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 7, 2008.**

Dana Middle School (8) MST 39, 1501 S. Cabrillo Avenue, San Pedro, CA 90731

Dana is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Shannon Lee**, Director, Middle School Services, at 310.354.3400. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 14, 2008.**

Nightingale Middle School (5) MST 39, 3311 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

Nightingale is a B Basis school. For information and application procedures contact **Marylou Amato**, Director, Middle School Services, at 323.224.3173. **Filing deadline is Monday, July 14, 2008.**

PRINCIPAL, EARLY EDUCATION CENTER (MST 38, A Basis)

Canoga Park & Cleveland EEC

For information and application procedures contact **Carole Blanks**, Early Childhood Education Division, 1360 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026, 213.481.3367. **Filing deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 11, 2008.**

EXTENDED/REQUIRED LEARNING ACADEMY ADMINISTRATOR (MST 40, B Basis)

Local District 1, 6621 Balboa Blvd., Lake Balboa, CA 91406 818.654.3672

For Monroe High School. Responsibilities include assisting the principal and the Beyond the Bell Branch in the operation and administration of the Extended/Required Learning Academy, the Supplemental Educational Services, and all other academic intervention programs. Requires 5 years of successful full-time public school certificated service, with 3 years as a classroom teacher in a K-12 program, and 1 year of verifiable leadership experience, such as coordinator, instructional coach, dean, etc. For information and application procedures contact **Larry Rubin**, Director, School Services. **Filing deadline is 12:00 p.m., Friday, July 11, 2008.**

DIRECTOR, LITIGATION RESEARCH, SPECIAL EDUCATION (MST 42, A Basis)

Office of the General Counsel, 333 S. Beaudry Ave., 24th Fl., Los Angeles, CA 90017 213.241.7600

Responsibilities include directing the overall activities of the Special Education Research and Litigation Office. Requires 8 years of full-time public school certificated experience, with 2 years of management experience. For information and application procedures contact **Charlotte Sewell**. **Filing deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 11, 2008.**

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Principal, Elementary	Panorama City School	07/02/08	818.654.3627

NOTE: Check the AALA website (aalausd.com) for POSITIONS AVAILABLE.

ASST. PRIN., SECONDARY– Eligible List: 05/14/08

Alvarez, Richard	Gaines, Matthews, Debra	Milutin, Maryann	Tyni, Todd
Ankers, Anne Marie	Garcia, Maricella	Minke, Cheryl	Usmani, Sarah
Arenas, David	Garcia, Pedro	Moazzez, Mojgan	Valerio, Richard
Argandona, Mary	Garza, Emilio	Moon, Jadene	Vandergriff, Constance
Avila, Jose	Gehringer, Jay	Nacorda, Carmina	Vazquez, Elidia
Barcenas, Arturo	Green, Christina	Nacorda, Joseph	Waters, Candice
Barker, Kenneth	Green, Terry	O'Reilly, Sissi	Waters, Luther
Barker, Michelle	Greene Smith, Yolanda	Ogbuagu, lhuaku	Webb II, Alfonso
Barthelme, Gwen	Hall, Michael	Ortega, John	Welden, Cindy
Beckcr, Susan	Halsey, Kathleen	Pandullo, Deborah	Whitman Jr., Robert
Beltran, Elizabeth	Hamamoto, Wendy	Panossian, Diane	Williams, Catherine
Benjamins Gass, Esther	Hardemion, Deanna	Peacock, Lisa	Windmueller, Michelle
Bennett, Ari	Hardman, Judy	Perdigao, Christopher	Windokun, Adebayo
Bernstein, Wendy	Harris, Shauna	Perry, Sylvia	Wright Carlyle, Jacqueline
Bhakta, Nisha	Hassler, Richard	Peterson, Kendra	Wright, Rodney
Boswell, Kyle	Headrick, Cynthia	Powell, Crystal	Yeganyan, Levon
Bounds, Lorna	Hill, Royce	Price, Martin	Young, Charmain
Bowdoin, Tracie	Hong, Katie	Pride, Kenneth	
Brathwaite, Angela	Huerta, Jose	Puccia, Thomas	
Braxton, Cherika	Iannucci, Thomas	Quinn, Sherrie	
Brebry, Shakara	Jackson, Florastean	Quintanilla, Candelaria	
Broquard, Carrie	Jacobson, Jeff	Ramos Jr., Jose	
Brown, Adaina	Jakubowski, Terrance	Ramos, Lydia	
Brownridge Keller, Michelle	Jeffery, Aaron	Ray, Michelle	
Bryant, Debra	Juarez, Erick	Readeux, Michele	
Bryant, Michelle	Julian, Rex	Rico, Christina	
Buck, Latasha	Keele Gibson, Andriette	Rieger, Herbert	
Burry, Steven	Klinefelter, Matthew	Riley, Shellie	
Butler, Blanche	Koch, Phillip	Ring, Lisa	
Canjura, Susan	Lache, Carol	Rivas, Laura	
Carranza, Silvia	Lara, Claudia	Rivera, Jose	
Choi, Leonard	Larson, Louise	Rodgers, Devery	
Chong, Kevin	Lazo, Henry	Rodriguez, Angela	
Clarke, Robert	Lee, Roberto	Rodriguez, Christine	
Cohen Thompson, Cheryl	Loos, David	Ross, Mark	
Corral, Diana	Lopez, Oscar	Rubalcava, Mirian	
Cortez, Elva	Loza, Jose	Sanchez, Alejandra	
Crossin, Maura	Lydon, Melodee	Sarris, Shanna	
Culpepper, Florence	Mack, Janet	Schwartz, Claudia	
Dacosta, Jennifer	Maki, Marianne	Seitz, Kevin	
Davis, Gabrielle	Marcoux, Bette	Serago Steidl, Deanna	
De Santiago Ramirez, Lourdes	Marsh, Melinda	Siedelman, David	
Delisle, Carrie	Martinez, Arturo	Sladics, Sally	
Denni, Mark	Martinez, Steve	Song, Kester	
Diaz Hernandez, Catherine	Mastio, Carole	Stiger, Kenyatta	
Duran, Olga	Mays, Cynthia	Strassner, Marc	
Enciso, Alfee	Mc Coy, Yolanda	Summers, Kirstin	
Fierro Menendez, Lorena	Mc David, Jeremy	Teer, Sean	
Fitzpatrick, Wende	Mc Keown Frost, Kevin	Torres, Salvador	
Flores, Maribel	Mendoza, Elsa	Trujillo, Rosa	
Gaeta, Rafael	Miller, Sandra	Turner, Karen	

This unranked eligible list established on May 14, 2008 will be in effect for two years until May 14, 2010.

MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR PROPOSES "READINESS SCHOOLS"

Governor **Deval Patrick** of Massachusetts (D), in a potential break with the teachers unions that helped elect him, is set to propose a new form of public school that would combine features of the state's charter schools and Boston's experimental pilot schools, write **Tania deLuzuriaga** and **Matt Viser** of the *Boston Globe*. "Readiness Schools," a key element of his sweeping ten-year education plan to be unveiled later this month, would be governed by local boards and freed from many constraints imposed by unions, school districts, and the state. Supporters say this would adapt schools to community needs and offer new alternatives in school systems. However, teachers unions have long criticized charter schools, which typically hire nonunion teachers, and teacher union officials have said that they like the governor's program as a concept but want more assurances that their members' contracts are protected. The unions have fiercely protected their influence over issues such as hiring policies, and could represent a significant roadblock as Patrick tries to win political support for the proposal.

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/06/11/patrick_plans_new_kind_of_public_school/

PRINCIPAL POSITION AVAILABLE: Charter High School

Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West 15th Street, San Pedro, CA, is looking for a Principal who is motivated by fresh challenges and wishes to serve the San Pedro community in a college-preparatory charter school. Prior experience in the Principal position is required. Previous work with a charter school is preferred. POLAHS offers a competitive salary beginning at 100K+. For information, contact **Linda Grimes**, POLAHS Public Affairs & Eighteenth Street Marketing at 310.732.0010. Résumés may be submitted to **James Cross**, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles High School, 250 West 15th Street, San Pedro, CA 90731; phone – 310.832.9201, fax – 310.832.5354. The website address is www.polahs.net.

EDUCATION REFORM CAST AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE BY AN UNLIKELY DUO

New York City Schools Chancellor **Joel I. Klein** and the Reverend **Al Sharpton** were in Washington, DC, as co-chairmen of a new national effort to push education issues from the periphery to the center of the 2008 presidential campaign, writes **Bill Turque** of *The Washington Post*. The Education Equity Project will challenge the presumptive presidential nominees, Senator **John McCain** (R-Ariz.) and Senator **Barack Obama** (D-Ill.), to treat the failure of schools to educate black and Latino children as the overriding civil rights issue of the 21st century. Klein and Sharpton endorsed no candidate and offered few specific policy directives, but said they intend to drive the debate through position papers, public forums planned at national political party conventions, and behind-the-scenes advocacy with the campaigns. Klein said that more than a half-century after the landmark Supreme Court case *Brown v. Board of Education*, the promise of equal educational opportunity for minority students has yet to be realized. "To me this is not just an issue of school reform," Klein said. "It is a civil rights issue, the civil rights issue of our time."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/11/AR2008061103844.html>