

# Lowell Joint School District

Tradition of Excellence Since 1906

*The Home of Scholars and Champions*



# ONE BOARD ONE VOICE

*Jim Coombs  
Superintendent*





# EXAMPLES..... WRITE IT DOWN ON STONE...

Latest Approval Oct. 2023

## CORE VALUES

"...the philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Abraham Lincoln  
"...the education of one generation develops the leaders and government of the next generation..." Mrs. Janet B. Averil

Moral and Civic Values: The Board of Trustees of the Lowell Joint School District subscribes to the belief that public education must foster in students an understanding of the moral values and civic responsibilities that form the foundation of our American Heritage and Society. It is important that all schools promote in students the acceptance of commonly held Civic Values of right and wrong, concern for the welfare of others, and respect for democratic practices. On September 11, 2017, the Board of Trustees endorsed the following list of moral and civic values and the accompanying definitions which are stated as behaviors exemplified by students and staff living up to these values.



### EXCELLENCE

Exhibits patience and hard work in achieving goals; works, learns, and pursues constructive goals, even in the face of adversity.



### PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Exhibits sound moral principles, virtues, and good character demonstrating honesty and trustworthiness in the community.



### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & RESPECT

Treats others justly, fairly, and with dignity; shows high regard for others and treating them as they would like to be treated. Affirms the worth of self, others, property, and the environment through attitudes and actions. Accepts the necessity of being accountable and the consequences of individual actions, reactions, and decisions; honors commitments; demonstrates an active commitment to the welfare of self and others.



### RESPECT FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE

Exhibits a value of and commitment to our American National Heritage and the public good; works for the community and cooperates with others; respects and participates in the democratic process; observes all laws and rules; and resolves conflicts peacefully.



### FAMILY - TEAMWORK

Works well together combining individual talents and strengths, supporting each other, and then working cooperatively to achieve mutual objectives. Demonstrates caring, concern, and sensitivity; exhibits tolerance; treats others politely, mercifully, and with respect and dignity; and renders service when needed.



### TRADITIONAL VALUES

Tells truth; does not cheat, intentionally mislead, or steal; possesses the courage to behave and conduct interactions with integrity; exhibits consistency between words and actions; behaves in a fair and straightforward manner; and conscientiously pursues and scrutinizes evidence that supports the truth.

**Mission Statement** The Lowell Joint School District is committed to providing a strong academic program of 21st Century skills with a well-rounded program of diverse and innovative subject offerings. All District Schools emphasize the importance of education, the family, and traditional values. We stress the value of personal integrity, social responsibility, and respect for our national heritage. The Lowell Joint School District envisions a culture where technology empowers all members of the school community to achieve success and expand learning beyond the walls of the classroom. All stakeholders will utilize technology to become highly competent in a technological world through continuous improvement in academics, career, and life.

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## GUIDING GOALS

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### DISTRICT GOAL 1: Academic Excellence – Learning for All Students

**Vision:** Every student experiences educational success at the highest levels of achievement. We believe that each student has a unique ability to learn in an environment that is enriched with a challenging curriculum, where learning is modeled and expectations are both known and high. We expect all students to demonstrate continued and improved academic achievement through Collaboration, Communication, Critical thinking, and Creativity, to be college and career ready, and to become lifelong learners.



### DISTRICT GOAL 2: Safe, Orderly, Positive, Respectful Learning Environments

**Vision:** All campuses provide an aesthetic, orderly environment that is organized to ensure learning. We believe in a collaborative spirit of place where all feel safe, welcomed, valued, and respected. We foster a culture that promotes the emotional health, safety, well-being and involvement of students, staff, family and community.



### DISTRICT GOAL 3: Highly Qualified Staff Providing High Quality Service

**Vision:** All staff possesses the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to provide high quality services leading to high quality results. We believe that high quality service is achieved when staff is well trained, proactive, responsive, and collaborative. We attract, train, and retain high performing staff that actively engage, collaborate, and support students in effective instruction and the use of current technologies.



### DISTRICT GOAL 4: School/Family/Community Partnerships & Communication

**Vision:** High quality student learning is supported by partnerships. We believe these partnerships are enhanced through effective communication and collaboration. We establish a culture which encourages positive relationships among our students, staff, and families as well as educational, business, and community partners. We believe these partnerships and communication must be nurtured to optimize opportunities for learning and personal growth for students.



### DISTRICT GOAL 5: Acquisition & Allocation of Resources to Support Fiscal Excellence

**Vision:** Resources are focused to achieve district goals. We believe that public schools deserve sufficient resources to achieve high quality student learning. We believe that efficiency, transparency, and cost-effective practices must characterize District and school operations to ensure that resources are aligned and applied to achieve established goals. We are committed to remaining fiscally solvent by effectively managing resources and pursuing new revenue sources.



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# EXAMPLES.....



LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
"A Tradition of Excellence Since 1906"  
"Home of Scholars and Champions"  
GUIDING GOALS & VISION - 2030 ROADMAP



Board Re-Adopted:  
October, 2017  
October, 2018  
October, 2019  
October, 2020  
October, 2021  
October, 2022  
October, 2023

"What do we want our students & staff to master?"

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE-LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Classroom Instruction: EDI, GLAD, Write From Begin /Thinking Maps
- Instructional Curriculum: Instructional Pacing Guide, Benchmark Assessments (Summative, Formative), Report Cards
- Achievement Dashboard: Student, Classroom, School, District (levels)
- C.A.R.E. - Counseling & Psychologist Internship Program
- Instructional Technology: Learning Tool
- REACH/QUEST/FLEX/SOAR Programs (Intervention & Recognition)
- LJSD-MTSS: Multi-Tier System of Support
- LJSD PASS PORT Project (21<sup>st</sup> Century College & Career)
- Character Education & Patriotism



"How do we know if they have mastered it?"

## SCHOOL/FAMILY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNICATION

- Parent University
- Comprehensive Communication & Marketing Plan
- Cal State Fullerton College of Education Partnership
- BIOLA College of Educational Partnership
- BIOLA College of Visual & Performing Arts Partnership
- Lowell Educational Foundation: partnership and recognition
- Legends & Legacy Project
- Instructional Technology: Communication Tool
- School/District Award Applications: Golden Bell, Magna, Distinguished School, Exemplary Arts, Exemplary CTE,
- State of the District Presentations: City Councils, Service Clubs, PTSA, et.
- "Lowell Talk" - "Side-by-Side" - "You're My Why"
- VIP School Tours
- Community Receptions on campuses



"What to we do for those who have or have not mastered it?"

## HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF-HIGH QUALITY SERVICE

- WELCOME BACK RALLY & PD- WINTER RALLY & PD - SPRING CELEBRATION & PD
- Instructional Technology: Instructional Tool
- LJSD Staff Awards/Recognition: Medal of Honor, Impact, Retirement Vases, Year of Service pins,
- LJSD Induction Program (Leadership Academy)
- Welcome Home to LJSD Program: Culture-Civics-Communitad
- LJSD Master Teacher Series
- Review of HR protocols (certificated and classified)
- TOP GUN Academy: Instructional Leader PD and Future Leaders
- Comprehensive-Systemic Prof. Development Plan



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE-ACADEMIC PROGRAMING

- Instructional Technology: Instructional Tool- STEAM Innovation Labs (TK-6<sup>th</sup>), Code.org, Google Classroom
- Engineering-Coding-Robotics Pathway (TK-6<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Computer Science (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>)
- ARTS FOR ALL (TK-5<sup>th</sup>) and TAC Academy (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>) & AP Art (7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Pre-AP Heritage/IB Honors Academy (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)
- The Living Classroom
- Full-Day Kindergarten & TK & THE STUDIO
- LJSD Pre-School/Early Childhood Center
- HORIZONS (Gate/High Achievers)
- POWERSOURCE
- Special Education Program - Blue Ribbon Action Team
- C.A.R.E. - Counseling & Psychologist Internship Program
- HORIZONS Summer Honors Camp
- Lowell Joint Youth Theater
- Lowell Literacy Project
- Dual Language (TK-8<sup>th</sup>)



## ACQUISITION & ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FISCAL EXCELLENCE

- Financial stability
- LJSD Master Facility Plan
- Staff recruitment, retention, compensation
- LJSD Pre-School Program/Early Childhood Center
- Inter- & Intra- District permit process
- Saturday Enrichment/Enhancement Program
- Bond Measure (LL)
- Transfer Measure O
- Methods to generate revenue
- Virtual Academy & Homeschool Program
- Comprehensive Communication and Marketing Plan: website, social media, newsletters, mailers, community stakeholder presentations



## SAFE, ORDERLY, POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Character Education & Patriotic Educational Program
- Master Facility Plan
- LJSD Inter- & Intra- District permit protocol
- Saturday Enrichment/Enhancement Program
- Review and systemized student code of conduct
- Landscaping enhance, Educational Center, Professional Learning Center
- Enhancement and update of Board Room
- Powersource: before/after school programming
- PBIS, Bucket Fillers, Quest, SOAR
- LCAP Surveys: Parent, Staff, Student
- Review and update of Board Policies



## GRIT

- Why it Matters: Showing Up, Distractions by Talent, Effort counts Twice, Grit Grows
- Growing from Inside Out: Interest, Practice, Purpose, Hope
- Growing from Outside In: Parenting, Playing Fields, Culture



## Conditions We Control

- Program
- Procedures
- Policies
- Fixed vs Flexible
- Attitude/Approach



## INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS

- Reading & Writing A+/Above Standards
- Math Skills A+/Above Standards
- Character Education
- Patriotic Education
- School Engagement/Connection through: Arts for All, Engineering & Robotics, Environmental Science/Ag., Student Leadership & CIVIC Engagement



## LJSD CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Personal Integrity
- Social Responsibility & Respect
- Respect for National Heritage
- Family - Teamwork
- Traditional values



## Good To Great

- Good is Enemy of Great
- Level 5 Leadership
- First Who... Then What
- Beatal Facts
- Hedgehog Concept
- Culture of Discipline
- Tech Accelerator
- Flywheel & Doom Loop
- Built to Last



## Patriotic

- American Heritage
- Good Citizen
- American form of Government
- Respect for National Heritage



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...



## LJSD BOARD ADOPTED CORE VALUES:

- 1. EXCELLENCE: PATIENCE AND HARD WORK**
- 2. PERSONAL INTEGRITY: SOUND MORAL PRINCIPLES**
- 3. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & RESPECT: GOLDEN RULE**
- 4. RESPECT FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE: AMERICAN NATIONAL HERITAGE**
- 5. FAMILY-TEAMWORK: WE**
- 6. TRADITIONAL VALUES: TRUTH, INTEGRITY, WORDS & ACTIONS ALIGN**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## LJSD BOARD ADOPTED GUIDING GOALS:

- 1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE – LEARNING FOR ALL**
- 2. SAFE, ORDERLY, POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- 3. HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SERVICE**
- 4. SCHOOL/FAMILY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & COMMUNICATION**
- 5. ACQUISITION & ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT FISCAL EXCELLENCE**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## SPECIAL EDUCATION - ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- **OVERSEE THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SERVICES TO INCLUDE:**
  - **45 CERTIFICATED AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES**
  - **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING**
  - **ASSIGNING OF INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES AND PROGRAM SUPPORTS**
  - **SPECIAL EDUCATION & SECTION 504 SERVICES SUPPORTS**
  - **PROGRAM PLACEMENTS & TRANSFERS (CHANGE OF PLACEMENTS)**
  - **DUE PROCESS LITIGATION THROUGH OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS & CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
  - **CDE DATA REPORTING**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## SPECIAL EDUCATION- CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **SPECIAL DAY CLASS PROGRAMS – PRIMARY SDCS**
- **RSP GUIDELINES – TO REDUCE RSP NUMBERS**
- **REVISING OUR LJSD PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL & ACADEMIC TEMPLATE**
- **CLINIC-BASED OT SERVICES FOR SURROUNDING DISTRICTS**
- **FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THROUGH SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**
- **SERVICE TRACKING PROCEDURES FOR CDE**





# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...



## ***BUSINESS SERVICES***



**TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...**



***THE BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
SUPPORTS THE CORE EDUCATIONAL  
MISSION OF THE DISTRICT BY PERFORMING  
THE NECESSARY BUSINESS FUNCTIONS  
WITH A FOCUS ON CUSTOMER SERVICE***



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...



## BUSINESS SERVICES-ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

### OUR TEAM:

- **DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES - CHELLE PRICE**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - DENISE SOTO**
- **ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS:**
  - **JEANETTE TREVINO**
  - **BEATRIZ RODRIGUEZ**
  - **RANDI VASQUEZ**
  - **MICHELLE WOLFARTH**
  - **JULIE CHAVEZ - FISCAL SERVICES CLERK**
- **BOND/CONTRACT MANAGER - CATHY WEISSMAN**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## BUSINESS SERVICES- ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **ACCOUNTING & FINANCE – MANAGES THE BOOKS**
- **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – PAYS THE BILLS**
- **BENEFITS – ENROLLS AND CALCULATES**
- **BUDGET – REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES PLAN**
- **PAYROLL – PAYS STAFF MEMBERS**
- **PURCHASING – BUYS SITE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT**



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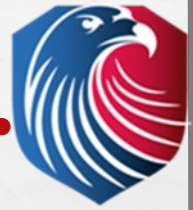


## BUSINESS SERVICES- CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION**
  - **OPPORTUNITIES TO BE MORE EFFICIENT**
- **BUSINESS SERVICES RESPONSIBILITIES**
  - **IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE**
  - **CUSTOMER SERVICE FOCUS**
  - **JOB ENRICHMENT**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

➤ **CLASSIFIED HUMAN RESOURCES**

➤ **FACILITY MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS**

➤ **NUTRITION SERVICES**

➤ **RISK MANAGEMENT**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **WORKERS COMPENSATION PROCESS**
- **HIRING AND RECRUITMENT**
- **MAINTENANCE**
- **NUTRITION SERVICES**
- **LIABILITY CLAIMS AND COVERAGE (INSURANCE)**
- **CLASSIFIED STAFFING**
- **CSEA**





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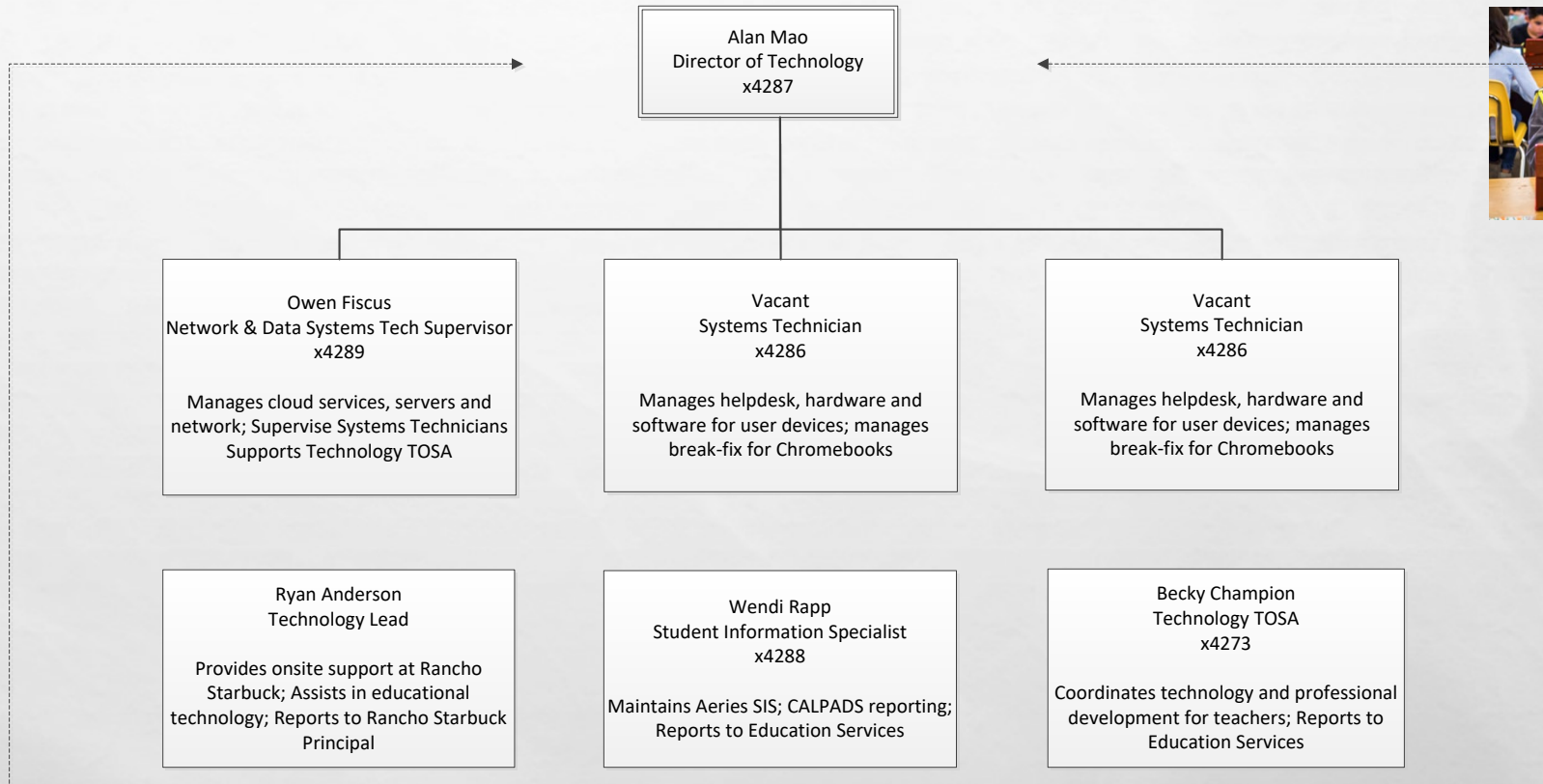
## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## TECH SERVICES - ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:



**Technology Services Support Team**



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## TECH SERVICES – BY THE NUMBERS:

- **3862 STUDENT AND STAFF CHROMEBOOKS**
- **747 STAFF WINDOWS LAPTOPS AND DESKTOPS**
- **75 AND GROWING INTERACTIVE BOARDS**
- **175 WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS**

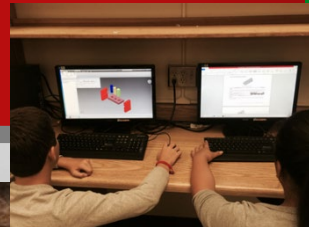


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## TECH SERVICES – SYSTEMS & PAST PROJECTS:

- **AERIES: STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**
- **GOOGLE FOR EDUCATION: E-MAIL ACCOUNTS, GOOGLE WORKSPACE, GOOGLE CLASSROOM, SINGLE SIGN ON**
- **CLEVER: SSO PORTAL FOR STUDENT AND STAFF**
- **SECURITY: RAPTOR VISITOR SYSTEM**
- **1:1 CHROMEBOOK DEPLOYMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **ONLINE PAYMENTS WITH MYSCHOOLBUCKS**
- **MISSION CRITICAL SERVER UPDATES**
- **LACOE TO OCDE NETWORK MIGRATION**



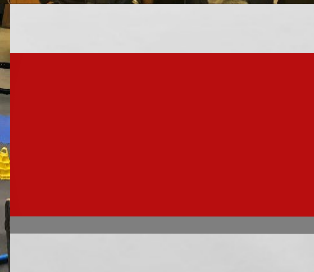
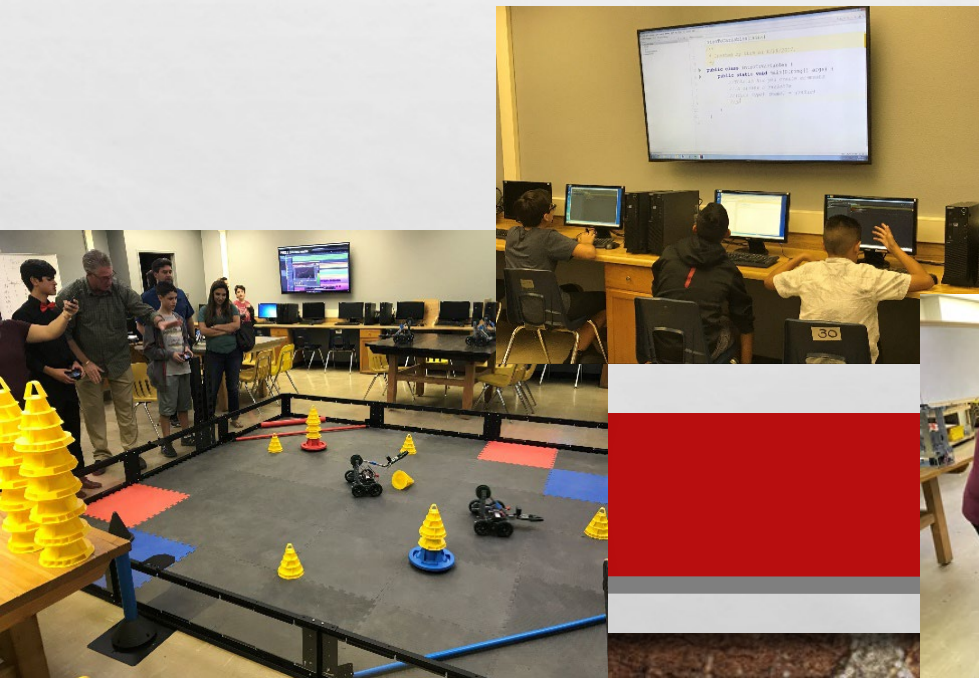
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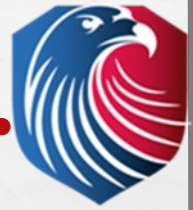
## TECH SERVICES – CURRENT PROJECTS



- **CYBER SECURITY EDUCATION FOR ALL STAFF**
- **MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA) FOR LOGINS**
- **TEACHER AND STAFF LAPTOP REPLACEMENT**
- **STEAM INNOVATION LABS, VIRTUAL REALITY AND E-SPORTS**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...



## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES



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## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES- ROLES :

- **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT-SHERI MCDONALD**
- **DIRECTOR-RHONDA OVERBY**
- **COORDINATOR, EXPANDED LEARNING-MARY BRIMMAGE**
- **COORDINATOR, EARLY LEARNING-RONICA DIXON**
- **TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**
  - TECHNOLOGY-BECKY CHAMPION**
  - MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT-BARBARA CASTILLO**
  - EARLY LEARNING/FIRST FIVE-HOLLY BRANDER**
- **INFORMATION SPECIALIST (CALPADS/AERIES)-WENDI RAPP, ADRIANA PONCE**
- **SUPPORT STAFF: RENEE VERBECK, REGINA FISCUS, FRED HERNANDEZ, BILINGUAL CLERK (TBD)**
- **BILINGUAL AIDES: MARIANA YBARRA, CAROLINE LEPE, MARIA GONZALEZ**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES- RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)/SPSAS\***
- **STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS (TITLE FUNDS/SARCS)**
  - \***FREE/REDUCED LUNCH, HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH (TITLE 1)**
  - \***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (TITLE 2)**
  - \***ENGLISH LEARNERS (TITLE 3)\***
- **ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY\***
- **CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE\***
- **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (TEXTBOOKS/SOFTWARE)**
- **UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN (EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING)\***
- **EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (POWERSOURCE)\***
- **VIRTUAL ACADEMY**
- **DUAL LANGUAGE**





# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)**
  - DIFFERENTIATED ASSISTANCE
  - LOCAL INDICATORS
  - ENGAGED PARTNER MEETINGS  
(STAFF, STUDENTS, COMMUNITY, UNIONS)
  - BUDGET OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS
- **ASSESSMENT**
  - STATE TESTING (CAASPP, ELPAC)
  - LOCAL BENCHMARKS (I-READY)
- **ENGLISH LEARNERS**
- **ATTENDANCE**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD-UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN**
  - **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (STATE FUNDED AND FEE BASED)**
  - **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**
  - **OTHER PROGRAMS (FIRST FIVE GRANT)**

-LEARNING LINK (MARIA DEL CID)

-COMMUNITY PARTNERS

-OCDE QUALITY START

-TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT 50% (HOLLY BRANDER)



**LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

"Come Grow With Us"




# TOSA NEWS



- **BECKY CHAMPION**
- **EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY / STEAM / CURRICULUM SUPPORT**
- **BARBARA CASTILLO**
- **MTSS / GATE / STEAM**
- **HOLLY BRANDER**
- **EARLY LITERACY / INITIATIVE SUPPORT**







**LJSD TOSA NEWS**  
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**PRACTICE SETS!**

Welcome to practice sets in Google Classroom! Teachers can now create engaging, interactive assignments with built in autograded! Students get real-time feedback as they complete practice sets. If they get stuck and need support, they can see automated hints and video suggestions.

Interested in learning more? Here is a link to the Google Skillshop for training on Practice Sets

## GATE

Orange County Department of Education

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT UNIT

**GATE COLLABORATIVE VIRTUAL NETWORK**  
**BEST PRACTICES IN DISTED EDUCATION**

- Model lessons using GATE strategies
- Collaboration with teachers across the county
- Protocols to create culture, climate, and collaboration within the classroom
- Professional development hours with district approval

*K-12 teachers and academic coaches are encouraged to attend free virtual sessions.*

Offered in partnership with the Orange County Council For Gifted and Talented Education

SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO	SESSION THREE	SESSION FOUR
September 20, 2023	September 27, 2023	October 4, 2023	October 11, 2023
8:30 - 11:30 am	8:30 - 11:30 am	8:30 - 11:30 am	8:30 - 11:30 am

LJSD Practice Sets: Considered Learning, Implementation of State Standards, Engaging, Fun, Engaging, CA MTSS, Inclusive, and Social-Emotional Learning

Registration questions: Julie Hull at [jhull@ocde.us](mailto:jhull@ocde.us)


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## HEGGERTY BUZZ



There is a buzz around LJSD about Heggerty. Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Explicit Lessons provide everything you need to teach daily phonemic awareness lessons in 12 minutes or less. Fast, easy and fun. Interested?

**What:** Heggerty Initial Training & Materials  
**When:** Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
(compensated for time)  
**Where:** LJSD Board Room  
**Who:** Primary Grade Teachers (Pre-K-2nd Grade & Intervention Teachers)

*(Use QR Code to Register)*



[bit.ly/heggertyLJSD](http://bit.ly/heggertyLJSD)


**Riddles**

You will always find me in the past. I can be created in the present. But the future can never change me. What am I?

Rhonda Overby throws down the gauntlet to begin our year! Last week's answer...A Ruler. Lots of riddles out there, who knew? Good luck this week! *Google Form*

**TEACHER TIP**

This Google Docs shortcut has been around for about a year, BUT did you know what it can do?



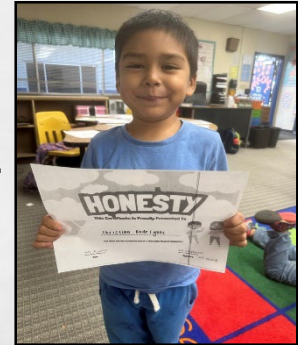
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## EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

### LJSD PowerSource –ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Mary Brimmage: Coordinator**
- **Regina Fiscus: Office Manager ELOP & Preschool**
- **Fred Hernandez: Accounting Tech ELOP & Preschool**
- **Site Coordinators:**
  - **El Portal: Suzy Mejia/Eva Cardenas support**
  - **Jordan: Donna Lopez/Juliette Belk support**
  - **Macy: Sam Sullivan/Kris Sanchez support**
  - **Meadow Green: Sarah Ebel/Jen Costello support**
  - **Olita: Maria Olvera**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM



## LJSD POWERSOURCE –ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Before/After School (9 hr day) for  $\geq 50\%$  UPP students (EL, Foster, Homeless, F/R Lunch)**

**\*TK/K => 10:1 ratio; 1st-6th =>20:1**

**\*180 DAYS => school year; 30 days => summer school/intercession. 3 days allowed for training**

- **Programming: academic, social, emotional, physical & student interest**
- **Delivery: hands-on, engaging learning experiences.**
- **Pupil centered, results driven, include community partners, complement vs. replicate school day**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## ELOP LJSD POWERSOURCE – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **Boys & Girls Club Childcare 3 Elementary Sites-new training with Ofelia Hansen +++**
- **Website: <https://sites.google.com/ljzd.org/powersource/home>**
- **New: Follow @LJSDPowerSource @ljyouththeatre #LJSDPerformingArts #LJSDVAPA #LJSDexpandedlearning #ElPortalDMIS**
- **Community Partners:**
  - **YMCA OC at all sites**
  - **Muckenthaler Art (ceramics, metalsmithing, sculpting, bookmaking etc)**
  - **Active Ed: leadership, sportsmanship, team sports using soccer, basketball, etc**
  - **Code Ninjas of Fullerton- Coding with RS in mind; added Jr. Coders 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Code Ninjas**
  - **LJ Teachers: Photography, eSports, Spanish, Dance, Performing Arts (LJYT/DMIS+), math tutor**

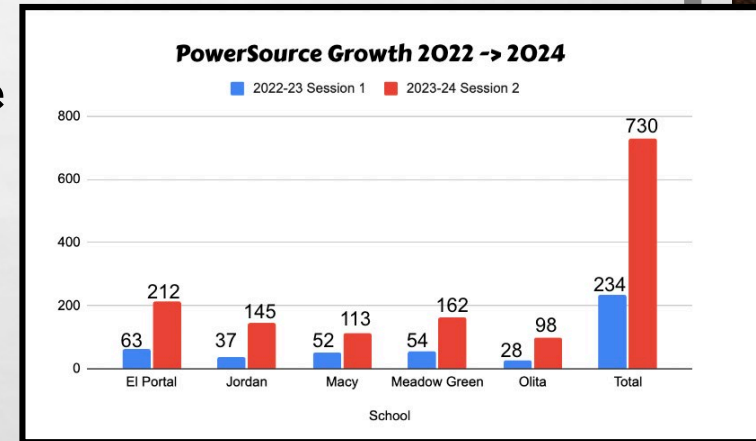


# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## ELOP LJSD POWERSOURCE – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **Additional classes PowerSource JR (TK/K) at Jordan/EP**
- **Homework help/tutoring built in->include grade level input**
- **Ongoing recruitment/training: subs, teachers. Online staff meetings/day training, behavior**
- **Minimum Day programming/coverage**
- **New registration program**
- **Safety plan with principals**
- **Special Programs structure**
- **PowerSource Summer**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## ELOP LJSD POWERSOURCE –

### LOWELL JOINT YOUTH THEATRE/DISNEY MUSICALS

#### ➤ Disney Musicals in Schools at El Portal → Year 3

-2021-2022 - 54 Students **Lion King**

-2022-2023 - 79 Students **Aladdin**

-2023-2024 – 94 Students **Nemo**

#### ➤ Lowell Joint Youth Theatre 2022-2023

- 4 Schools

-80 Students total

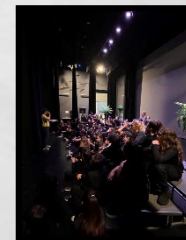
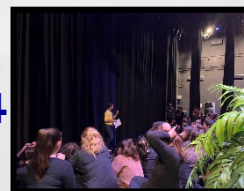
-Seussical

#### ➤ Lowell Joint Youth Theatre 2023-2024

- 4 Schools

-150 Students total

-Lion King





# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES – CURRENT PROJECTS:

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD-UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN**
  - **PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (STATE FUNDED AND FEE BASED)**
  - **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**
  - **OTHER PROGRAMS (FIRST FIVE GRANT)**
    - LEARNING LINK (MARIA DEL CID)
    - COMMUNITY PARTNERS
    - OCDE QUALITY START
    - TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT 50% (HOLLY BRANDER)



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (STATE FUNDED & FEE BASED):

- **YEAR-ROUND ENROLLMENT FOR AGES 2.9 – 4 YEARS OLD**
- **PART-DAY & FULL-DAY PROGRAMS (FULL-DAY FUNDING AWARD)**
  - **JORDAN PRESCHOOL – AM SESSION 8:00AM – 11:00AM & PM SESSION 12:15PM - 3:15PM**
  - **OLITA & MACY PRESCHOOL – 8:00AM – 3:15PM**
- **HIGH QUALITY PLAY BASED EMERGENT CURRICULUM**
  - **CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL LEARNING FOUNDATIONS**
  - **CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF EDUCATION PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK**
- **TITLE 5 & TITLE 22 REGULATED**
  - **WE ARE LICENSED BY THE STATE (CCLD)**
  - **HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS & STAFF**
  - **1:8 RATIO**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## ➤ **ASSESSMENTS**

- **DESIRED RESULTS DEVELOPMENTAL PROFILE (DRDP)**
- **ASQ-3 SCREENINGS - FOCUSED ON DEVELOPMENTAL PROCESS**
- **ASQ-SE SCREENINGS – EARLY DETECTION OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES**
- **CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT SCORING SYSTEM (CLASS)**

## ➤ **NUTRITION**

- **MEALTIME ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SETTING THE TABLE, PREPARING FOOD, SERVING FOOD, SAMPLING UNFAMILIAR FOOD, POURING MILK, NUTRITION CURRICULUM, COOKING EXPERIENCES AND CLEANING UP.**

## ➤ **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL PEACE GRANT RECIPIENT**

## ➤ **MUSIC & MOVEMENT CO-CURRICULAR CLASS**

## ➤ **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (P.A.C)**

## ➤ **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – SOCIAL MEDIA & LOCAL EVENTS**



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## PARENT PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

### ➤ COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

#### ➤ QUALITY START OC

##### ➤ QRIS PROGRAM VALIDATION

##### ➤ CLASS STAFF TRAINING & COACHING

#### ➤ LA HABRA COLLABORATIVE

#### ➤ LA HABRA LITTLE LEARNERS TASKFORCE

### ➤ PROGRAMS

#### ➤ LEARNING LINK – EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX (EDI) DRIVEN

#### ➤ PARENT CAFÉ

#### ➤ 2024 – 2025 DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....

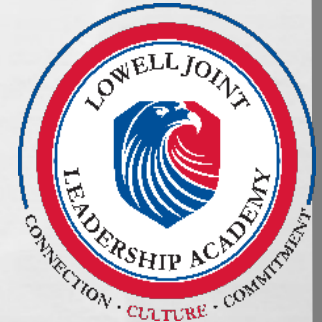
## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Connection - *Culture* - Commitment



ALL TEACHERS NEW TO LOWELL JOINT - 17 TEACHERS IN 2023-2024

- 1.5 AUGUST ORIENTATION DAYS
- 6 *WELCOME HOME* WORKSHOPS
- CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS AND FEEDBACK
- LEGACY JOURNAL
- CONNECTIONS AND RESOURCES
- ADDITIONAL SUPPORT



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....

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### INDUCTION...

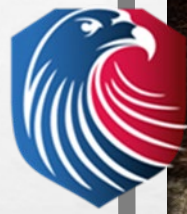
- ❑ 18 TEACHERS, 6 ADMINISTRATORS 2023-2024
- ❑ TWO YEAR PROGRAM
- ❑ 40 HOURS OF MENTOR/CANDIDATE SUPPORT
- ❑ COMPLETION OF INQUIRY PROCESS
- ❑ CSTP: CALIFORNIA STANDARDS FOR TEACHING PROFESSION/ CPSEL: CALIFORNIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR EDUCATION LEADERS (ADMIN PROGRAM)
- ❑ LEAD MENTOR SUPPORT
- ❑ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (6 REQUIRED)
- ❑ EXEMPLARY TEACHER OBSERVATION
- ❑ COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATION



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....

## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Connection - *Culture* - Commitment



# TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE....



## LOWELL JOINT AT A GLANCE





# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS....



➤ **CHARACTER & PATRIOTIC EDUCATION (30+YRS)**



➤ **DUAL IMMERSION LANGUAGE ACADEMY: GRADE TK-5<sup>TH</sup>**  
“PREPARING STUDENT TO BE FULLY BI-LINGUAL AND BI-LITERATE”



➤ **EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING: “COME GROW WITH US”**

- ✓ LINK: NEWBORN-2YR
- ✓ PRESCHOOL: 3YR (STATE FUNDED AND FEE BASED)
- ✓ TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN: 4YR
- ✓ KINDERGARTEN: 5YR



➤ **HORIZONS (GATE/HIGH ACHIEVERS) - “WHERE ACADEMIC POTENTIAL AND GRIT SOAR”**



➤ **POWERSOURCE (EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM)- “WHERE INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, AND RIGOR TODAY ILLUMINATE THE DREAMS OF TOMORROW” – “GET PLUGGED IN”**



# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS....



## ARTS FOR ALL: "UNLOCKING STUDENT PASSION AND POTENTIAL THROUGH THE ARTS"

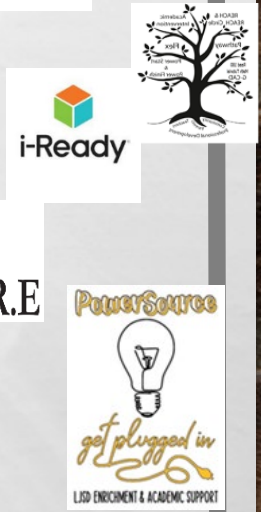
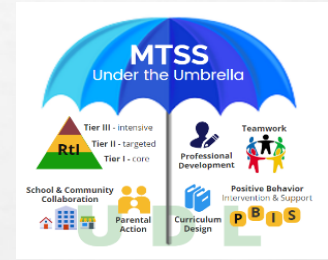
- **ARTS FOR ALL: LET THE MUSIC PLAY (INSTRUMENTAL)**
- **ARTS FOR ALL: LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD (VOCAL)**
- **ARTS FOR ALL: LET THE RHYTHM MOVE YOU (DANCE)**
- **ARTS FOR ALL: LET YOUR INNER SPIRIT SOAR (THEATER)**
- **ARTS FOR ALL: LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE (FINE ART)**
  - **LOWELL JOINT YOUTH THEATER (ALL ELEMENTARY)**
  - **ADVANCE DRUMLINE TEAM (RANCHO)**
  - **ADVANCE JAZZ BAND (RANCHO)**
  - **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT ALL SCHOOLS**
  - **HONORS ELEMENTARY CHOIR**
  - **HONORS ELEMENTARY BAND**
  - **ADVANCE DANCE (RANCHO)**
  - **HONORS ELEMENTARY DANCE**
  - **MASTER ART SERIES (ELEMENTARY ART INSTRUCTION)**



# INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS....



- **STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS (MTSS):**
  - **INTERVENTION TEACHERS (ALL ELEMENTARY)**
  - **INTERVENTION/SUPPORT PERIODS (RANCHO)**
  - **REACH – QUEST – SOAR - FLEX**
  - **IREADY**
  - **C.A.R.E. (COUNSELING & PSYCH INTERNS): “CONNECTING PERSON-TO-PERSON AND HEART-TO-HEART”**
  - **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) LAB**
  - **SUMMER SCHOOL (EARLY SUMMER)**
  - **BOOT CAMP (PRIOR TO START OF SCHOOL)**
  - **POWER SOURCE**
  - **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DASHBOARD: BY DISTRICT, BY SCHOOL, BY TEACHER, BY STUDENT**



- **SPECIAL EDUCATION (ALL STUDENTS MATTER): “EVERY STUDENT IS COUNTED AND EVERY STUDENT COUNTS”**



# PROGRAMS....



➤ **PRE-AP/IB HONORS ACADEMY (RANCHO)**



➤ **CONSERVATORY OF FINE ARTS – COFA (RANCHO)**



➤ **INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY:**

- ✓ 1:1 CHROMEBOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS 1<sup>ST</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>,
- ✓ VIEWSONICS IN CLASSROOMS
- ✓ STREAM SYSTEMS, CLEVER, GOOGLE CLASSROOM



➤ **ADVANCE PLACEMENT (AP) COMP. SCIENCE (RANCHO)**



➤ **STEAM INNOVATION LABS – ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

➤ **ROBOTICS AND PROGRAMING (RANCHO)**



➤ **E-SPORTS TEAM (RANCHO)**



# PROGRAMS....



Lowell Joint School District  
The Living Classroom  
"Sustainable Science-Literacy Gardens"



- **LIVING CLASSROOM:** "SUSTAINABLE-SCIENCE- LITERACY GARDENS"
- **YOU'RE MY WHY":** "I KNOW YOUR NAME, I KNOW YOUR STORY"



- **SIDE-BY-SIDE:** "WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER"



- **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:** TEACHER/ADMIN ON-BOARDING & INDUCTION *"WELCOME HOME TO LOWELL: CULTURE-CLIMATE-COMMITMENT"*



- **VIRTUAL ACADEMY & HOMESCHOOL**



- **LOWELL TALK**



- **LOWELL LIVES GREEN**

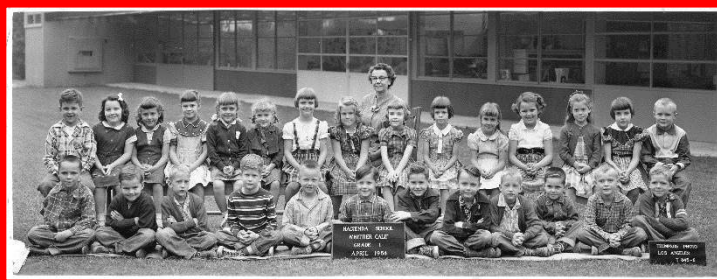
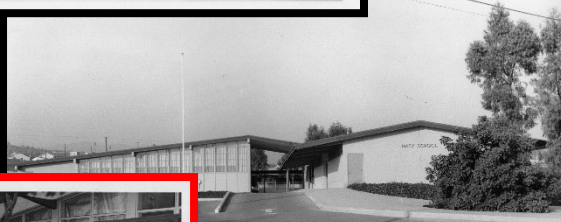




# PROGRAMS ....

- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING PLAN:**  
COMMUNICATION-CLIMATE-COMMUNITY – MARKETING-SOCIAL MEDIA
- **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/SPEAKERS**
- **REVIEW & UPDATE MASTER FACILITY PLAN (2.0 & 3.0)**
- **EXPANDED POST-SECONDARY PARTNERSHIPS**
- **RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF LOWELL JOINT FOUNDATION**
- **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT-LITERACY-UNIVERSITY**
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: BUILDING TO TOMORROWS LEADERS PROJECT**
- **TOP GUN ACADEMY: PD FOR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS AND FUTURE LEADERS**





# "CARETAKERS OF A LEGACY"

# Measure LL- In Progress



Save 5.1 Million  
Interest



Currently 1.5  
Million  
Under Budget

*“CARE TAKERS OF A LEGACY”*



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



✓ ALL 6 SCHOOLS - CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS



✓ ALL 6 SCHOOLS - CALIFORNIA GOLD RIBBON SCHOOLS



✓ ALL 6 SCHOOLS - CALIFORNIA PIVOT PRACTICE SCHOOLS



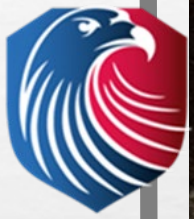
✓ ALL 6 SCHOOLS - CALIFORNIA BUSINESS EXCELLENCE



✓ RANCHO-STARBUCK JR. HIGH – STATE AND NATIONAL SCHOOL'S TO WATCH AWARDEE: 2018 & 2020 & 2022



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION



✓ LJSD – 10 CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION GOLDEN BELL AWARDED PROGRAMS (8 IN LAST 8 YEARS)



✓ ALL TITLE 1 SCHOOLS – NATIONAL TITLE 1 AWARDEES



✓ NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MAGNA AWARD (2 IN LAST 2 YEARS)

✓ AP COLLEGE BOARD FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD



✓ CALIFORNIA READING COALITION RANKED #16/1000



✓ ALL 6 SCHOOLS - US NEWS & WORLD REPORT NATIONALLY RANK





# THE BIG PICTURE...

# THE WHY

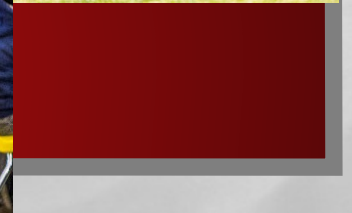


➤ **“A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND” ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

➤ **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS DEVELOPS UNITY**

➤ **UNITY BUILDS STABILITY**

➤ **STABILITY BRINGS LONGEVITY**





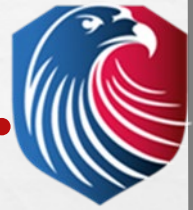
# FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

## THE WHAT

- WE SPEAK LIFE AND DEATH WITH OUR TONGUE
- OUT OF THE MOUTH SPEAKS THE HEART
- WE REAP WHAT WE SOW
- THE HOW IS AT LEAST AS EQUALLY IMPORTANT AS THE WHAT
- WRITE THE VISION DOWN IN STONE SO THOSE THAT FOLLOW DO NOT LOSE THEIR WAY
- WHEN WE ARE LEADING A GROUP DOWN THE ROAD; IF WE DON'T HAVE MOST OF THE FOLKS AT THE END, THEN WE WERE NOT LEADING, BUT JUST OUT FOR A WALK.



**TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE...**



**EXCELLENCE IN ACTION  
(VIDEO)**



# Lowell Joint



THANK  
YOU.





# THANK YOU!

**FOR YOUR VISION, INTEGRITY, TRUST,  
AND LEADERSHIP!**



**2024  
LOWELL JOINT BOARD  
WORKSHOP**

