



Los Angeles County
Office of Education

COVID-19 UPDATE

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

In this difficult time, LACOE remains committed to improving the lives of students and our educational community through service, leadership and advocacy. Here, we share best practices, tips and success stories from the county's 80 districts as we innovate and adapt together to ensure continuity of learning and safety of students, staff and families.

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New Tool for Supporting Students in Foster Care

Educational Passport System

Foster Youth Information System



Secure and Easy to Use

*Built with the
User in Mind*

Saves Time

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the challenges faced by youth in the foster care system. We have partnered with the [LA County Department of Children and Family Services](#) (DCFS) in launching a vital new tool for social workers to support students in foster care. The mobile and web versions of the [Educational Passport System](#) allow 7,800 DCFS social workers to easily view school records on their cellphones while out in the field.

[Learn more](#)

Hawthorne SD to Offer 'More Robust' Distance Learning



[Hawthorne SD](#) is set to offer "more robust" distance learning when it starts the school year in a virtual environment next month, says Supt. Helen Morgan in a townhall hosted by Hawthorne Councilmember Haidar Awad. The district is distributing 7,000 headsets to students, in addition to the Chromebooks provided earlier, to enhance learning from home. "We want to make sure our students have all the materials and support they need to succeed," says Morgan.

LACOE's [Census Outreach](#) Specialist Esmeralda Flores talks about the importance of 2020 Census participation and how it will impact funding for programs supporting the health and education of California's youth. "Spread the word, not the virus," says Flores who works with HSD and other districts in reaching out to hard-to-count communities.

[Watch the video](#) (1 hr.)

[View Hawthorne SD's 2020 Census page](#)

Preparing Young Learners for the New School Year



Hawthorne School District is offering a
FREE VIRTUAL SUMMER SCHOOL PREK - 3RD
that will put your child at the head of the class!

The [Hawthorne SD](#) has launched a Virtual Summer School to give its preK to 3rd-grade students a head start for the coming school year. The summer program uses the learning platform [Footsteps2Brilliance](#) that combines mobile technology and the latest in cognitive research to boost student achievement. All Hawthorne residents, regardless of enrollment status with HSD, are given free access to the curriculum app with hundreds of books and learning activities.

[Learn more about HSD's Virtual Summer School](#)
[See HSD Resources to Support Distance Learning](#)

Tips for Summer Learning



**Build Activities Around
Special Themes**



Find new ways to learn this summer by engaging in themed activities with your children to support their mental and emotional health. Popular summer program themes include space, superheroes and the ocean. Themes make summer learning feel special and different from school-year routines and activities.

See more tips in our [Summer Learning Toolkit](#)

Norwalk High School RAMPs It Up

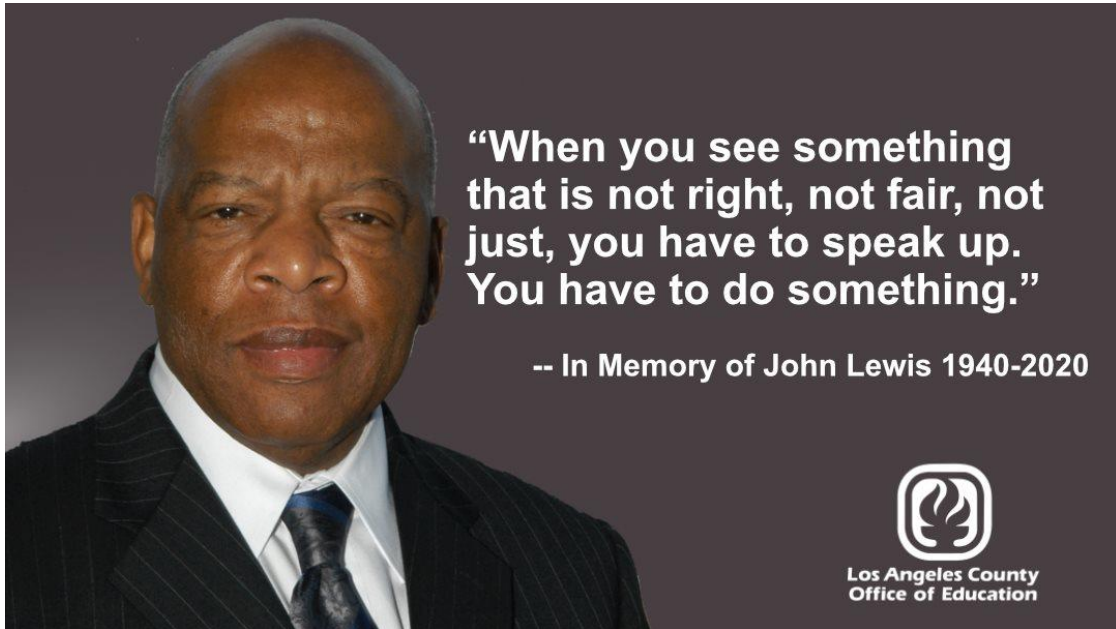


[Norwalk High School](#) in the [Norwalk La Mirada USD](#) has received the [Recognized ASCA Model Program](#) (RAMP) designation for exemplary commitment to its counseling programs. Only 78 schools nationwide received this recognition from the [American School Counselor Association](#) this year. "I am so proud of the hard work this team has put in to become a preventative, data driven program that provides core curriculum," says Norwalk HS Assistant Principal Bindi Crawford. "They truly are the driving force behind our over 50%+ A-G rate, high AP equity rankings, high FAFSA completion rates and so much more." The team includes Rosa Gonzalez, Candi Hernandez, Vanessa Laquinta, Jerry Koppe, Michelle Lobendahn, Sonia Perez and Liliana Tovar.

[Watch the awards ceremony](#) (31 min.)

[Learn more about RAMP](#) (2 min.)

Addressing Educational Inequities



As we honor the memory and legacy of civil rights leaders John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian, who fought systemic racism and social injustice, we continue to take action to address educational inequities. We also promote civic learning to help students understand critical issues and respond by taking informed action to effect change.

[Access resources supporting African American learners](#)

[Access our Resources on Equity, Social Justice and Engagement](#)

[Civic Learning Resources may be found on our Democracy School web page](#)



All children deserve to feel safe at home so they can learn, explore, dream and reach their full potential. If you suspect a child is being abused, call the **LA County Child Protection Hotline: 800-540-4000**.

[Learn more about how to report child abuse](#)

[Watch video message of LACOE and DCFS on child abuse prevention](#) (2.5 min.)

Leadership for Equity in Extraordinary Times



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SESSION TWO

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP COACHES

Join LACOE Leadership Coaches in a discussion on leveraging equity through

- * Decision Making *
- * Parallel Planning *
- * Prioritizing *

Wednesday, July 29 | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

VIA Zoom | <https://bit.ly/ELPLLeadingUp>

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Live On Facebook @LACOE.edu

Join LACOE leadership coaches in Session 2 of our **#LeadingUp for Extraordinary Times** webinar this coming **Wednesday, July 29 at 2 pm**. Panelists will share "golden nuggets" of leadership insights and practices during this unprecedented time.

Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/LACOE.edu/>

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/ELPLLeadingUp> Password: 250953

[Watch July 22 Webinar Session 1](#) (1 hr.)

Students Promote 2020 Census in Multiple Languages



Alhambra USD has created a video featuring students promoting 2020 Census participation in multiple languages spoken in their community.

[Watch the video](#) (2 min.)

[Read Supt. Denise Jaramillo's letter to parents about the 2020 Census](#)

More resources for families and schools, including the Count Me In Curriculum, are available at laoe.edu/Census

[Complete the census NOW!](#)

2020 Census: What's at Stake?

Tuesday, July 28 | 6 PM PT

FEATURING



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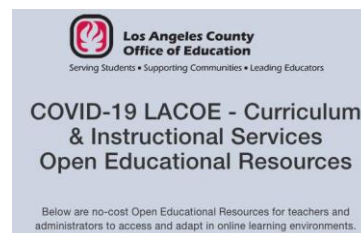
Tomorrow, July 28, our Immigrant Relations Coordinator Carolina Sheinfeld will join [Equality California](#)'s Power Hour to discuss the critical importance of participating in the 2020 Census and what's at stake for our LGBTQ+, immigrants and other vulnerable groups in our schools and communities.

[Join Power Hour - streaming live at 6 pm](#)

Resources for Families & Schools

Don't forget, LACOE is regularly updating several pages of resources:

[COVID-19 Resources for Schools](#)
[Resources for Children from Birth to Five](#)
[Educational Resources for Parents & Teachers](#)
[Remote Learning and Mental Wellness Toolkits](#)
[School Reopening Planning Framework](#)



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