

## How Much Do Parents Matter?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2016/09/do-parents-matter-world/499808/>



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**SEP 15, 2016**

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## L.A. schools chief urges administrators to break bureaucratic rules to help kids

<http://www.latimes.com/la-bio-howard-blume-staff.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## Thousands of LAUSD teachers march downtown as union moves closer to calling first strike in nearly 30 years

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-teachers-march-20181215-story.html>



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*Times staff writer Howard Blume contributed to this report.*

## California's new school rating tool is better, but still flawed

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-california-school-dashboard-20181215-story.html>

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## It's come to this: A checkup with the pediatrician may soon include a prescription for play

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-children-playtime-health-20180820-story.html>



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## **Gates Foundation dumps 'big idea' approach to build on school progress in L.A. and elsewhere**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-gates-foundation-education-grants-20180828-story.html>



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## **LAUSD chief signals desire to limit teacher job protections and change funding rules**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-beutner-teacher-job-protections-20180913-story.html>



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## **California's children fall behind before they start school, and some never catch up, study finds**

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-california-early-education-20180918-story.html>



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# Don't let the SAT become the yardstick to measure California high schools

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## Kids skip school in alarm-bell numbers. A simple solution: Make sure their parents know

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-laUSD-absenteeism-solution-20180921-story.html>



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## Austin Beutner: LAUSD's teacher contract offer creates a pathway to prevent a strike

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-beutner-laUSD-utla-mediation-20180925-story.html>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
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After the fall of the Soviet Union, Beutner went to work for the [U.S. State Department](#). The [Clinton administration](#) tapped him to lead a team into Russia and help transition them from communism to a free-market economy, including the decommissioning of weapons and other materiel.

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## [If L.A. Unified truly wants to put students first, it should reduce classroom sizes now](#)

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-goldberg-laUSD-class-size-matters-20181023-story.html>



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Jackie Goldberg was a classroom teacher for 17 years and a former member and president of the Los Angeles School Board where she represented northeast Los Angeles neighborhoods. She also was a former member of the Los Angeles City Council, and of the California State Assembly where she chaired the Education Committee.

## [If you want better schools, don't evaluate teachers, coach them](#)

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-teacher-coaching-better-than-evaluation-20181116-story.html>



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## **California should spend \$1.6 billion more next year to combat its child poverty crisis, new task force finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-child-poverty-task-force-report-20181119-story.html>



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## **Hirokazu Kore-eda carries on through success and sadness with the release of his Palme d'Or winner, 'Shoplifters'**

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-ca-mn-shoplifters-hirokazu-koreeda-20181123-story.html>



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## **California's housing shortage has companies carving up apartments to lower the rent**

<https://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-apartment-co-living-20181125-story.html>



**ANDREW KHOURI**  
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## **A note on this series: Facing child poverty in L.A. and our own conflicting emotions**



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## [Hidden in L.A. suburbia, wrenching poverty preys on children and destroys dreams](#)

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part1-20181125-htlstory.html>



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## [For the principal with the most homeless students in L.A., the reality of poverty is personal](#)

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part2-20181126-htlstory.html>



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## Whether home is a van, a motel or a garage, L.A.'s suburban poor children learn to survive

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part3-20181127-htlstory.html>



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## For children trapped in poverty, breaking free is getting harder

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part4-20181128-htlstory.html>



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## Some want to help kids trapped in poverty, while others question why parents had so many children

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-pacoima-20181202-story.html>



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## Why shouldn't the L.A. school system look for places to house homeless families?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-homeless-housing-study-20181203-story.html>

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## Betsy DeVos was (sort of) right. We should arm teachers — with supplies, support and a livable salary

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-babcock-teachers-20181209-story.html>

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## Protesters shut down Los Angeles Board of Education meeting

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-school-board-meeting-20181211-story.html>



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## L.A. teachers could strike a few weeks from now. Here’s what you need to know

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-parent-guide-teachers-strike-20181213-story.html>



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## **Rather than waging a contract war at home, L.A. teachers should take their demands to Sacramento**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-melvoyn-why-laUSD-cannot-meet-utla-demands-20181213-story.html>



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Nick Melvoyn is a former L.A. Unified teacher who has served on the Board of Education since July 2017. Nick's election to the Board in May of 2017 follows a career fighting for our city's schoolchildren. He believes that together, with the right leadership, we can ensure that every student in Los Angeles has the opportunity to succeed. Born and raised on the Westside of LA, Nick served as a seventh and eighth grade English teacher at Markham Middle School, an LAUSD campus in Watts, where he coached soccer and baseball and helped his students launch a school newspaper. At Markham, he saw firsthand how poor governance neglected the needs of our city's most vulnerable students. When he and two-thirds of Markham's teachers lost their jobs due to budget cuts, he fought to be re-hired and worked to end the indiscriminate, seniority-based teacher layoffs that harm so many LA families. As a teacher, Nick joined the ACLU, Mayors Riordan and Villaraigosa, and others to bring a ground-breaking civil rights lawsuit which argued that LA's layoffs violated the rights of students.

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## **Team Trump says it's making school lunches 'great again.' It's making them less healthy**

<https://www.latimes.com/lanews-david-lazarus-20130507-staff.html>



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## L.A. teachers set to strike Jan. 10. Union says it has no plans for more negotiating

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-20181219-story.html>



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## A report that offers a path to compromise at L.A. Unified

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## L.A. teachers union rallies supporters with call for cap on charter schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teachers-union-charter-cap-20181221-story.html>



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## Will L.A. raise a fist — or shake it — when teachers strike?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-arellano-teachers-strike-20181226-story.html>



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## **Remember the iPads? L.A. Unified needs more transparency and caution on reorganization**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-reorganization-20181227-story.html>

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## **Major charter organization says it will sit out March primary for L.A. school board seat**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-school-board-endorsements-20181228-story.html>



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## **If Los Angeles teachers strike, poor students will lose**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-ali-hernandez-ross-teachers-strike-20181228-story.html>



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Robert K. Ross, MD, President & Chief Executive Officer of the California Endowment.

## **Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom will propose almost \$2 billion for early childhood programs**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-may-2018-gov-elect-gavin-newsom-will-propose-1546395091.htmlstory.html>



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## **Could last-minute talks and maneuvers forestall a teachers' strike?**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-new-negotiations-teachers-strike-20190103-story.html>



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## **If teachers strike in Los Angeles, where will half a million kids go?**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-parents-preparation-20190104-story.html>



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## **Judge denies L.A. school district's bid to block teachers strike**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-judge-wont-block-teachers-strike-20190105-story.html>



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## The nation's wave of teacher strikes may hit L.A. this week. But here's how ours is different

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-national-context-20190106-story.html>



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## Leaders of L.A. school district and teachers union head to church as scheduled strike approaches

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-approaches-20190106-story.html>



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## Alex Caputo-Pearl: Why Los Angeles teachers may have to strike

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-caputo-pearl-teachers-strike-20190106-story.html>



**ALEX CAPUTO-PEARL**

**JAN 6, 2019**

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## Newsom unveils a \$209-billion budget to boost schools and healthcare and fight poverty

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-gavin-newsom-california-budget-20190110-story.html>



**JOHN MYERS  
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*Times staff writers Taryn Luna, Phil Willon, Patrick McGreevy and Melody Gutierrez contributed to this report.*

## Gavin Newsom's \$1.8 billion early education plan deserves credit, but it isn't enough

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-newsom-early-childhood-education-agenda-20190111-story.html>



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## The long-term problem at L.A. Unified that a strike can't fix

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## L.A. teachers' strike: It's not too late to avert disaster

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-strike-20190112-story.html>





**STEVE LOPEZ**  
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Steve Lopez is a California native who has been an L.A. Times columnist since 2001. He has won more than a dozen national journalism awards for his reporting and column writing at seven newspapers and four news magazines, and is a three-time Pulitzer finalist for commentary – in 2012, for his columns on elder care; in 2016, for his columns on income inequality in California; and in 2018, for his columns on housing and homelessness. He is the author of three novels, two collections of columns and a non-fiction work called “The Soloist,” which was a Los Angeles Times and New York Times best-seller, winner of the PEN USA Literary Award for Non-Fiction, and the subject of a Dream Works movie by the same name. Lopez’s television reporting for public station KCET has won three local news Emmys, three Golden Mike awards and a share of the Columbia University DuPont Award.

## **What to know as LAUSD teachers prepare to strike Monday**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-teachers-strike-guide-20190113-story.html>



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## **L.A. teachers’ strike: How we got here and how we get out**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-strike-begin-01142019-story.html>



**STEVE LOPEZ**  
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## **L.A. City Council members rally with teachers on first day of LAUSD strike**

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**SAM OMAR HALL & DAKOTA SMITH**  
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## **In L.A. strike, leading Democrats — including presidential hopefuls — side with teachers**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-strike-national-politics-20190115-story.html>



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## **Teachers strike at L.A. charter schools too, a first for California**

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## **No matter how the teachers' strike ends, LAUSD's long-term problems aren't going away**

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## **Americans are ignoring the creation of a lost generation of children around the world**

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**KAREN J. GREENBERG**  
**JAN 22, 2019**

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## **The LAUSD strike may be over, but the real work lies ahead**

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## Parents, students celebrate return to routine as L.A. teachers end strike, head back to class

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-back-to-school-20190123-story.html>



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## I'm a charter school teacher. The LAUSD strike made me realize how I'm part of the problem

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-vaca-teacher-strike-20190123-story.html>

**RILEY MCDONALD VACA**  
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## Charity Finds Success in Work With At-Risk Children, but It's Costly

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/25/your-money/friends-of-the-children-charity.html>



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
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His first big story for the FT was a profile of the author Kurt Vonnegut based on a train ride they took from Springfield, Massachusetts to New York City. His last piece for the FT was Vonnegut's obituary.

Paul has been interviewed on radio and television programs across America, including NPR, Marketplace, CNN, and Fox News.

Paul lives in Fairfield County, Connecticut, with his family—three members of which have four legs and shed. He received degrees in history from Trinity College and the University of Chicago.

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## An all-nighter, then a deal to end the L.A. teachers' strike

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-negotiations-20190127-story.html>



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## L.A. plan would guarantee 18 weeks of parental leave

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-parental-leave-20190129-story.html>



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**JAN 29, 2019**

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## The U.S. is the most powerful country. Why are we so far behind Europe on children's well-being?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-alexander-children-health-welfare-20190130-story.html>



**DAVID ALEXANDER**

**JAN 30, 2019**

Dr. David Alexander is a practicing pediatrician and an advocate for children for more than three decades. He is currently President of Leading for Kids, which was established in 2018 with initial funding from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health with the mission to create a society that puts children first. From 2007 to 2018, David served as President and CEO of the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, where his many accomplishments included leading the Foundation's fundraising efforts, resulting in more than \$800 million raised during his tenure. David also worked to actively engage clinical staff and

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## Do charter schools harm traditional public schools? Gov. Newsom wants to find out

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-governor-launches-charter-school-review-20190206-story.html>



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## Nearly one in five girls is wed before she turns 18. Think about them on Valentine's Day

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