

# **Dangerous streets are the leading cause of death of our children. It's time to finally make L.A. walkable**

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/livable-city/la-oe-podemski-walkable-city-20160912-snap-story.html>



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**SEP 12, 2016**

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## **How Much Do Parents Matter?**

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



**URI FRIEDMAN**

**SEP 15, 2016**

Uri Friedman is a staff writer at *The Atlantic*, where he covers global affairs. He was previously the deputy managing editor at *Foreign Policy*.

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

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-austin-beutner-speech-20180809-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 9, 2018**

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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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## **Cheerleader's blackface video raises ghosts of Fresno's racist past**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-31/fresno-racism-slur-blackface-election>



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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**



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

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-sat-20180921-story.html>

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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>



**DAVID L. KIRP**  
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David L. Kirp is a senior fellow at the Learning Policy Institute and an emeritus professor of the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

## 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

SEP 25, 2018

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded Evercore Partners and is the former publisher and CEO of the *Los Angeles Times* and the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for Mayor of Los Angeles in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

Beutner attended Dartmouth College, where he majored in economics. After graduation in 1982 he went to work at Smith Barney as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at The Blackstone Group. In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group Evercore Partners, which went public in 2006.

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 decommission of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded Evercore Partners, an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Roger Altman. When Evercore went public (NYSE:EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

## LA City Commission on Children, Youth and their Families

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los\\_angeles/latest/laac/o-o-o-37139](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/laac/o-o-o-37139)

OCT 10, 2018

JDM – not sure where I got this but there appears to be no such commission functioning at either city or county levels – but it is Chapter 23 of the LA City Charter.

## 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>



JACKIE GOLDBERG

OCT 23, 2018

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>



**JAZMINE ULLOA**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
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Jazmine Ulloa covers California state politics and policy for the Los Angeles Times and is based in Sacramento. A native of El Paso, she covered state and federal courts for the Austin American-Statesman in the Texas capital. Her work has appeared in Texas Monthly, the Texas Observer and the Boston Globe. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

## **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>



**JUSTIN CHANG**  
**FILM CRITIC**  
**NOV 23, 2018**

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Critics Assn. A Southern California native and USC graduate, he lives with his wife and daughter in Pasadena.

## 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**  
**NOV 25, 2018**

Andrew Khouri covers the California economy for the Los Angeles Times. Before coming to The Times he wrote about commercial real estate for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. He holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism & he graduated from the University of San Diego with a degree in history.

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

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-note-20181109-story.html>



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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-htmlstory.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-htmlstory.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-htmlstory.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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**DEC 9, 2018**

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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-melvoin-why-laUSD-cannot-meet-utla-demands-20181213-story.html>



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Nick Melvoin 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.

Nick holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a Masters in Urban Education from Loyola Marymount University (LMU), and a law degree from the New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service

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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>



**DAVID LAZARUS**  
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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>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
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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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## 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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-contract-20181220-story.html>

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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>



**FRED ALI & ANTONIA HERNÁNDEZ & ROBERT K. ROSS**

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Fred Ali, President & Chief Executive Officer of Weingart Foundation.

Antonia Hernández, President & Chief Executive Officer of California Community Foundation.

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>



**JOHN MYERS  
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**JAN 2, 2019**

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Sacramento's original politicsblogs to California's first politics podcast. He also served as the moderator of gubernatorial debates in 2014 and 2010. Often cited by state and national news organizations as one of Sacramento's top journalists, he's a graduate of Duke University and the University of California, Berkeley.

## 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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**JAN 3, 2019**

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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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**JAN 4, 2019**

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**Times staff reporter Andrea Castillo contributed to this report.**

## 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>



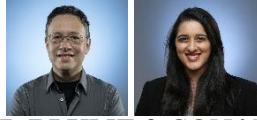
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## The nation's wave of teacher strikes may hit L.A. this week. But here's how ours is different

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



**HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI**  
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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**

Alex Caputo-Pearl is president of United Teachers Los Angeles. He is an LAUSD parent and previously taught for 22 years in the Compton and Los Angeles school districts.

## **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>



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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>



**DAVID L. KIRP**  
**JAN 11, 2019**

[David L. Kirp](#) is a contributing opinion writer for The New York Times. A professor of public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, as well as a prolific author and policy adviser, Mr. Kirp has focused on education policy issues, from cradle to college. He writes for national publications, among them The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, The Nation and the American Prospect, and is a former associate editor at The Sacramento Bee. His 16 books include "Shakespeare, Einstein and the Bottom Line: The Marketing of Higher Education" (2003), "The Sandbox Investment: The Preschool Movement and Kids-First Politics" (2007) and "Kids First: Five Big Ideas for Transforming Children's Lives and America's Future" (2011).

Mr. Kirp was the founding director of the [Harvard Center for Law and Education](#), which filed landmark lawsuits seeking equal educational opportunity. His latest book, "Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System and a Strategy for America's Schools" (2013), tells the remarkable story of the [Union City, N.J., school district](#), which relied on tried-and-true strategies, not faddish reforms. The American Education Research Association selected it as the year's outstanding book.

Mr. Kirp has lectured at universities around the world and has been the keynote speaker at many national conferences. In 2008, he was a member of President-elect Obama's transition team.

David L. Kirp is a senior fellow at the Learning Policy Institute and an emeritus professor of the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-declining-enrollment-20190112-story.html>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

**JAN 12, 2019**

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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**  
**JAN 12, 2019**

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>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
**JAN 13, 2019**

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**Times staff reporters Howard Blume, Corina Knoll and Joel Rubin contributed to this report.**

## **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**  
**JAN 14, 2019**

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

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-strike-council-members-20190114-story.html>



**SAM OMAR HALL & DAKOTA SMITH**  
**JAN 14, 2019**

Sam Omar Hall is Multiplatform Editor at the Los Angeles Times. “The thread that ties together my experience in journalism and education is communication. Clear communication is necessary for learning, and learning is necessary if the world is to improve. Whether in text, photo, audio, or video, I strive for clear communication that will engage and educate.”

Dakota Smith covers Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Hall for the city-county bureau. She joined the Los Angeles Times in 2016 & previously covered City Hall for the Los Angeles Daily News. She is a graduate of Lewis & Clark College & lives in Los Angeles.

## **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**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-strike-accelerated-school-20190114-story.html>



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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-teachers-strike-long-term-issues-20190119-story.html>

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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-greenberg-crisis-of-childhood-20190122-story.html>



**KAREN J. GREENBERG**

**JAN 22, 2019**

Karen J. Greenberg is the director of the Center on National Security at Fordham Law. She is the author of "Rogue Justice: The Making of the Security State." Julia Tedesco helped with research for this article, and a longer version of it appears at [TomDispatch.com](http://TomDispatch.com).

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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-teacher-strike-ends-20190123-story.html>

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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>



**HANNAH FRY & RUBEN VIVES & MATTHEW ORMSETH**  
**JAN 23, 2019**

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**Times staff writers Howard Blume and Sonali Kohli contributed to this report.**

# 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**  
**JAN 23, 2019**

Riley McDonald Vaca is a teacher at Camino Nuevo High School and an LAUSD parent. Her views do not represent those of her school's management.

# 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**  
**WEALTH MATTERS**  
**Jan. 25, 2019**

Paul Sullivan writes the *Wealth Matters* column for The New York Times.

His articles have appeared in Fortune, Money, Conde Nast Portfolio, The International Herald Tribune, Barron's, The Boston Globe, and Food & Wine. From 2000 to 2006, he was a reporter, editor and columnist at the Financial Times.

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.

*The Thin Green Line: The Money Secrets of The Super Wealthy* is Paul's second book. His first was *Clutch: Why Some People Excel Under Pressure and Others Don't*.

# 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>



**EMILY ALPERT REYES**

**JAN 29, 2019**

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**Times staff writer Melody Gutierrez contributed to this report.**

# 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 board members in philanthropy and personally led solicitation efforts resulting in several transformational gifts.

David served as President for Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 2002 to 2005, directing all aspects of operations including strategic planning, clinical quality, physician alignment and community relations.



For nine years, David was Medical Director and Administrator at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to Blank Children's, he served as Medical Director and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 1988 to 1993.

From 1984 to 1988, David served as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Inpatient Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University, where, in 1987, he was named "Pediatric Faculty Member of the Year."

He has served on numerous boards including The Woodmark Group Board of Directors and Stanford Child Health Research Institute Board of Directors – serving on both from 2010 to 2018. He sits on four editorial boards related to pediatric medicine and is, himself, a published author.

## **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**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-child-marriage-valentines-day-20190214-story.html>



**SIDDHARTH CHATTERJEE**  
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UNICEF Radio. A full list of his press mentions and interviews are here. He has been a keynote speaker at a TED x event in Spain and at the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy. A husband and a dad, he dotes on his son. He also enjoys running, parachuting, biking, SCUBA diving, poetry, current affairs and English literature.

## L.A. school board signals support for an education tax increase this year

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-lausd-parcel-tax-20190226-story.html>



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# Surrounded

## Killings near school, and the students left behind

[HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/PROJECTS/LA-ME-EDU-SCHOOL-SAFETY/](https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety/)



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### **SERIES: #1**

This series is a product of **The Homicide Report**, The Times' effort to tell the story of every homicide victim in Los Angeles County.

The project was written and reported by **Sonali Kohli**. The photography is by **Marcus Yam**. **Iris Lee** and **Priya Krishnakumar** provided the data analysis, graphics and digital production. The idea for the series came from former Times writer **Jerome Campbell**, who, along with **Nicole Santa Cruz**, also contributed to reporting.

The Times' **Homicide Report** compiled deaths by reviewing records from the **Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's** office. The Times used the coroner's definition of homicide, which includes any death of a human being caused by another. This includes criminal homicides as well as justifiable homicides by civilians acting in self-defense.

Information about Los Angeles County's 295 public high schools, including location and student demographics, were obtained from the **California Department of Education**.

The Times then developed a custom computer program to identify homicides within a one-mile radius of each school. Schools were only included if they were open for the full duration of the study, which examined all killings in the past five years.

The computer code that conducted the analysis is available for review as [open-source software](#).

Kohli worked on this project while participating in the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism's [2018 California Fellowship](#).

## What it's like to go to school when dozens have been killed nearby

[HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/PROJECTS/LA-ME-EDU-SCHOOL-SAFETY-DEATHS-NEARBY/](https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-deaths-nearby/)



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**SERIES: #2**

## Resources for students and families affected by violence near schools

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-resources/>



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**SERIES: #3**

## L.A. councilman floats idea of ballot measure to fund child care

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-child-care-20190227-story.html>



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## **A NEW DIRECTION HOME**

**<https://argonautnews.com/a-new-direction-home-2/>**



**GARY WALKER**

**FEB 27, 2019**

Gary Walker is a reporter for The Argonaut: I have covered City Hall, municipal, county state and national elections. Environmental, education, explanatory and investigative reporting are also a part of my portfolio. We cover a district that has a plethora of newsmakers and we have been at the forefront of informing our readers with solid, old-school journalism combined with new 21st century style technology. I won the highest education award that a California reporter can win, the John Swett Award for Media Excellence, in 2008.

## **L.A. school board asks property owners to show support with more tax money**

**<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-parcel-tax-20190228-story.html>**



**HOWARD BLUME**

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# **Monyae's story**

## **When a killing near school hits home**

**<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-monyae/>**



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**SERIES: #4**

## **How should journalists write about killings near schools? The students weigh in**

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-students-weigh-in/>



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## **Newsom fast-tracks legislation to hold charter schools to same standards as public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-charter-school-transparency-20190228-story.html>



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**Times staff writer Phil Willon contributed to this report.**

## **L.A. school board seat could tip political scales on charter movement**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-school-board-race-20190304-story.html>



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## **Eli Broad weighs in at last minute with \$100,000 donation in L.A. school board race**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-eli-broad-laUSD-school-board-election-20190307-story.html>



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## A charter school report card: They cause problems. But for many families they're the solution

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-schools-charters-20190308-story.html>



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## How a couple worked charter school regulations to make millions

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-schools-20190327-htmlstory.html>



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*Do you know what a charter school is? Are you sure? See video [here](#).*

## Small districts reap big profits by approving charter schools with little oversight

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-school-fees-20190328-story.html>



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# California's broken charter school law has defied reform.

## Can Newsom break the gridlock?

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-school-policy-paralysis-20190329-story.html>



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## Garcetti, in yearly address, pushes new tax to support L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-mayor-eric-garcetti-state-of-the-city-20190417-story.html>



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## Give teachers more money. The raises will pay for themselves

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-startz-teacher-raises-20190417-story.html>



**DICK STARTZ**

**APR 17, 2019**

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## Teachers union and Eli Broad — usually foes — unite behind parcel tax for L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-parcel-tax-unites-foes-20190419-htmllstory.html>





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## **California probation chiefs brace for changes to the juvenile justice system**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-probation-juvenile-justice-20190421-story.html>



**JAZMINE ULLOA**  
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## **Candid conversation about race**

<http://news.mit.edu/2019/beverly-daniel-tatum-conversation-race-0422>



**PETER DIZIKES**  
**April 22, 2019**

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## **L.A. students are already activists. Now they want to vote at 16.**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-teen-voting-20190423-story.html>



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# How to make high schools better for students

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-mehta-fine-education-high-school-excellence-20190426-story.html>



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APR 26, 2019

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## California is weighing bills — some helpful, others vicious — to rein in charter schools

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## Last-minute changes to ballot language could create problems for L.A. schools tax measure

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-edu-laUSD-parcel-tax-mistake-20190502-story.html>



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## **Beutner's changes to ballot language spark debate over parcel tax for L.A. schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-debate-over-lausd-parcel-tax-changes-20190503-story.html>



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## **In L.A. Unified elementary schools, library books could be off-limits to many students**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-lausd-libraries-20190504-story.html>



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## **L.A. school board to vote on exempting garages from education tax**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-school-parcel-tax-controversy-20190507-story.html>



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## **L.A. school board votes to exempt garages from education tax**

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## **Let 16-year-olds vote for L.A. school board**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-mcdonald-school-board-voting-age-16-20190508-story.html>



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## **Vote yes on Measure EE, the parcel tax to increase L.A. schools funding**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-endorsement-measure-ee-20190510-story.html>

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## **Two elections affecting L.A. schools make for strange bedfellows**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-elections-strange-money-trail-20190513-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## In majority-Latino LAUSD, this election will tip the board mostly white

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-lausd-district-5-latinos-20190512-story.html>



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**Times staff writers Ben Welsh and Howard Blume contributed to this report.**

## California's education funding is at a record high. So why are schools short on cash?

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-road-map-california-school-funding-shortfall-20190512-story.html>



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## Ron Finley Plants Vegetable Gardens in South Central LA in abandoned lots & traffic medians & along curbs as alternative to fast food

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzZzZ\\_qpZ4w&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1wRc19pck7K\\_FRhO4UT681G9EKi\\_KVO564JTuDoeat17QJdWUKJUvTrmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzZzZ_qpZ4w&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1wRc19pck7K_FRhO4UT681G9EKi_KVO564JTuDoeat17QJdWUKJUvTrmw)



**KAYLA JASMINE DEFOREST**

**May 13, 2019**

Kayla Jasmine DeForest is a grandniece of Joe Murphy, chair of Venice Neighborhood Council's DFC **Focus on Children** Committee.

## **Jackie Goldberg's win changes LAUSD equation for unions, charters and Beutner**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-board-election-analysis-20190516-story.html>



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## **L.A. County juvenile halls are so chaotic, officers are afraid to go to work**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/countygovernment/la-me-juvenile-halls-chaos-pepper-spray-detention-probation-20190519-story.html>



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## **Goldberg joins L.A. Unified school board, immediately challenges aid to charter schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-goldberg-joins-laUSD-board-20190521-story.html>



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## **Youths focused on gun violence prevention hope ads speak Louder Than Guns**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teen-gun-violence-prevention-20190527-story.html>





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## **Online charter schools in L.A. and San Diego counties to close after indictments**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-edu-charter-school-indictments-20190528-story.html>



**KRISTEN TAKETA & MORGAN COOK & JACLYN COSGROVE**  
**MAY 28, 2019**

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## **Plans to impose a moratorium on new California charter schools stall in Sacramento**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-charter-school-moratorium-california-delayed-20190529-story.html>



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## Measure EE will cost you a few bucks. Its failure could cost you more

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-measure-ee-school-funding-20190529-story.html>



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## California’s state universities are a path to mobility and tuition needs to be free

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-skelton-college-tuition-20190530-story.html>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
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## LAUSD says it needs the Measure EE tax. Skeptics say the district has a spending problem

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-property-tax-hike-pitch-20190602-story.html>



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## Vote yes on Measure EE today to increase funding for public school students

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-measure-ee-redux-20190604-story.html>

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## **Parcel tax for L.A. schools is latest ask of taxpayers**

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## **A political disaster: How Measure EE, L.A. schools tax hike, failed so badly**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-property-tax-laUSD-explainer-20190605-story.html>



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## **A shrug from voters to struggling L.A. schools, and have a nice summer, kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-laUSD-school-tax-vote-201906-story.html>



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## **After failed funding campaign, L.A. Unified chief outlines budget plan**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-budget-troubles-20190606-story.html>



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**JUN 6, 2019**

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## **Failure of L.A. school tax measure could put resources and alliances to the test**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-property-tax-election-analysis-20190606-story.html>



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## **California moves toward new limits on charter schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-charter-school-task-force-report-20190610-story.html>



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## **This election was a bigger rout than the Measure EE failure; readers vote 9 to 1 against columnist**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-laUSD-measureee-20190612-story.html>



**STEVE LOPEZ**

**JUN 12, 2019**

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## **L.A. Unified board votes to end random student searches**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-random-searches-laUSD-20190618-story.html>



**SONALI KOHLI**

**JUN 18, 2018**

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## **The California lottery, public schools and the mystery of the ‘missing’ money**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-lottery-schools-funding20190619-story.html>



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## **What If Teachers Didn’t Focus So Much on Individual Achievement?**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/06/how-black-teachers-segregated-district-teach-civics/591856/>



**KRISTINA RIZGA**

**JUNE 2019**

**KRISTINA RIZGA** is a writer based in San Francisco. She is the author of Mission High: One School, How Experts Tried to Fail It, and the Students and Teachers Who Made It Triumph. She writes articles for The Atlantic.

## **L.A. leaders say Trump proposal would boot thousands of immigrants from public housing**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-hud-immigrant-families-20190626-story.html>



**ANDREA CASTILLO**  
**JUN 28, 2019**

Andrea Castillo covers immigration and central L.A. communities. Before joining the Los Angeles Times, she covered immigrant, ethnic and LGBT issues for the Fresno Bee. She got her start at the Oregonian in Portland. A native of Seattle, she's been making her way down the West Coast since her graduation from Washington State University.

## **L.A. charter schools' grand plans: Take back mayor's office, sue school district, battle teachers union**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-secret-plan-for-charters-20190702-story.html>



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## **Memo to charter leaders: 'It's better to be feared than loved. Right now we are neither'**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-charter-leaders-confidential-planning-20190702-story.html>



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## **Law enforcement seizes records of closed L.A. charter school**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-17/law-enforcement-seizes-records-of-closed-charter-school>



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**JUL 17, 2019**



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## Get children out of cages at the border and into school

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-07-17/children-border-detention-education>



LAUREN MARKHAM & THI BUI  
JUL 18, 2019

Lauren Markham is the author of "The Far Away Brothers: Two Young Migrants and the Making of an American Life."

Thi Bui is the author of the illustrated memoir "The Best We Could Do," about her family's experience as refugees from Vietnam.

## California's proposed new ethnic studies curriculum is jargon-filled and all-too-PC

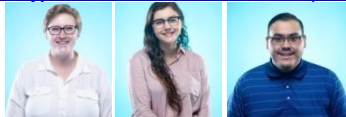
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## HS INSIDER Los Angeles Times

<https://highschool.latimes.com/about-us/>



MOLLY HEBER & ISABELLA BALANDRAN & KEVIN CAMARGO  
AUG 4, 2019

**Molly Heber** is the newest addition to the HS Insider team. As the Project Lead, Molly seeks out every opportunity to work alongside young people to elevate their voices through education, the arts and civic engagement. Prior to joining the LA Times, she worked with students, educators and schools across Los Angeles to ensure greater access to college and career-readiness supports and the arts. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Davis and a Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education. Molly loves to travel, but deep down is all about California, having lived in Northern, Central and Southern California throughout her life.

**Isabella Balandran** is a Co-Lead Producer for HS Insider and is a journalism major at Orange Coast College. After interning with HS Insider the summer before her senior year at Mater Dei, Isabella discovered and fostered her passion for journalism. Between running the backend of HS Insider and serving as an editor on her school newspaper, Isabella enjoys keeping up with news, watching live music and spending time with her family and dogs.

**Kevin Camargo** is a Co-Lead Producer for HS Insider and is a transfer student at the University of Southern California from East Los Angeles College. He has been part of HSI since 2015 and has worked for HSI since summer 2017. Kevin is a South East High School alumnus and former Editor-in-Chief of his school paper, The Jaguar Times. He is from the city of South Gate and enjoys covering his city through multimedia pieces. He was the online editor for ELAC Campus News, and plans to be the multimedia editor at the Daily Trojan. He considers himself the human-life Spotify because he can listen and jam out to any type of music. From Karaoke Night with the family to dancing in quinceañeras, music is a big part of his life. Do you — or your students — have important stories to tell? Are you reporting on topics that you believe deserve a larger audience? Do you want to sharpen your multimedia skills?

## **For our kids, the white guy with a gun is the face of terrorism**

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2019-08-05/el-paso-domestic-terrorism-white-guy-with-a-gun-this-generations-face-of-terrorism>



**MARY MCNAMARA**  
**CULTURE COLUMNIST AND CRITIC**  
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## **Is California’s draft ethnic studies curriculum anti-Semitic?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-09/ethnic-studies-curriculum-california-anti-semitism>



**KAREN KLEIN**  
**AUG 9, 2019**

Karin Klein is a former editorial writer who covered education, environment, food and science. She was the 2006-07 winner of the Eugene C. Pulliam Fellowship for Editorial Writers and a 2012 Logan Environmental Journalism fellow. She leads interpretive hikes as a volunteer naturalist and is the author of the 2010 book “50 Hikes in Orange County.” Klein has worked at The Times since 1989. She attended Wellesley College and UC Berkeley and is an adjunct professor of journalism at Chapman University. She left The Times in 2015.

## **Inspire charter schools spread across California as critics warn of performance, financial concerns**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2019-08-10/inspire-charter-schools-spread-across-california-as-critics-warn-of-performance-financial-concerns>



**KRISTEN TAKETA**  
**AUG 11, 2019**

Kristen Taketa covers K-12 education for The San Diego Union-Tribune. She joined the U-T in 2018 after covering education for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Taketa is a Torrance native and graduated from UCLA.

Public records raise questions about financial and organizational issues in the charter school network.

## Fighting school segregation, not in the American South, but in Sausalito

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-12/sausalito-school-segregation-becerra-settlement>

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## Cisheteropatriarchy. Hxrstory. The language of ethnic studies, explained

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-12/ethnic-studies-california-glossary>



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## Ethnic studies may soon be mandatory. Can California get it right?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-12/california-ethnic-studies-curriculum>



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# A new ranking system for L.A. schools? Board to consider 1-to-5 scale

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-13/lausd-schools-ranked>



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## Push for Ethnic Studies in Schools Faces a Dilemma: Whose Stories to Tell

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/us/california-ethnic-studies.html?em\\_pos=small&ref=headline&nl\\_art=2&te=1&nl=race-related&emc=edit\\_rr\\_20190817?campaign\\_id=37&instance\\_id=11720&segment\\_id=16254&user\\_id=860a29e9588186d1fda414c1301ea770&regi\\_id=91707234emc=edit\\_rr\\_20190817](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/us/california-ethnic-studies.html?em_pos=small&ref=headline&nl_art=2&te=1&nl=race-related&emc=edit_rr_20190817?campaign_id=37&instance_id=11720&segment_id=16254&user_id=860a29e9588186d1fda414c1301ea770&regi_id=91707234emc=edit_rr_20190817)



**DANA GOLDSTEIN**

**AUG. 15, 2019**

**Dana Goldstein** is a national correspondent for The New York Times, writing about how education policies impact families, students and teachers across the country. She is the author of the bestselling "The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession," and a two-time finalist for The Livingston Award.

## Homeless kids, chronic absenteeism, frustrated parents: L.A. Unified is back to school and trying to help

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-19/la-unified-back-to-school-seeking-help-usd-first-day-of-school>



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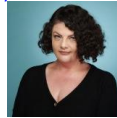
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## Will changes to California's ethnic studies curriculum weaken it? That's what some activists and educators say

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-20/will-changes-to-californias-ethnic-studies-curriculum-weaken-it>



**ALEX WIGGLESWORTH**  
**AUG 21, 2019**

Alex Wigglesworth is a staff writer at the Los Angeles Times. Before joining the newsroom in 2016, she was a general assignment reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. A Philadelphia native, she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in medical anthropology & global health. She currently lives in Inglewood.

## Ethnic studies bill delayed a year in California amid controversy

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-22/california-ethnic-studies-california-bill-delayed>



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## My high school students don't read any more. I think I know why

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-22/death-of-reading-high-school-cellphone>



**JEREMY ADAMS**  
**AUG 23, 2019**

Jeremy Adams is the author of "Riding the Wave: Teacher Strategies for Navigating Change and Strengthening Key Relationships", recipient of the Jim Burke Rising Star Teaching Award and founder of the Earl Warren Cup Constitutional Competition. He teaches political science at Bakersfield High School and California State University, Bakersfield. Mr. Adams was named "2012 Kern County Teacher of the Year" and won the 2012 Beautiful Bakersfield award in Education. He lives in Central California with his wife and three children.

# A battle over California charter schools ends — for now — with a deal in Sacramento

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-28/california-charter-schools-deal-sacramento>



**TARYN LUNA**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
**AUG 28, 2019**

Taryn Luna covers state government and politics in Sacramento. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Times in 2018, Luna covered the California Legislature and lobbying industry for The Sacramento Bee. She previously wrote about retail for The Boston Globe and worked as a general assignment reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Luna grew up in Dixon, a small town in Northern California, and graduated from Oregon State University.

## They were homeless. I took them in. Would you?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-30/homeless-los-angeles-a-safe-place-host-home>



**ANNABELLE GURWITCH**  
**SEP 1, 2019**

Actor and writer Annabelle Gurwitch is working on a new collection of essays, "You're Leaving When?" This op-ed was underwritten by a grant from the Economic Hardship Reporting Project.

## California expands ban on 'willful defiance' suspensions in schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-10/school-suspension-willful-defiance-california>



**NINA AGRAWAL**  
**SEP 10, 2019**

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## Would starting school later in the day actually help teens? Let's find out before making a rash decision

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# A tiny Marin County district got California's first school desegregation order in 50 years

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-21/desegregation-order-sausalito-marin-county>



**JAMES RAINEY**  
**SEP 22, 2019**

James Rainey has covered multiple presidential elections, the war in Iraq, the foster care system and the environment. He was part of L.A. Times teams that won Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of wildfires, the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 1997 North Hollywood shootout. He wrote the twice-weekly column, "On the Media." He also reported on the film industry for Variety and on climate change for NBC News.

# New UCLA institute will study — and spread — kindness

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-24/ucla-bedari-kindness-institute-launch>



**TERESA WATANABE**  
**SEP 25, 2019**

Teresa Watanabe covers education for the Los Angeles Times. Since joining the Times in 1989, she has covered immigration, ethnic communities, religion, Pacific Rim business and served as Tokyo correspondent and bureau chief. She also covered Asia, national affairs and state government for the San Jose Mercury News and wrote editorials for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. A Seattle native, she graduated from USC in journalism and in East Asian languages and culture.

# Time for accountability in L.A. County juvenile justice

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-09-27/la-county-probation-accountability>

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# California Schools Can No Longer Suspend K-8 Students for Using Phones

<https://pressfrom.info/us/news/us/-332370-california-schools-can-no-longer-suspend-students-for-being-on-their-phones-now-what.html>



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## Can charter and public schools share space without fights? LAUSD's \$5.5-million solution

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-02/charter-schools-campus-sharing-grants>



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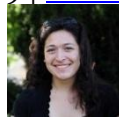
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## The Lost Kids Of Venice Neverland - USC Film School Grad Screens Her Documentary About Homeless Youth — Made When She Was One Of Them

<https://argonautnews.com/the-lost-kids-of-venice-neverland/>

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**CHRISTINA CAMPODONICO**

**OCT 2, 2019**

Christina Campodonico is a Los Angeles-based arts & multimedia journalist with a specialty in dance writing. Her writings have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *@ This Stage*, *The Daily Princetonian* and *The Argonaut*, where she is the Arts & Events Editor. Her writing mentors have included Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic Tim Page, *New York Times* dance writer Claudia La Rocco, *L.A. Times* film critic Kenneth Turan, veteran entertainment reporter Mary Murphy and L.A. dance critic Sasha Anawalt.

She graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University, where she studied English and Dance, and attended USC's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism on a full Annenberg Fellowship. At USC she co-founded the Media Center's dedicated arts & culture online newsmagazine and podcast [Ampersand](#), whose season finale won Best College Radio Broadcast at the 2016 Broadcast Education Association Awards. Upon graduation, Christina received the Outstanding Journalism Student in the Arts award and jumped straight into arts reporting and criticism in her native SoCal. She has been nominated for two L.A. Press Club awards. Christina enjoys reading, writing and watching other people perform.

## Only half of California students meet English standards and fewer meet math standards, test scores show

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-09/california-school-test-scores-2019>



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## **Long Beach school locking playground for student safety, but at what cost?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-09/lopez-column-long-beach-school-locking-playground>



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## **State will audit Inspire charter school network for alleged fraud**

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## **Medical marijuana OK at K-12 schools in California after Gov. Newsom signs new law**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-10/gov-newsom-signs-new-law-allowing-medical-marijuana-at-k12-schools>

**PATRICK MCGREEVY**  
**OCT 10, 2019**



Patrick McGreevy covers the California Legislature out of the Sacramento bureau. Since joining the Los Angeles Times in 1998, he has worked in the City Hall and San Fernando Valley bureaus, writing about subjects including Valley secession, LAPD reform and city government during the administrations of Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa. He is a native of San Diego and a graduate of San Jose State University.

# California becomes first state in the country to push back school start times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-13/california-first-state-country-later-school-start-times-new-law>



**TARYN LUNA**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
**OCT 13, 2019**

Taryn Luna covers state government and politics in Sacramento. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Times in 2018, Luna covered the California Legislature and lobbying industry for The Sacramento Bee. She previously wrote about retail for The Boston Globe and worked as a general assignment reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Luna grew up in Dixon, a small town in Northern California, and graduated from Oregon State University.

# Almost 1 million kids could lose automatic eligibility for free school lunches under Trump proposal

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2019-10-16/1-million-kids-could-lose-free-school-lunches>

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# Noncitizens voting in LAUSD elections? Bad idea

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-10-16/lausd-noncitizens-voting-school-board>

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# Why 'Sesame Street' is smarter about foster care than your local child welfare agency

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-10-17/sesame-street-karli-opioid-addiction-foster-care>



**NAOMI SCHAEFER RILEY**  
**OCT 17, 2019**

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She is a former columnist for the *New York Post* and a former *Wall Street Journal* editor and writer, as well as the author of six books, including, *Be the Parent: Stop Banning Seesaws and Start Banning Snapchat* (2018).

Her book, *Til Faith Do Us Part: How Interfaith Marriage is Transforming America* (Oxford, 2013), was named an editor's pick by the *New York Times Book Review*.

Ms. Riley's writings have appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *LA Times*, and the *Washington Post*, among other publications. She appears regularly on FoxNews and FoxBusiness and CNBC. She has also appeared on Q&A with Brian Lamb as well as the *Today Show*.

She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in English and Government. She lives in the suburbs of New York with her husband, Jason, and their three children.

## **Founder and CEO of embattled Inspire charter schools resigns**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-19/founder-and-ceo-of-embattled-inspire-charter-schools-resigns>



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**OCT 19, 2019**

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## **Elizabeth Warren vows to end federal funding for new charter schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2019-10-21/elizabeth-warren-education-plan-would-end-federal-funding-for-new-charter-schools>

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# Trump proposes denying free school meals to half a million children

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-10-21/hiltzik-trump-school-lunch>



**MICHAEL HILTZIK**

**OCT 21, 2019**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Hiltzik writes a daily blog appearing on latimes.com. His business column appears in print every Sunday, and occasionally on other days. As a member of the Los Angeles Times staff, he has been a financial and technology writer and a foreign correspondent. He is the author of six books, including “Dealers of Lightning: Xerox PARC and the Dawn of the Computer Age” and “The New Deal: A Modern History.” Hiltzik and colleague Chuck Philips shared the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for articles exposing corruption in the entertainment industry.

# Billionaire Rick Caruso gives \$50 million to Pepperdine law school to expand access for underserved students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-23/billionaire-rick-caruso-gives-50-million-to-pepperdine-law-school-to-expand-access-for-underserved-students>



**TERESA WATANABE**

**OCT 23, 2019**

Teresa Watanabe covers education for the Los Angeles Times. Since joining the Times in 1989, she has covered immigration, ethnic communities, religion, Pacific Rim business and served as Tokyo correspondent and bureau chief. She also covered Asia, national affairs and state government for the San Jose Mercury News and wrote editorials for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. A Seattle native, she graduated from USC in journalism and in East Asian languages and culture.

# This group was supposed to help L.A. tackle poverty head-on. Instead, it's shutting down

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-25/youth-policy-institute-shut-down-financial-garcetti>



**DAVID ZAHNISER & HOWARD BLUME**

**OCT 25, 2019**

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# Yelp-like ratings for L.A. public schools look like a no-go. But what's next?



<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-05/grading-schools-in-los-angeles>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## **LAUSD guide: How to get into a magnet school or specialized programs in Los Angeles**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-05/guide-to-choosing-magnet-schools-los-angeles>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
**NOV 5, 2019**

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## **California's poorest kids aren't getting the school funding they've been promised**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-07/school-funding-audit-california>

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## **Western Individualism May Have Roots In The Medieval Church's Obsession With Incest**

<https://www.npr.org/people/578890280/rhithu-chatterjee>



**RHITU CHATTERJEE**  
**Nov 7, 2019**

Rhithu Chatterjee is a health correspondent with NPR, with a focus on mental health. In addition to writing about the latest developments in psychology and psychiatry, she reports on the prevalence of different mental illnesses and new developments in treatments.

Chatterjee explores the underlying causes of mental health disorders – the complex web of biological, socio-economic, and cultural factors that influence how mental health problems manifest themselves in different groups – and how our society deals with the mentally ill. She has a particular interest in mental health problems faced by the most

vulnerable, especially pregnant women and children, as well as racial minorities and undocumented immigrants.

Chatterjee has reported on how chronic stress from racism has a devastating impact on pregnancy outcomes in black women. She has reported on the factors that put adolescents and youth on a path to school shootings, and what some schools are doing keep them off that path. She has covered the rising rates of methamphetamine and opioid use by pregnant women, and how some cities are helping these women stay off the drugs, have healthy pregnancies, and raise their babies on their own. She has also written about the widespread levels of loneliness and lack of social connection in America and its consequences of people's physical health.

Before starting at NPR's health desk in 2018, Chatterjee was an editor for NPR's *The Salt*, where she edited stories about food, culture, nutrition, and agriculture. In that role, she also produced a short online food video series called "[Hot Pot: A Dish, A Memory](#)," which featured dishes from a particular country as made by a person who grew up with the dish. The series was produced in collaboration with NPR's *Goats & Soda* blog.

Prior to that, Chatterjee reported on current affairs from New Delhi for PRI's *The World*, and covered science and health news for *Science Magazine*. Before that, she was based in Boston as a science correspondent with PRI's *The World*.

Throughout her career, Chatterjee has reported on everything from basic scientific discoveries to issues at the intersection of science, society, and culture. She has covered the legacy of the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984, the world's largest industrial disaster. She has reported on a mysterious epidemic of chronic kidney disease in Sri Lanka and India. While in New Delhi, she also covered women's issues. Her reporting went beyond the breaking news headlines about sexual violence to document the underlying social pressures faced by Indian girls and women.

She has won two reporting grants from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting and was awarded a certificate of merit by the Gabriel Awards in 2014.

Chatterjee has mentored student fellows by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, as well as young journalists for the Society of Environmental Journalists' mentorship program. She has also taught science writing at the Santa Fe Science Writing Workshop. She did her undergraduate work in Darjeeling, India. She has two master's degrees—a Master of Science in biotechnology from Visva-Bharati in India, and a Master of Arts in journalism from the University of Missouri.

## Modern high school math should be about data science — not Algebra 2

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-10-23/math-high-school-algebra-data-statistics>



**JO BOALER & STEVEN D. LEVITT**

**OCT. 23, 2019**

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### **Academic Appointments**

Professor, Graduate School of Education

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)

Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

### **Administrative Appointments**

Endowed Chair, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (2019 - Present)

The Nomellini-Olivier Professor of Education., Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (2019 - Present)

Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (2010 - Present)

Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (2006 - 2006)  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (2000 - 2006)  
Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University (1998 - 2000)

**Steve Levitt** is the William B. Ogden Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. He is the Co-Founder of The Center for Radical Innovation for Social Change (RISC) and he directs the Becker Center on Chicago Price Theory. Steve co-authored *Freakonomics*, which spent over 2 years on the *New York Times* Best Seller list and has sold more than 5 million copies worldwide. *SuperFreakonomics*, released in 2009, includes brand new research on topics from terrorism to prostitution to global warming. Steve is also the co-author of the popular *Freakonomics Blog*.

## **Cal State math proposal would create an unfair barrier for black and Latino students, critics say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-21/csu-proposes-delay-to-increased-admissions-requirements>



**NINA AGRAWAL**  
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## **Math scares your child's elementary school teacher — and that should frighten you**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-21/math-anxiety-elementary-teacher>



**DANIEL T. WILLINGHAM**  
**NOV 21, 2019**

Daniel Willingham earned his B.A. from Duke University in 1983 and his Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology from Harvard University in 1990. He is currently Professor of Psychology at the University of Virginia, where he has taught since 1992. Until about 2000, his research focused solely on the brain basis of learning and memory. Today, all of his research concerns the application of cognitive psychology to K-16 education.

## **Foster youth scramble to find housing after county tells them they must move, citing youths' 'best interest'**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-22/foster-youth>



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## **500 homeless families go to head of line for L.A. housing vouchers**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-06/500-homeless-families-go-to-head-of-line-for-housing>



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**DEC 6, 2019**

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## **Foster youth housing program is shut down after site is linked to a murder investigation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-16/foster-youth-housing-program-shut-down-site-murder-investigation>



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## **At toy drive, struggling parents get help making Christmas morning come true**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-17/at-this-toy-drive-struggling-parents-get-help-making-christmas-morning-come-true>



**ESMERALDA BERMUDEZ**  
**DEC 17, 2019**

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## **What it will take to better serve homeless children in Los Angeles schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-12-24/schools-laUSD-homeless-students>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**

DEC 24, 2019

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded [Evercore Partners](#) and is the former publisher and [CEO](#) of the [Los Angeles Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

Beutner attended [Dartmouth College](#), where he majored in [economics](#). After graduation in 1982 he went to work at [Smith Barney](#) as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at [The Blackstone Group](#). In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group [Evercore Partners](#), which went public in 2006.

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 decommission of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded [Evercore Partners](#), an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former [Deputy Secretary of the Treasury](#), [Roger Altman](#). When Evercore went public (NYSE-EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

## **Poway school will add shower and laundry facilities for homeless students**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-26/abraxas-high-school-in-poway-adding-shower-laundry-for-homeless-students>



DEBORAH SULLIVAN BRENNAN

DEC 26, 2019

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## **Charter schools vs teachers union: A high stakes L.A. school board election takes shape**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-26/high-stakes-laUSD-elections-for-charters-unions>



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## **For students with kids, college can be a lonely struggle. One program aims to help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-27/community-college-program-helps-student-parents>





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## Vendors for charter schools face rules

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/los-angeles-times/20191229/281852940485853>



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**Private sellers and nonprofits, some religious, are paid with tax dollars.  
Lawmakers are taking notice.**

## Financial troubles and a shocking suicide have upended this tiny L.A. school district

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-06/lennox-school-district-financial-trouble-investigations>



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## Inglewood charter school with history of alleged wrongdoing denied renewal by county

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-08/la-county-board-votes-to-close-todays-fresh-starts-inglewood-charter-school>



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## **Newsom's budget includes \$900 million to address California teacher shortage**

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## **L.A. council president: It's time to reexamine how we're handling homelessness**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-14/nury-martinez-los-angeles-city-council>



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**JAN 14, 2020**

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## **Moms squatting in home to protest Bay Area housing crisis are kicked out by deputies**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-14/oakland-moms-fighting-for-bay-area-housing-evicted>



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## **Trump's tax reform is leaving millions of poor children behind**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-01-17/child-tax-credit-eligibility-low-income-donald-trump>



**SOPHIE COLLYER & DAVID B. HARRIS**

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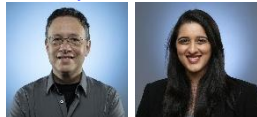
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## **L.A. teachers' strike fueled a labor movement. But did it really help schools?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-21/legacy-of-los-angeles-teachers-strike>



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## **Good intentions are forcing foster kids into bad places**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-01-23/foster-children-congregate-care-group-homes-california-continuum-of-care-act>



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Her book, *Til Faith Do Us Part: How Interfaith Marriage is Transforming America* (Oxford, 2013), was named an editor's pick by the *New York Times Book Review*.

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She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in English and Government. She lives in the suburbs of New York with her husband, Jason, and their three children.

## What LAUSD can learn from the New York City Community Schools Initiative

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-01-28/new-york-community-schools-laUSD>



**WILLIAM R. JOHNSTON**  
**JAN 28, 2020**

William R. Johnston is an associate policy researcher at the nonpartisan Rand Corp. and a former high school English and civics teacher. He is a member of the Pardee RAND Graduate School faculty. His research explores how local, state, and national political and social contexts relate to educational opportunities and outcomes for youth. Johnston has extensive experience in working with district- and state-level administrative data systems, and he recently completed a study of racial preferences underlying kindergarten school choice patterns in Boston, Massachusetts. He is also engaged in a large-scale analysis of divergent population trends in high-poverty neighborhoods across the country between 1970 and 2010. Johnston holds an Ed.D. in culture, communities, and education from Harvard University.

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Prior to his training and work as an educational researcher, Johnston was a high school English and U.S. history teacher in Philadelphia and San Francisco. He holds an Ed.D. in culture, communities, and education from Harvard University.

## Major resource infusion is in the works for 20 struggling L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-29/major-makeover-in-store-for-20-struggling-l-a-schools>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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# **This election is off-limits to voters. But the results will matter a lot to L.A. school families**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-03/crucial-vote-los-angeles-teachers-union>



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**FEB 3, 2020**

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# **About to become teachers, they're worried about affording the rent**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-08/column-theyre-about-to-become-teachers-and-worried-about-how-to-pay-the-rent>



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**FEB 8, 2020**

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# **Photo of students with swastika and Confederate flag roils Riverside school**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-12/photo-of-teens-posing-with-swastika-in-front-of-confederate-flag-sparks-outrage-at-riverside-school>



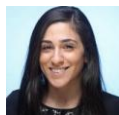
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**FEB 12, 2020**

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# **L.A. County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey moves to wipe 66,000 marijuana convictions**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-13/la-district-attorney-clear-marijuana-convictions>



**ALENE TCHEKMEDYAN**

**FEB 13, 2020**

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## **Do active-shooter drills in schools hurt students more than they help?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-02-14/active-shooter-drills-public-schools>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

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## **There's a new Proposition 13. It would send billions to California schools that need it**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-17/skelton-proposition-13-schools-bond>



**GEORGE SKELTON**

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**FEB 17, 2020**

Political columnist George Skelton has covered government and politics for more than 50 years and for The Times since 1974. He has been a Times political writer and editor in Los Angeles, Sacramento bureau chief and White House correspondent. He has written a column on California politics, "Capitol Journal," since 1993. Skelton is a Santa Barbara native, grew up in Ojai and received a journalism degree at San Jose State.

## **A surprise big spender funds attack campaign mailers in key L.A. school board races**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-18/bloomfield-is-big-early-spender-in-pivotal-school-board-races>



**HOWARD BLUME**

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# **You'll need a shower after reading about this school board race that's descended into the gutter**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-22/steve-lopez-column-laUSD-school-board-race>



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# **Proposition 13 is endorsed by schools across California. Why not LAUSD?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-27/laUSD-proposition-13>



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**FEB 27, 2020**

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# **Mike Bonin calls for making L.A. streets more Family-Friendly during pandemic**

<https://11thdistrict.com/news/mike-calls-for-making-l-a-streets-more-family-friendly-during-covid-19-crisis/>

**MIKE BONIN**

**APR 13, 2020**

LA City Councilperson for 11<sup>th</sup> District.

# **Distance Learning Not Working? Try These Alternative Strategies**

<https://www.moms.com/alternative-strategies-if-distance-learning-isnt-working/amp/>





DIANE MTETWA  
APR 24, 2020

I've loved reading since I first learned how and writing as well. I used to work in finance but left that field after having my daughter Sydney 3 years ago. I still love to educate people about money and finance with my writing and I also love writing about my experiences as a mom.

## Does the U.S. Constitution guarantee kids the right to be taught how to read? It should

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-04-28/literacy-ruling-6th-circuit>

THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

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## We need to prepare for the mental health effects of coronavirus on kids

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-07/coronavirus-anxiety-children-long-term-mental-health-impacts>



SONALI KOHLI

MAY 7, 2020

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Times staff writer Deborah Netburn contributed to this report.

## What it will take to reopen LAUSD schools

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-12/lausd-superintendent-beutner-reopening-schools-coronavirus>



AUSTIN BEUTNER

MAY 12, 2020

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded Evercore Partners and is the former publisher and CEO of the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune. He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for Mayor of Los Angeles in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

Beutner attended Dartmouth College, where he majored in economics. After graduation in 1982 he went to work at Smith Barney as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at The Blackstone Group. In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group Evercore Partners, which went public in 2006.

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 decommission of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded [Evercore Partners](#), an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former [Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Roger Altman](#). When Evercore went public (NYSE-EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

## Mayor Garcetti: Slow Streets L.A. To Launch In Two Neighborhoods

<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-slow-streets-la-launch-two-neighborhoods>

**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAY 15, 2020**

LA City Mayor

*New initiative will calm traffic on residential streets to create space for safer outdoor recreation*

## With restaurants hurting, cities look to turn streets into dining rooms

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-19/long-beach-mulls-opening-streets-for-dining-and-recreation>



**LUKE MONEY**  
**MAY 19, 2020**

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**Times Community News staff writer Matt Szabo contributed to this report.**

## Distance learning? Even my students will tell you that's not the future

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-26/teacher-distance-learning-coronavirus>



**JEREMY ADAMS**  
**MAY 26, 2020**

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## Pediatricians say kids should be in school despite coronavirus risk

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-10/school-reopening-coronavirus-spike-parents-teachers-split>



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JUN 3, 2020

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## Racism is the reason Black people are disproportionately homeless in L.A., report shows

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-12/racism-making-more-black-people-la-homeless>



GALE HOLLAND  
JUN 12, 2020

Gale Holland covers homelessness and poverty for the Los Angeles Times. Starting in 2005, she edited the cops and courts beat, wrote news columns and covered higher education. A series about college construction abuses that she wrote with Michael Finnegan won a 2012 investigative reporting award from the Nieman Foundation. A Los Angeles native, she has worked for USA Today, Copley News & L.A. Weekly and wants to understand the consequences of urban inequality.

**This article refers to disproportionate impacts on minority families by systemic racism.**  
“The numbers released Friday predate the coronavirus pandemic, which has unleashed a cataract of unemployment and potential evictions that Blasi said could hurl 36,000 primarily Latino and Black households, including 56,000 children, into homelessness.”

## Reopening California schools is dangerous. But so is letting kids go a year without learning

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-06-14/california-public-school-reopening-concerns>

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## Should you send your child back to school? Parents are stressed and divided

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-10/school-reopening-coronavirus-spike-parents-teachers-split>



HOWARD BLUME & DAVID LAUTER & NINA AGRAWAL  
JUL 10, 2020

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## L.A. teachers union says schools should not reopen next month, citing coronavirus spike

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-09/los-angeles-teachers-union-calls-for-delay-reopening>



NINA AGRAWAL & HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI

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## Keeping L.A. schools closed: An agonizing but necessary decision

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-13/lausd-schools-closed-remote-learning-beutner>

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## My first reaction when I heard L.A. schools won't be open this fall? Tears. Lots of them

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-13/lausd-closed-coronavirus-homeschool>



KERY CAVANAUGH

JUL 13, 2020

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## **L.A. Unified will not reopen campuses for start of school year amid coronavirus spike**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-13/l-a-unified-will-not-reopen-campus-start-of-school-year>



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## **New Report Says Schools Should Try To Reopen In Person For Elementary Students**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/15/891347536/-we-failed-children-says-co-author-of-new-national-back-to-school-report>



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**July 15, 2020**

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Kamenetz covered technology, innovation, sustainability, and social entrepreneurship for five years as a staff writer for *Fast Company* magazine. She's contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Magazine* and *Slate*, and appeared in documentaries shown on PBS and CNN.

## **Will children spread COVID-19 if they go back to school?**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-07-16/will-children-spread-covid-19-if-they-return-to-school>



**KAREN KAPLAN**  
**SCIENCE AND MEDICINE EDITOR**

**JUL 16, 2020**

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## **L.A. Latino, Black students suffered deep disparities in online learning, records show**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-16/latino-and-black-students-hard-hit-with-disparities-in-their-struggle-with-online-learning>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & HOWARD BLUME**

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**Times staff writer Sonali Kohli contributed to this report.**

## **LAUSD expanding community-centered education model districtwide**

<https://www.dailynews.com/2020/07/20/lausd-expanding-community-centered-education-model-districtwide/amp/>



**DAVID ROSENFELD**

**July 21, 2020**

David Rosenfeld has been working as a professional journalist for nearly 20 years at newspapers, magazines and websites. He's covered murder trials, interviewed governors and presidential candidates and once did a flip in a biplane for a story assignment. Before joining The Daily Breeze in 2018 to cover El Segundo, Hawthorne and aerospace, he worked at [The Beach Reporter](#) in Redondo Beach. In his free time, David loves outdoor sports such as sailing, mountain biking and golfing.

## **Parents rush to hire tutors and create learning pods. But not everyone has options**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-22/distance-learning-pods-tutors-equity>



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## California schools need leadership. Here's where to start

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-23/california-schools-how-when-to-reopen>

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## L.A. County could use parks, libraries as learning sites amid school closures

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-23/la-county-could-turn-parks-libraries-into-learning-sites>



TOMÁS MIER

JUL 23, 2020

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## Working parents face a child-care crisis. Here’s how L.A. employers are handling it

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-07-24/schools-out-forever-are-l-a-s-largest-employers-meeting-the-needs-of-parents>



SAM DEAN

JUL 24, 2020

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## California schools were already unequal. Then came ‘learning pods’

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-29/editorial-california-schools-were-already-unequal-then-came-learning-pods>

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# Harvard Epidemiologist: 'Hybrid' Model For Reopening Schools Is 'Probably Among The Worst' Options

<https://www.wgbh.org/news/people/joe-mathieu>



**WILLIAM HANAGE**  
**JUL 30, 2020**

I am an Associate Professor of Epidemiology in the department of Epidemiology, and a faculty member in the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics. I employ a mix of theoretical and laboratory work to research the evolution and epidemiology of infectious disease. After my PhD, I did post doctoral study at the University of Oxford and Imperial College London, before being awarded a Royal Society University Research Fellowship. Prior to joining the [Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics](#), I was a Reader in the department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at Imperial College London. There I worked extensively developing multilocus sequence typing (MLST; [www.mlst.net](http://www.mlst.net)) and analysis (MLSA) for the study of bacterial pathogens and species, as well as means of analyzing data developed using this method. I am particularly interested in using an evolutionary framework such as methods derived from population genetics to inform epidemiology. In 2012 I received the Fleming Prize for research in Microbiology and was the recipient of a 2012 ICAAC Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Microbiology.

## Sal Khan says distance learning can't fully replace in-person instruction

<https://edsource.org/2020/sal-khan-says-distance-learning-cant-fully-replace-in-person-instruction/637541/amp>



**LOUIS FREEDBERG & SAL KAHN**  
**AUG 3, 2020**

Louis Freedberg is executive director of EdSource. For more than two decades, Freedberg has analyzed and reported on local, state, and national education policy. Before coming to EdSource, Freedberg was the founding director of California Watch at the Center for Investigative Reporting. He spent 15 years at the San Francisco Chronicle, where he was an award-winning education reporter, Washington correspondent, columnist, and member of the editorial board. He has a Ph.D. in social anthropology from UC Berkeley and a B.A. in child development from Yale University.

Sal started Khan Academy in 2005 to help his cousins (and soon other people's cousins). In addition to setting the vision and direction for Khan Academy, he still makes a lot of videos (although he's not the only one anymore).

Sal holds three degrees from MIT and an MBA from Harvard.

## Some California elementary schools could reopen if they meet state waiver rules

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-03/some-california-elementary-schools-could-reopen-if-they-meet-state-waiver-rules>



**ANITA CHABRIA & NINA AGRAWAL**  
**Aug 3, 2020**

Anita Chabria covers California state politics and policy for the Los Angeles Times and is based in Sacramento. Before joining The Times, she worked for the Sacramento Bee as a member of its statewide investigative team, and previously covered criminal justice and City Hall.

Nina Agrawal is a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times. She previously reported for WLRN-Miami Herald News and for the Latin American affairs magazine Americas Quarterly. A Southern California native, Agrawal is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and School of International and Public Affairs.

**Sacramento bureau chief John Myers contributed to this report.**

## **LAUSD, teachers reach tentative deal on remote learning**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-03/lausd-teachers-reach-tentative-online-learning-pact>

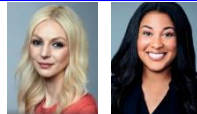


**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## **We're facing a 'generational catastrophe' in education, UN warns**

<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/08/04/world/school-closures-catastrophe-un-covid-19-intl/index.html>



**RADINA GIGOVA & JACQUELINE HOWARD**  
**Aug 4, 2020**

Radina Gigova is a multimedia journalist part of CNN's award winning international newsgathering team, based at the network's headquarters in Atlanta.

Radina works closely with CNN's bureaus around the globe and digital platforms covering breaking news and major world events.

She has played an integral part of the network's coverage of the new era of US -- Russia relations, the global fight against terrorism and the rise of ISIS, the war in eastern Ukraine, the migrant crisis in the Mediterranean, as well as the humanitarian emergencies unfolding in northern Nigeria and east Africa.

Some of her recent reports featured on CNN's digital platforms focus on the peace talks aimed at negotiating a political solution to the Syrian war, the persistent tensions between NATO and Moscow and the ongoing fighting along the frontline in eastern Ukraine.

Radina has a master's degree in Broadcast Journalism and Public Policy from American University in Washington, DC and has received a Diploma DELE Superior in Spanish from the Cervantes Institute in Madrid, Spain.

An avid coffee fan, Radina is known for her love of dynamite espressos. Follow Radina on Twitter @RadinaCNN and Instagram @radina\_cnn,

Jacqueline Howard is a reporter for CNN Health, based at the network's world headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Prior to joining CNN, Jacqueline served as senior science editor at The Huffington Post, and she was host/producer of the video series "Talk Nerdy To Me."

Jacqueline also has served as the on-air talent in a series of educational videos for The Nature Conservancy, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Big History Project.

She was honored to serve as a guest judge in the 2015 Nikon Small World photomicrography competition, and she was selected to participate in The White House's "We the Geeks: Women Role Models" initiative in 2014.

Jacqueline holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, and a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

Jacqueline is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

## Child care has been safe during the pandemic. That could be a good sign for schools

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-04/child-care-has-been-safe-during-the-pandemic-that-could-be-a-good-sign-for-schools>



**ANNA ALMENDRALA**

**AUG. 4, 2020**

Anna Almendrala, Correspondent, covers the business of health care and health care policy. She was born in Manila, Philippines, and grew up in Wellington, New Zealand, before moving to California. She previously worked at HuffPost for nine years, where she reported on health and lifestyle news and was the creator and host of a podcast about infertility called "IVFML." The podcast was a Webby finalist in 2019 and a Webby honoree in 2018. It also won a 2019 Excellence in Podcasts award from the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. Anna was a USC Center for Health Journalism Fellow in 2015. In addition to HuffPost, her work has appeared in The Guardian, The Daily Beast, Medium, Sojourners and on NBC and Univision. She attended UC Berkeley and double-majored in rhetoric and Spanish.

**Almendrala writes for [Kaiser Health News](#), a nonprofit news service covering health issues. It is an editorially independent program of the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) and is not affiliated with Kaiser Permanente.**

## 'I don't know what I'm supposed to do.' Parents in distress over school opening online



<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-05/parents-school-reopening-online-distance-learning-worry>

**ANDREW J. CAMPA & HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 5, 2020**

Andrew J. Campa covers the coming and goings of the Eastside, Boyle Heights, Echo Park, parts of the San Gabriel Valley and the Southeast Corridor. He previously worked at the Glendale News-Press, Burbank Leader, Whittier Daily News and Pasadena Star-News and has covered education, sports and general news. He's a proud Cal State Fullerton (#tusksup) and Pasadena City College alumnus. He hopes the Chicago Bears will get back to the Super Bowl before he dies.

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## The new school year is starting, ready or not. Much of California is not

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-05/school-year-state-leadership-missing>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

**AUG. 5, 2020**

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## What will it take for schools to reopen safely in the midst of a pandemic?

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-06/what-will-it-take-for-schools-to-reopen-safely-in-the-midst-of-a-pandemic>



**DEBORAH NETBURN**  
**AUG 6, 2020**

Deborah Netburn is a features writer at the Los Angeles Times. Endlessly curious, she's covered a wide variety of topics since starting at the paper in 2006, including entertainment, home and garden, national news, technology and science. She's hung out with Tibetan monks in the Pacific Palisades, seen seahorses at the bottom of Alamitos Bay and spent time with the working witches of Los Angeles. She is always looking for a good story.

## How to improve distance learning for our youngest students

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-06/early-education-covid-distance-learning>



**BENJAMIN COTTINGHAM & H. ALIX GALLAGHER**  
**AUG. 6, 2020**

Benjamin Cottingham is the Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships at PACE and focuses on the development of organizational conditions that support the continual improvement of student outcomes across California's education system. He leads work at PACE examining how California's county offices of education support continuous improvement. He is also currently involved with several research partnerships, including the CORE-PACE partnership, studying the impact of networked improvement communities on at risk student populations.

H. Alix Gallagher is the Director of Strategic Partnerships. In that role she leads partnerships with intermediaries working to improve student outcomes. The partnerships co-develop formative research questions to ensure the relevance of PACE's research, translate findings from extant research to inform practitioners, and conduct summative evaluations that provide implications for education policy and practice. In response to COVID-19, Dr. Gallagher is leveraging her knowledge of instruction and teacher learning to provide support for partners rethinking districts' instructional models as they moved to distance and blended learning. Current partners include the CORE Districts, California Education Partners, and Mills Teacher Scholars. Before joining PACE, Dr. Gallagher was an Associate Director at the Center for Education Policy at SRI International where she led large-scale randomized controlled trials and policy studies.

## Facing a wave of evictions, California is about to make thousands of kids homeless

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-07/coronavirus-eviction-rent-housing-crisis-cliff-california-covid>



**ERIKA D. SMITH**  
**AUG 7, 2020**



Erika D. Smith is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times writing about the diversity of people and places across California. She joined The Times in 2018 as an assistant editor and helped expand coverage of the state's housing and homelessness crisis. She previously worked at the Sacramento Bee, where she was a columnist and editorial board member covering housing, homelessness and social justice issues. Before the Bee, Smith wrote for the Indianapolis Star and Akron Beacon Journal. She is a recipient of the Sigma Delta Chi award for column writing, a graduate of Ohio University and a native of the long-suffering sports town of Cleveland.

## Eviction protections are expiring. What does this mean for struggling California tenants?

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2020-08-07/assessing-california-rent-relief-eviction-protections-end>



**LIAM DILLON**  
AUG 7, 2020

Liam Dillon covers California state politics and policy for the Los Angeles Times and is based in Sacramento. Prior to joining The Times in 2016, Dillon covered local politics in San Diego and Southwest Florida.

**Times staff writers Melody Gutierrez, Phil Willon & Sarah D. Wire contributed to this report.**

## This California school is open, 'learning as we go.' Is it a model or a mistake?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-10/california-school-open-coronavirus>



**ANITA CHABRIA**  
AUG 10, 2020

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## The wrong way to reopen schools

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-10/editorial-the-wrong-way-to-reopen-schools>

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## L.A. school board approves deal on remote learning; critics say it falls short on teaching

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-11/lausd-approves-teaching-agreement-over-critics-objections>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
AUG 11, 2020



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## LAUSD Board approves deal with teachers to start new school year with distance learning

<https://abc7.com/amp/lausd-los-angeles-unified-school-district-la-teachers-union-united/6366283/>



**SID GARCIA & MARC COTA-ROBLES**

**AUG 12, 2020**

Sid Garcia is a general assignment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News.

Sid was raised in Southern California and is a graduate of California State University Long Beach with a degree in journalism.

He started his broadcast career in 1983 at KBAK in Bakersfield as an anchor and reporter. In 1987, Sid went to WGN in Chicago. He returned to Los Angeles in 1994 to anchor and report at KFWB news radio. He then went to KFSN in Fresno as a reporter and anchor before returning home to join ABC7 in 1997.

During his tenure at ABC7, Sid has also served as the Eyewitness News Orange County Bureau Chief.

Sid is a long time member of the California Chicano News Media Association and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

Sid is committed to the community, regularly participating in educational projects and other civic events.

Marc Cota-Robles is a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News.

A native of Orange County, Marc is a graduate of Chapman University, where he received a bachelor's degree in broadcast television journalism.

While at ABC7, Marc has reported on countless breaking stories, including the Las Vegas mass shooting, the destructive Thomas Fire in Ventura and the mudslide aftermath in Montecito.

Marc joined ABC7 in June 2014 after spending nearly eight years at KION-TV, the CBS affiliate in Salinas, California. While at KION, Marc served in many roles, including evening news anchor, beginning in 2010. The station was honored with three consecutive regional Emmy awards for best newscast (small market) in Northern California.

In 2012, Marc's anchor duties extended to KION's sister stations, KCOY 12 and KKFX FOX 11, based in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, California.

Marc began his career in 2006 as a morning news anchor at KVII-TV in Amarillo.

Prior to jumping into the broadcast news industry, Marc drove open-wheel race cars, competing in the Pro Mazda National Championship. He continues to be an avid motorsports fan and has attended the Indianapolis 500 annually since 1993.

He lives in Pasadena with his wife, son and rescue dog Hayley.

## 'Pandemic pods' becoming a popular alternative to distance learning

<https://komonews.com/amp/news/local/pandemic-pods-pondering-safety-over-convenience>



**DENISE WHITAKER**

**AUG 12, 2020**

Life is an adventure! That's the way KOMO 4 Weekend Morning Anchor, Denise Whitaker views her time here on earth. Denise and her husband Terron enjoy Adventure Racing, a multi-sport competition where you navigate your way through a secret course

by mountain biking, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, with a little climbing or rappelling thrown in for good measure!

Professionally, Denise worked her way up through the ranks of television news, anchoring weekend weather, reporting and finally anchoring the news.

She grew up in and around Chicago, but called five states home, before she found her new home in Seattle. Denise loves doing what she can for others, serving in the past on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Susan G Komen Foundation, American Diabetes Association and various groups that promote health and physical fitness. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Denise to his Governor's Council on Fitness and awarded her the Arkansas Traveler Certificate.

When she's not outside running a trail, or mountain biking, you'll find Denise in the kitchen, creating gourmet, yet healthy recipes.

## **Angelina Jolie: Why children suffer more violence amid COVID-19**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-12/child-abuse-coronavirus-pandemic-angelina-jolie>



**ANGELINA JOLIE**  
**AUG. 12, 2020**

The following is a list of awards and nominations received by American actress and filmmaker Angelina Jolie. She has received three Golden Globe Awards, two Screen Actors Guild Awards, and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performances in the films *George Wallace* (1997), *Gia* (1998), and *Girl, Interrupted* (1999). Her later performances as Mariane Pearl in *A Mighty Heart* (2007) and Christine Collins in *Changeling* (2008) earned her additional nominations, including an Academy Award for Best Actress nomination for the latter. For her work in the action films *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (2004), *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* (2005), *Wanted* (2008), and *The Tourist* (2010), Jolie received awards based on popular votes, including an MTV Movie Award, two People's Choice Awards, and four Teen Choice Awards. In 2013, she received the Academy Awards Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. Special Envoy to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

## **Back to school in a pandemic: The basics of remote learning**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/back-to-school-in-a-pandemic-the-basics-of-remote-learning>



**FAITH E. PINHO**  
**AUG 13, 2020**

Faith E. Pinho reports on trending and breaking news stories. She came to the Los Angeles Times from the Daily Pilot, where she covered coastal Orange County cities since 2018. Before that, she reported for the Indianapolis Star, the Washington Times and public radio stations WBUR and WMRA. She studied journalism and politics at Washington and Lee University and King's College London. A Boston native, Pinho can now usually be found tending to her succulents, scarfing down carnitas tacos or scratching her head over her compost pile.

## **What can parents who work outside the home do about remote schooling?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/parents-who-work-resources>



**LILA SEIDMAN**  
AUG 13, 2020

Lila Seidman covers trending and breaking news for the Los Angeles Times. Over the years, she's reported for a variety of publications, including the Daily Journal, a statewide legal publication, and the UB Post, an English-language newspaper in Mongolia, and her work has appeared in L.A. Weekly, Gawker and Vice. Prior to landing at The Times, she served as city reporter for the Glendale News-Press. A native Angeleno raised on sun and smog, she briefly deflected up north to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore., where she earned a degree in Russian and psychology.

## **A generation left behind? Online learning cheats poor students, Times survey finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/online-learning-fails-low-income-students-covid-19-left-behind-project>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & HOWARD BLUME & BEN POSTON & JULIA BARAJAS**  
AUG 13, 2020

Paloma Esquivel writes about the Inland Empire. She was on the Los Angeles Times team that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for public service for investigating corruption in the city of Bell and the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of the San Bernardino terror attack. Prior to joining The Times in 2007, she was a freelance writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

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Ben Poston is an investigative reporter specializing in data at the Los Angeles Times. A three-time Livingston Award finalist, Poston has won several national awards, including a George Polk Award, a Gerald Loeb Award and Sigma Delta Chi's award for First Amendment reporting. He worked on "[Behind the Badge](#)," a series that detailed the flawed hiring practices by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He also co-wrote an investigation that found the Los Angeles Police Department routinely misclassified violent crime data. A native of Springfield, Ohio, he joined The Times in 2012. Prior to that, he was the data editor at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Julia Barajas is a Los Angeles Times reporter and a native Angeleno. Before joining The Times, she covered the impact of changing drug policies in California and Latin America for Cannabis Wire. Her work has also appeared in La Opinión, La Prensa Gráfica and the Columbia Journalism Review. After graduating from the University of Chicago, she earned a master's in education from Cal State Long Beach, as well as a master's in journalism from Columbia University.

**Times staff writers Nina Agrawal and Sonali Kohli contributed to this story.**

## **California schools allowed to open for small groups with 'acute' needs under new guidance**

<https://edsource.org/2020/california-schools-allowed-to-open-for-small-groups-with-acute-needs-under-new-guidance/638337/amp>



**JOHN FENSTERWALD**  
Aug 14, 2020

John Fensterwald, staff writer, joined EdSource in 2012. Before that, he was editor and co-writer for The Educated Guess website, a leading source of California education policy reporting and opinion, which he founded in 2009. For 11 years before then, John wrote editorials for the Mercury News in San Jose, with a focus on education. He worked as a reporter, news editor and opinion editor for three newspapers in New Hampshire before receiving a Knight Fellowship at Stanford University in 1997. His wife is a retired elementary school teacher, and his daughter is a neurology resident at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine.

## LAUSD

# Teachers Approve LAUSD's Plans For Fall Semester

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/teachers-approve-lausds-plans-for-fall-semester/2413398/?amp>

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AUG 15, 2020

**The LAUSD school year will begin next week.**

## L.A. schools announce massive COVID-19 testing, tracing initiative for all students, staff

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-16/l-a-schools-announce-massive-covid-19-testing-tracing-initiative-for-all-students-staff>



**LAURA NEWBERRY & HOWARD BLUME**

AUG 16, 2020

Laura Newberry is a Metro reporter at the Los Angeles Times. She previously worked as a staff reporter at both the Reading Eagle in Eastern Pennsylvania and MassLive in Western Massachusetts. Originally from Florida, she graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2013 and UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism in 2018.

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## How we can get kids back to school safely during the pandemic

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-16/schools-covid-testing-coronavirus-pandemic-reopen>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**

AUG 16, 2020

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded [Evercore Partners](#) and is the former publisher and [CEO](#) of the [Los Angeles Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

Beutner attended [Dartmouth College](#), where he majored in [economics](#). After graduation in 1982 he went to work at [Smith Barney](#) as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at [The Blackstone Group](#). In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group [Evercore Partners](#), which went public in 2006.

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 decommission of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded Evercore Partners, an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Roger Altman. When Evercore went public (NYSE-EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

## **Churches, gyms, yoga studios applying to use county parks**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2020-08-16/churches-gyms-yoga-studios-applying-to-use-county-parks>



**GARY WARTH**  
**AUG 16, 2020**

Gary Warth has covered a variety of beats since 1989 and now covers public safety and homeless issues at The San Diego Union-Tribune. A San Diego resident since the 1970s, he earned a journalism degree from San Diego State University and has won numerous awards for his work.

## **Several county parks are available for specific use without fees** **LAUSD Launches Online But With Massive Testing, Tracing Push To Speed Return To Classrooms**

<https://deadline.com/2020/08/lausd-launches-online-massive-testing-tracing-push-to-speed-return-classrooms-1203015598/amp/>

**JILL GOLDSMITH**  
**Aug 17, 2020**

## **As school starts, California districts try to improve virtual special education**

<https://edsource.org/2020/as-school-starts-california-districts-try-to-improve-virtual-special-education/638325/amp>



**CAROLYN JONES**  
**AUG 17, 2020**

Carolyn Jones is a senior reporter at EdSource. She was a reporter for 17 years at the San Francisco Chronicle, where she covered local government, the environment, breaking news and other beats. She's also worked at the Oakland Tribune and Hayward Daily Review.

## **LA Meets Five Of State's Six Coronavirus Benchmarks For Reopening**

<https://patch.com/california/los-angeles/amp/28911933/la-meets-five-of-states-six-coronavirus-benchmarks-for-reopening>



**PAIGE AUSTIN**  
**Aug 17, 2020**

I learned how to be a reporter at the Orange County Register, where I covered, of all things, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. After a couple years, however, I broke through the Orange County barrier, landing one county away at The Press-Enterprise in Riverside. I covered everything from cities, to the national forest, to courts and prisons. I do have some pretty colorful war stories from those beats. So if you see me around town, you tell me your stories, and I'll tell you about the time I met Gov. Schwarzenegger...in prison...while wearing a stab-proof vest. Or I can tell you about the time I watched a Manson girl give a talk on anger management.



I joke around. A lot. However, journalism might be the only thing I take seriously. It's a very humbling job. Everyday, people trust you with their voice on topics that matter to them, and you have to try to live up to the responsibility. If I ever fail, I need you to tell me about it, so that I can get it right. It's important.

I am insecure enough to tell you about some of the journalism awards I have won – the Associated Press Award for investigative reporting, California Newspapers Publishers Association awards for investigative reporting and best special section, the Price Child Health and Welfare Journalism award from the Children's Advocacy Institute as well as Society of Professional Journalists awards for best enterprise stories, beat reporting, feature writing, and best environmental story. I think I tried to collect awards in an effort to intimidate editors into letting me chase the kinds of stories I want to do. It doesn't really work.

Working for Patch.com, my office consists of the cities I cover, Starbucks, and my house where my co-workers include a lovely gent named D'Wayne and two pugs – Monkey and Maggie. If we ever talk on the phone, it's Maggie you might hear faintly snoring in the background. Sorry, she just can't help it.

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## **'Are we ready?' LAUSD's first day back to school, online and on Zoom, is anything but normal**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-18/lausd-reopens-online-on-zoom-amid-anxiety>



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## **Domestic violence rose during lockdown – and injuries are dramatically more severe, study finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-18/intimate-partner-violence-spiked-80-after-pandemic-lockdown-began>





MELISSA HEALY  
AUG 18, 2020

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## **A scientific approach to education reform**

<https://news.mit.edu/2020/grasp-book-sanjay-sarma-0818>

DAVID L. CHANDLER  
MIT NEWS OFFICE  
AUG 18, 2020

## **I Am a Teacher. In-Person School Is Not Worth the Risk**

<https://www.newsweek.com/i-am-teacher-person-school-not-worth-risk-opinion-1526170?amp=1>



LISA TOWNLEY  
AUG 18, 2020

Lisa Townley is an elementary and middle school teacher in Massachusetts.

**The views expressed in this article are the author's own.**

## **Reopening elementary schools is risky — but so is keeping them closed**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-19/coronavirus-covid-19-reopen-elementary-schools>



RONG-GONG LIN II  
AUG 19, 2020

Rong-Gong Lin II is a metro reporter based in San Francisco who specializes in covering statewide earthquake safety issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. He won the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.'s Freedom of Information Award and the University of Florida's Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Award. He was a finalist for the Ursula and Gilbert Farfel Prize for Excellence in Investigative Reporting and the Knight Award for Public Service. A San Francisco area native, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 2004.

## **Education cannot be paused for a pandemic**

<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/education/512806-education-cannot-be-paused-for-a-pandemic?amp>



REP. MICHAEL C. BURGESS, M.D.  
(R-TEXAS)  
AUG 19, 2020

Michael Burgess was born in Rochester, Minnesota, the son of Norma (née Crowhurst) and Harry Meredith Burgess; his paternal family immigrated from Nova Scotia, a province of Canada.<sup>[3]</sup> He graduated from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) in 1972 and graduated from the medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in 1977.<sup>[4]</sup> He completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas.<sup>[5]</sup> Burgess is an Anglican.<sup>[6]</sup>

Burgess represents the 26th District of Texas and is ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

## L.A. coronavirus cases dropping so low that officials could soon seek to reopen schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-20/los-angeles-coronavirus-cases-school-waiver>



**MAURA DOLAN & HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 20, 2020**

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## 'It's a frustrating period.' Yet LAUSD teachers muster smiles on the first day of school

[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-21/its-a-frustrating-period-yet-laUSD-teachers-muster-smiles-on-the-first-day-of-school?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-21/its-a-frustrating-period-yet-laUSD-teachers-muster-smiles-on-the-first-day-of-school?_amp=true)



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## With less money and more risk, waves of child-care providers call it quits

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-22/coronavirus-dwindling-child-care-options-california>



**RIKHA SHARMA RANI**

**AUG 22, 2020**

Sharma Rani is a journalist with the Fuller Project, a global nonprofit journalism newsroom reporting on issues that affect women. Rikha is a senior writer for Fuller Project. She has reported extensively on immigration, domestic human trafficking, and criminal justice reform. She was on the US-Mexico border in the fall of 2017 providing first-hand accounts of the family separation crisis. In the lead up to the

2016 presidential election, she profiled five formerly incarcerated people who were casting their ballots for the first time. Her work has been published in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Politico Magazine, Montgomery Advertiser, and the Columbia Journalism Review. Rikha holds a Master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where she studied economic and political development. She is also a former editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Affairs.

## **Conservatives are blowing their opportunity to remake education**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/education/513242-conservatives-are-blowing-their-opportunity-to-remake-education?amp>



**RYAN JAMES GIRDUSKY**

**AUG 23, 2020**

Ryan James Girdusky is a New York native.

Since 2007, Ryan has worked in politics, starting out with New York City Councilwoman Helen Sears. He has worked on dozens of political campaigns including Michael Bloomberg for Mayor, Bob Turner for Congress, Liberty for All Super PAC, Bob Holden for City Council, and for the Logan Circle Group.

As a writer, Ryan's work has been featured in nearly a dozen publications, and he has been a guest on many television and radio shows. He is the author of the upcoming book "[They're Not Listening: How the Elites Created the National Populist Revolution](#)"

## **On or off? California schools weigh webcam concerns during distance learning**

<https://edsource.org/2020/on-or-off-california-schools-weigh-webcam-concerns-during-distance-learning/638984/amp>



**SYDNEY JOHNSON**

**AUG 26, 2020**

Sydney Johnson covers math and science, among other topics. Before joining EdSource, Sydney was an assistant editor at EdSurge where she covered higher education and technology. Her work has also appeared in Slate, The Huffington Post, the East Bay Express, San Francisco magazine and other outlets. She has a B.A. and a B.S. from UC Berkeley.

## **Low-income parents turn to neighbors, family for help with distance learning**

<https://edsource.org/author/zstavely>



**ZAIDEE STAVELY**

**AUG 28, 2020**

Zaidee Stavelly is a bilingual print and radio reporter who has worked in Mexico and the U.S. She has covered education, immigration, environmental justice and traditional arts for KQED, Radio Bilingüe, and Public Radio International's "The World," among other outlets. Zaidee has won numerous awards for her journalism, including an Emmy, a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award, an Excellence in Journalism Award from SPJ Northern California, and the Rubén Salazar Award from CCCNMA: Latino Journalists of California. She grew up in rural Mendocino County, where both her parents taught in public one-room schoolhouses. She has a Master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and a B.A. in Latin American and Latino Studies and

Community Studies from UC Santa Cruz. She lives in Oakland with her husband and two children.

## **LAUSD's liberal student attendance policy raises eyebrows**

[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-28/pandemic-school-attendance-rules-eased?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-28/pandemic-school-attendance-rules-eased?_amp=true)



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## **When can schools reopen under new state rules? It's all about color-coded tiers and waivers**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-29/when-can-schools-reopen-under-new-state-rules-its-all-about-color-tiers-and-waivers>



**HOWARD BLUME & PHIL WILLON**

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**Times staff writer Nina Agrawal contributed to this report.**

## **LAUSD enrollment decline continues during online learning, with unexpected drop of 6,000 kindergarteners**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-31/lausd-kingergarten-enrollment-drop>



**HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 31, 2020**

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## Child care providers struggle as need for services remain for many

<https://www.msnbc.com/kasie-dc/watch/inside-the-shecession-childcare-workers-feel-squeeze-as-covid-costs-rise-enrollment-shrinks-90879045794>



**MOLLY ROECKER & ALI VITALI**  
**AUG 31, 2020**

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Ali Vitali is a White House Reporter for NBC News Digital covering the Trump Administration out of Washington DC and frequently appearing on MSNBC. Before moving to the nation's capital, she spent nearly two years covering Donald Trump's campaign for president as a campaign embed for NBC News, living every twist of the 2016 race in real time, reporting it for NBC News platforms online and on-air. In July 2017, Ali was named one of Huffington Post's [Top 25 Millennial Broadcasters In American News and Politics](#).

Her past lives include producing for [Krystal Clear](#) (livestreamed on Shift by msnbc) and [The Cycle](#) on MSNBC. She has written on politics, feminism, millennial news, and pop culture with her words featured on msnbc.com and Sweet Lemon Magazine.

Ali is a Tulane alumni with a propensity for typing in ALL CAPS and a passion for live-tweeting press conferences. One of her favorite boasts is that she has memorized, and will perform on occasion, the full music video dance to Robyn's "Call Your Girlfriend."

Though she will never live up to [Taran Killam's excellence](#) in this endeavor, she probably won't stop trying. Head over to the side bar on your right for a taste of all her work.

## Zoom overload, COVID-19 hardship: Thousands of kindergartners vanish from local schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-01/lausd-kindergarten-enrollment-drop-online-learning>



**HOWARD BLUME & PALOMA ESQUIVEL & ANDREW J. CAMPA**  
**SEP 1, 2020**

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Times staff writer Julia Barajas contributed to this report.

## California schools are off to a better start. But problems persist

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-02/new-school-year-california-instruction-improvements>

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SEP 2, 2020

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## The challenges of homeschooling in a homeless shelter

<https://komonews.com/amp/news/back-to-school/homeschooling-in-a-homeless-shelter>



DENISE WHITAKER

Sep 4, 2020

Life is an adventure! That's the way KOMO 4 Weekend Morning Anchor, Denise Whitaker views her time here on earth. Denise and her husband Terron enjoy Adventure Racing, a multi-sport competition where you navigate your way through a secret course by mountain biking, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, with a little climbing or rappelling thrown in for good measure!

Professionally, Denise worked her way up through the ranks of television news, anchoring weekend weather, reporting and finally anchoring the news.

She grew up in and around Chicago, but called five states home, before she found her new home in Seattle. Denise loves doing what she can for others, serving in the past on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Susan G Komen Foundation, American Diabetes Association and various groups that promote health and physical fitness. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Denise to his Governor's Council on Fitness and awarded her the Arkansas Traveler Certificate.

When she's not outside running a trail, or mountain biking, you'll find Denise in the kitchen, creating gourmet, yet healthy recipes.

## State warns homeschooling pods need to follow regulations and get the right permits

<https://kpic.com/amp/news/local/state-warns-homeschooling-pods-need-to-follow-regulations-and-get-the-right-permits>



MEGAN WILLGOOS

SEP 4, 2020

Megan Willgoos comes to us all the way from the east coast. She was born and raised in Connecticut until she moved to Rhode Island two years ago. She joined the News 10 team as a reporter in May 2020.



Megan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. with a degree in Journalism and minor in Graphic Design. During her time at RWU, she interned with Boston's News Leader WCVB and ABC6 News in Providence, R.I.

Although she loves being on a beach by the ocean, the mountains in the Rogue Valley are growing on her. Outside of work, she can be found at the gym or outside on a hike soaking up the sun.

Megan is happiest when she is petting any animal or tasting food at a local restaurant. If you have a story idea, want to chat or have a dachshund up for adoption, you can reach her at [mewillgoos@ktvl.com](mailto:mewillgoos@ktvl.com)

## Registrations for Homeschooling Are Soaring

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/freedom-learn/202009/registrations-homeschooling-are-soaring?amp>



**PETER GRAY**  
**SEP 7, 2020**

Peter Gray, Ph.D., research professor at Boston College, is author of ***Free to Learn The roles of play and curiosity as foundations for learning*** (2015); and *Psychology* (Worth Publishers, a college textbook now in its 8th edition). He has conducted and published research in neuroendocrinology, developmental psychology, anthropology, and education. He did his undergraduate study at Columbia University and earned a Ph.D. in biological sciences at Rockefeller University. His current research and writing focus primarily on children's natural ways of learning and the life-long value of play. He is a founding member of the nonprofit Alliance for Self-Directed Education and a founding board member of the nonprofit Let Grow. His own play includes not only his research and writing, but also long distance bicycling, kayaking, back-woods skiing, and vegetable gardening.

## What's happening with COVID in schools? We don't know

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-08/covid-schools-data-transparency>

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## Students are creating free tutoring services to help during the pandemic

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-13/free-online-tutoring-resources-la-students>



**ADA TSENG**  
**OCT 13, 2020**

Ada Tseng is an assistant editor on the utility journalism team at the L.A. Times. The utility journalism team publishes stories and information that help people solve problems, answer questions and make big decisions about life in and around Los Angeles. She previously led coverage of Orange County as TimesOC's entertainment editor, and she co-hosts the Asian American pop culture history podcast Saturday School.

# Parents are paying up to \$100 an hour for tutors, driving up demand and worsening inequities

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-13/covid-19-tutor-demand-cant-afford-one>



**LAURA NEWBERRY**

**OCT 13, 2020**

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

# California's homeless students could fill Dodger Stadium 5 times, study finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-21/homeless-students-in-california-ucla-report>



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# Getting kids back in classrooms should be a top pandemic priority, LAUSD superintendent says

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-11-17/op-ed-kids-classrooms-covid19-pandemic-priority>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**

**NOV 17, 2020**

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded [Evercore Partners](#) and is the former publisher and [CEO](#) of the [Los Angeles Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

Beutner attended [Dartmouth College](#), where he majored in [economics](#). After graduation in 1982 he went to work at [Smith Barney](#) as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at [The Blackstone Group](#). In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group [Evercore Partners](#), which went public in 2006.

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 decommission of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded [Evercore Partners](#), an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former [Deputy Secretary of the Treasury](#), [Roger Altman](#). When Evercore went public (NYSE:EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

# L.A. County moves to create new juvenile justice system focused on 'care,' not punishment

<https://www.latimes.com/local/countygovernment/la-me-jvenile-halls-chaos-pepper-spray-detention-probation-20190519-story.html>



**JACLYN COSGROVE**

**NOV 25, 2020**

Jaclyn Cosgrove is a Metro reporter at the Los Angeles Times. Previously, she worked as the health reporter at the Oklahoman. She was selected for a 2015-16 Rosalynn Carter Fellowship for Mental Health Journalism. For her fellowship project, she explored the barriers that low-income, uninsured people with mental illnesses face in finding treatment. Cosgrove is originally from Arpeler, Okla., and graduated from Oklahoma State University.

**Times staff writer Matt Stiles contributed to this report.**

## For a learning pod of homeless students, school days unfold in a motel carport

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-26/covid-19-homeless-students-form-learning-pod-carport>



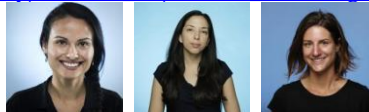
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## They know the pain of online learning. Here's what teachers, parents and students did about it

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-01/distance-learning-heroes-school-covid-19-teachers-parents>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & JULIA BARAJAS & LAURA NEWBERRY**

**DEC 1, 2020**

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Times staff writers Nina Agrawal & Howard Blume contributed to this report.

## **California unveiled a blueprint for the future of early education. Critics say it's built on shaky ground**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-01/california-unveiled-a-blueprint-for-the-future-of-early-education-critics-say-its-built-on-shaky-ground>



**SONYA SHARP**  
DEC 1, 2020

Sonya Sharp covers the Westside for the Los Angeles Times. Before joining the newsroom in 2019, she worked as an NYPD-credentialed member of the New York City press corps, writing stranger-than-fiction stories of crime and culture for VICE, the Wall Street Journal and the Village Voice, among others. She is a Bay Area native, a graduate of UC Berkeley and Columbia, and a proud Jewish mother.

## **Angry parents won't let officials slide over closed playgrounds, packed malls**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-03/covid-19-la-parents-anger-closed-playgrounds>



**HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS**  
DEC 3, 2020

Hailey Branson-Potts is a Metro reporter who joined the Los Angeles Times in 2011. She has reported on a wide range of topics, including rural California and LGBTQ issues. Branson-Potts was part of the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for its coverage of the San Bernardino terrorist attack, as well as the team that was a 2020 Pulitzer finalist for its coverage of a boat fire that killed 34 people off the coast of Santa Barbara. She grew up in the tiny town of Perry, Okla., got her start at the Perry Daily Journal, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

## **When schools reopen will you send your child back?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-03/lausd-parents-debate-school-return-covid-19-surge>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## **Dangerous COVID-19 surge leads to hard shutdown of L.A. public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-07/lausd-total-campus-shutdown-amid-pandemic-surge>



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## **Schools are at least as important as shopping malls. Keep what's open, open**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-08/schools-covid19-laUSD-closure>

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## **Kids are hurting. Reopen California schools as soon as COVID rates drop**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-10/school-reopening-guidelines-coronavirus>

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## **The push-and-pull drama over school reopenings reaches fever pitch in L.A. and Orange counties**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/laUSD-parents-sue-to-reopen-oc-teachers-plead-to-shut-down>



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## **L.A. Unified will not give Fs this semester and instead give students a second chance to pass**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-14/lausd-extend-no-fail-policy-january-covid-19>



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## **Kelly Gonez, 32, first in her family to attend college, is new L.A. school board president**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-15/kelly-gonez-is-new-l-a-school-board-president>



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## **California population growth hits record lows, stifled by COVID-19 and continued exodus**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-16/california-population-growth-hits-record-lows-fueled-by-covid-19-continued-exodus>



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Barbara. She grew up in the tiny town of Perry, Okla., got her start at the Perry Daily Journal, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

## **Unions for teachers, nurses, grocery and hotel workers call for L.A. County shutdown in January**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-17/unions-call-emergency-la-county-covid-19-shutdown>



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## **L.A. teachers will spend more live time with students amid uncertainty over school reopening**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-18/la-teachers-increase-live-online-classes-students>



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## **L.A. Unified will not reopen campuses when the spring semester starts Jan. 11**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-21/covid-19-surge-keep-laUSD-closed-january>



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## **Help the students COVID-19 has pushed through the cracks**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-29/help-the-students-covid-19-has-pushed-through-the-cracks>

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## Helping poor schools reopen

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-30/helping-poor-schools-reopen>

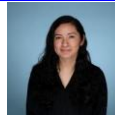
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## Facing a spike in Fs, winter break isn't a vacation for many teachers and students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-30/teachers-students-covid-winter-break-challenges>



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## Coronavirus Today: The big school reopening debate

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-01-07/coronavirus-today-school-reopening-debate-coronavirus-today>



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JAN 7, 2021

Amina Khan is a science writer covering a broad range of topics, from Mars rovers to linguistics to bio-inspired engineering — but she's perhaps best known for her repeated and brutal attacks on the office snack table. She surfs and snowboards in her spare time.

## Newsom's budget targets reopening, reviving public schools and universities

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-09/newsom-california-budget-prioritizes-reopening-k-12-schools>



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## **Stunned teachers and scared students: How the Capitol insurrection is overtaking lessons**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-11/teachers-handling-capitol-insurrection-in-class>



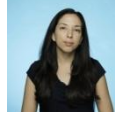
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## **These mentors see the 'collective trauma' of pandemic-hit teens. Here's how they help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-12/city-year-the-mental-health-arm-of-america-is-helping-scores-of-students-in-los-angeles-and-boyle-heights-to-help-them-through-pandemic-isolation>



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## **State tightens rules for reopening schools as high COVID-19 rates hold districts back**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-15/covid-cases-stop-southern-california-from-reopening-schools>



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**JAN 15, 2021**

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writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

## I tried to start a pandemic pod for my 5-year-old. Here's how it went wrong

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-22/covid-19-rules-social-pod-daughter>



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## Teachers need COVID-19 vaccine before L.A. schools can reopen, Beutner says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-25/vaccination-teachers-necessary-reopen-los-angeles-schools-beutner-says>



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## To get vaccine priority, teachers should agree to return to the classroom

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-01-26/covid-vaccine-teachers-return-school>

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## L.A.-area elementary schools could reach threshold for reopening in two to three weeks, Ferrer says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-27/los-angeles-area-schools-could-reach-threshold-for-reopening-in-2-to-3-weeks-ferrer-says>



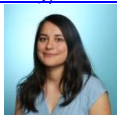
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## **When coronavirus invaded their tiny apartment, children desperately tried to protect dad**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-29/how-overcrowded-housing-led-to-covid-death-la-family>



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## **Los Angeles schools to remain in hard shutdown for near future, Beutner says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-01/la-schools-remain-shut-down-near-future-covid>



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## **Southern California pediatricians call for L.A.-area schools to immediately reopen**

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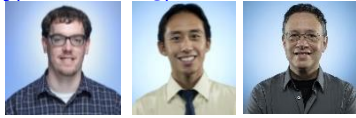


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# Schools can safely move to reopen even if teachers are not all vaccinated, Newsom says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-03/schools-can-reopen-before-all-teachers-get-covid-vaccine>



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# San Francisco, amid school renaming flap, sues its school district to reopen during pandemic

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-03/sf-sues-its-schools-to-reopen-during-coronavirus-pandemic>



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# We need to reopen schools, but only when it's safe

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-03/california-school-reopening-campus-coronavirus-covid19>



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# Coronavirus Today: The school-reopening battle

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-02-04/coronavirus-today-school-reopening-vaccinations-teachers-coronavirus-today>



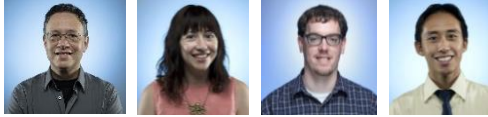


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## Teachers face pressure to return even before COVID-19 vaccinations completed

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-04/california-debates-teacher-vaccines-reopening-schools>



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## Overlooked in Biden's COVID-19 proposal: A push to cut child poverty in half

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-02-05/biden-covid-plan-includes-major-anti-poverty-push>



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## Start reopening California schools. Now

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## Amid COVID-19 family hardships, high school students work double duty: jobs and school

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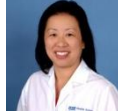
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## Kids are suffering. Follow the science and reopen schools now

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-06/schools-reopen-california-children-harm>



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## With 25,000 vaccines, L.A. elementary schools could reopen as soon as possible, Beutner says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-08/beutner-25000-covid-vaccines-reopen-elementary-schools>



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## **Union approves deal with Chicago schools to return to class**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-02-10/union-approves-deal-with-chicago-schools-to-return-to-class>

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## **Biden wants to reopen schools. California could hold him back**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-02-10/biden-faces-california-roadblock-in-school-reopening-push>



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## **L.A. elementary schools rapidly approach reopening threshold, but teacher vaccines lacking**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-10/la-elementary-schools-approach-reopening-threshold-teacher-vaccines-lacking>



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# If you really believe kids are our most precious resource, say it with cash

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## About 60 Huntington Beach high school teachers take leave due to on-campus requirement

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-11/about-60-huntington-beach-high-school-teachers-take-leave-due-to-on-campus-requirement>



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## California plans to close troubled youth prisons after 80 years. But what comes next?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-25/la-county-could-dismantle-juvenile-justice-system-for-care-first-model>



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## Biden is making a big push against child poverty. But for how long?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-16/biden-covid-reconciliation-anti-poverty>

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# L.A. school board cuts its police force and diverts funds for Black student achievement

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-16/lausd-diverting-school-police-funds-support-black-students>



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# L.A. Unified is officially out of excuses for keeping elementary schools closed

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# L.A. elementary schools can finally reopen, but it will be complicated, uneven

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-15/lausd-school-vaccination-site-for-teachers-staff>



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# L.A. Unified gets 100 doses but needs thousands to reopen schools

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Times staff writer Sam Farmer contributed to this report.

## Which way schools? America needs a straight answer

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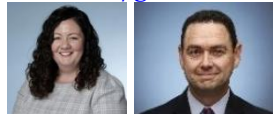
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## Gov. Gavin Newsom, legislators at odds over \$6.6-billion plan to open California elementary schools in April

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-18/gavin-newsom-sidelines-legislature-covid-19-school-plan>



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## California will earmark 10% of weekly COVID-19 vaccine supply for teachers





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## **No quick path to reopening L.A. Unified is emerging as school year slips away**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-21/la-teachers-union-vaccination-demand-school-reopening>



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## **L.A. Unified School District to return to sports conditioning the week of March 1**

<https://www.latimes.com/sports/highschool/story/2021-02-22/los-angeles-unified-school-district-sports-conditioning-week-of-march-1>



**ERIC SONDHEIMER**  
**FEB 22, 2021**

Eric Sondheimer is the prep sports columnist for the Los Angeles Times. He has been honored seven times by the California Prep Sportswriters Assn. for best prep sports column. A graduate of Cal State Northridge, he joined the Daily News as prep editor in 1980. He left for 18 months in 1990 to be West Coast correspondent for the National Sports Daily. He returned to the Daily News in 1991 and joined The Times in 1997 covering high school sports. He has covered Southern California high school sports for more than 40 years.

# Take it from me: The longer kids are out of classrooms, the more they'll suffer academically

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-22/skelton-schools-reopening-covid-19-vaccine-newsom-california>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
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**FEB 22, 2021**

Political columnist George Skelton has covered government and politics for more than 50 years and for The Times since 1974. He has been a Times political writer and editor in Los Angeles, Sacramento bureau chief and White House correspondent. He has written a column on California politics, "Capitol Journal," since 1993. Skelton is a Santa Barbara native, grew up in Ojai and received a journalism degree at San Jose State.

## LAUSD to resume limited in-person classes, hoping for wider elementary school reopening in April

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-22/lausd-resume-limited-in-person-classes-amid-covid-19>



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## L.A. school reopening contingent on full staff vaccinations, making for uncertain date

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-24/l-a-school-board-moves-forward-with-reopening-plans-that-assume-staff>



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## Sorry, but the state's newest deal on school reopening won't speed things much

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-01/editorial-california-governor-legislature-deal-school-reopening>

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## **LAUSD to get enough staff vaccines to reopen elementary schools; union talks continue**

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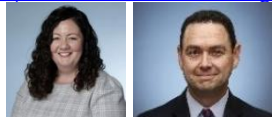


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## **Newsom, legislators strike deal to offer schools \$2 billion in incentives to reopen campuses**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-01/newsom-lawmakers-agree-on-plan-to-open-more-california-schools-covid-19>



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## **California's \$2-billion school reopening plan: What you need to know**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-01/california-schools-reopening-amid-covid-what-to-know>



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**Source: Gov. Gavin Newsom's office**

# **Firm teachers union stance means LAUSD will be slower to reopen than other parts of state**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-02/firm-teachers-union-stance-means-laUSD-will-be-slower-to-reopen-than-other-parts-of-state>



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# **Tiny Pop-Up Shelters Assembled in 30 Minutes Could Help LA's Homeless**

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/los-angeles-homeless-tiny-homes-pallet/2539109/?amp>



**JOHN CADIZ KLEMACK**

**MAR 2, 2021**

John Cádiz Klemack is a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor for NBC4. He can be seen on the NBC4 News at 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Joining the news team in 2008, he is lauded for his versatility and breaking news journalism skills. His most recent news stories can be seen [here](#). Follow him on Facebook [here](#).

Klemack has covered some of the highest profile stories throughout Southern California, across the nation and abroad. He reported from Las Vegas to cover the tragic mass shooting, including President Trump's visit to the city. He reported from South Florida to cover the devastation of Hurricane Irma on the region. He has covered both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis during their individual, historical trips to Mexico and was in San Bernardino County when the Dornier Standoff came to a peak. Additional news stories that reached national attention include; the San Bernardino Terror Attack; the ransom kidnapping of a Huntington Beach woman in Vallejo, California; the exclusive, live reports he did from Cancun, Mexico when authorities found the body of a Hollywood producer's wife; the Aurora, Colorado Theater Shooting and the tragic Oklahoma Tornadoes.

He is the lead reporter for the NBC4 award-winning news franchise, "Seeking Justice," which tells the stories of families torn apart by gang violence on L.A. streets, in the hopes of shedding new light on unsolved cases.

Klemack has been honored with a number of industry awards, including the L.A. Press Club Award for his "Exclusive Continuing Coverage" of the Miramonte Elementary School Child Sex Abuse Scandal. He was also part of the team that won an L.A. Emmy Award for NBC4's special 'LA Riots: 20 Years Later,' he's the recipient of an Edward R. Murrow Award, an Emmy Award, an Associated Press Award for "Best Spot News Coverage" and multiple awards from the Society of Professional Journalists for "Best Reporter," "Best Spot News" and "Best News Series." He was also awarded "The Responsible Journalism Award" by the L.A. County Probations Officers Union.

Prior to joining NBC4, Klemack spent four years as a reporter and anchor for KSTU-TV in Salt Lake City, Utah. While there, he covered the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping and the arrest and prosecution of polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs. He was also the first reporter on site during the Trolley Square Massacre, while the shooters were still shooting. Before Salt Lake, he served as the morning news anchor and general assignment reporter for WOWK-TV in Charleston, West Virginia. He also worked as a statewide news correspondent for the station's three-affiliate network.

Klemack holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the accredited E.W. Scripps College of Journalism at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. The son of a Polish-American father and Cuban refugee mother, he is bilingual, having spoken Spanish since his childhood in Grove City, Ohio. He is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the California Chicano News Media Association and the Radio-Television Digital News Association.

When not working, Klemack enjoys international travel with his wife. They currently reside in Sherman Oaks and are the parents to Paco, a Yorkie they rescued from a local shelter.

See **Tiny Homes (LA Conservation Corps/Hope of the Valley)** videos [here](#).  
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# **Tiny Homes Motion Approved**



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## **Middle and high schools in L.A County could be eligible to reopen within days**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-08/lausd-aims-to-reopen-middle-and-high-schools-in-late-april>



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## **L.A. schools could reopen starting in mid-April under deal with teachers**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-09/la-school-district-teachers-reach-deal-on-school-reopenings>



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## **L.A. schools finally have a clear reopening plan. Here is what you need to know**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-10/covid-reopening-plan-la-schools-what-to-know>



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## **California's ethnic studies curriculum gets another edit**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-09/latest-tweaks-to-californias-ethnic-studies-curriculum-bring-it-closer>





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## Parents struggle with a new dilemma: Is it safe to send kids back to school?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-10/school-reopening-why-some-parents-reject-covid-return>



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## This isn't the reopened school we'd expected

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-11/editorial-this-isnt-the-reopened-school-we-expected>

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## L.A. secondary school students face mostly online classes even when they return to campus

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-11/zoom-in-a-classroom-reopening-l-a-schools-put-safety-over-in-person-instruction>



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## California's kids need quality preschool. A new master plan can make it happen

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-11/california-early-childhood-education-preschool-master-plan-gavin-newsom>



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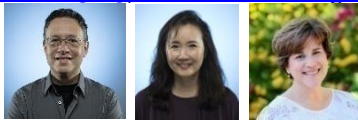
Mr. Kirp was the founding director of the [Harvard Center for Law and Education](#), which filed landmark lawsuits seeking equal educational opportunity. His latest book, “Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System and a Strategy for America’s Schools” (2013), tells the remarkable story of the [Union City, N.J., school district](#), which relied on tried-and-true strategies, not faddish reforms. The American Education Research Association selected it as the year’s outstanding book.

Mr. Kirp has lectured at universities around the world and has been the keynote speaker at many national conferences. In 2008, he was a member of President-elect Obama’s transition team.

David L. Kirp is a senior fellow at the Learning Policy Institute and an emeritus professor of the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

## Debate, angst and many questions emerge over L.A. school reopening plans

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-13/more-debate-angst-over-school-reopening-plans-in-los-angeles>



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## **Many LAUSD parents don't plan to send kids back to campus, early survey results find**

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## **A lost year for high school students: Loneliness and despair, resilience and hope**

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## **California approves ethnic studies curriculum for K-12 schools after years of debate**

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## **CDC eases school COVID guidance, allowing desks to be closer**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-03-19/cdc-school-guidance>



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## Full-time, in-person schooling: It's where the science is heading

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-19/editorial-full-time-in-person-schooling-its-where-the-science-is-heading>

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## California adopts 3-foot-spacing rule for classrooms, changing reopening equation

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-21/california-adopts-3-foot-desk-spacing-rule-for-schools-reopening>



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## Los Angeles teachers union approves plan to reopen public schools in April

<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2021/03/22/us/los-angeles-schools-opening/index.html>



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## Teachers lament 'chaotic' virus rules in German schools

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-03-22/teachers-lament-chaotic-virus-rules-in-german-schools>



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## Rural California schools have been open for months. It's taken a learning curve

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-22/covid-19-lessons-reopened-rural-schools-california>



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## Less than a third of students likely to return to LAUSD campuses, survey shows

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-22/less-than-30-of-students-ready-to-return-to-laUSD-campuses-survey-shows>



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## **The big post-pandemic educational mess and what it will take to solve it**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-03-23/post-pandemic-educational-mess>



**MORGAN POLIKOFF**  
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## **Introducing 8 to 3, a newsletter for parents about kids, school and education**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-23/parents-school-education-newsletter-sonja-sharp>



**SHELBY GRAD**  
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He's worked on the Los Angeles city desk since 2002, overseeing coverage of wildfires, earthquakes, epic rains, epic droughts, public corruption and celebrity misbehavior, among other things. Grad ran the paper's Pulitzer-winning coverage of the San



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He served as city editor for a decade, launching L.A. Now and other digital efforts. You can follow him on Twitter [@shelbygrad](https://twitter.com/shelbygrad), where his slightly twisted obsession about Los Angeles history and design are on full display.

## **Orange County debates ethnic studies: Vital learnings or 'anti-white' divisiveness?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-28/ethnic-studies-slammed-as-anti-white-in-orange-county>



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## **LAUSD goes to great lengths to show schools are safe to reopen. But it's a tough sell**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-29/lausd-schools-safe-reopening-tough-sell>



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## **LAUSD, UTLA sued by parents unhappy with school reopening efforts**

<https://www.dailynews.com/2021/03/31/lausd-utla-sued-by-parents-unhappy-with-school-reopening-efforts/amp/>



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**MARCH 31, 2021**

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## **LAUSD students suffered 'alarming' academic harm during pandemic, report says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-03-31/lausd-covid-data-show-alarming-learning-harm-report>





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## **Why some high school students aren't ready to go back to school, despite the isolation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-01/high-school-students-hesitant-as-students-reopen-amid-covid>

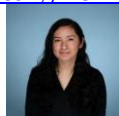


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## **Youth activists score victory as L.A. to fund \$1.1-million city youth department**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-02/youth-department-los-angeles>



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## **Vaccine clinics at schools would solve multiple problems with a single jab**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-04/editorial-covid-19-vaccine-clinics-schools>

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## **In California, a million English learners are at risk of intractable education loss**



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## **L.A. Unified to give employees \$500 a month per child 5 and under to help pay for day care**

<https://ktla.com/news/local-news/l-a-unified-to-give-employees-500-a-month-per-child-5-and-under-to-help-pay-for-day-care/amp/>



**ERIKA MARTIN**

**APR 5, 2021**

Erika Martin is a digital news producer at KTLA.

## **In massive reopening effort at 1,400 L.A. public schools, safety is the priority**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-05/la-unified-opening-25-community-vaccination-clinics-at-schools>



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## **San Francisco schools are a mess. It will take an outsider to fix them**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-06/editorial-san-francisco-schools-are-a-mess-it-will-take-an-outsider-to-fix-them>

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## **Newsom expects K-12 schools to be open full time in fall**

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## **Letters to the Editor: The pandemic gives educators an opportunity to close so many divides**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-07/pandemic-close-educational-divides>

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## **Less distancing, no COVID tests: LAUSD parents seek court order to force wider reopening**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-08/parents-sue-laUSD-push-wider-reopening-no-covid-tests>



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## **'An educational pandemic' for English learners in California schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/newsletter/2021-04-08/latinx-files-english-learners-latinx-files>



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# L.A. Unified proposes a 2-week school year extension for student learning loss, trauma

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-12/lausd-wants-school-year-extension-covid-19-losses>



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# Lifting kids out of poverty could be Biden's legacy, but cost raises doubts

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-04-13/lifting-kids-out-of-poverty-biden-legacy-long-term-price-tag>



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**APR 13, 2021**

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# Coronavirus tests, fussing with masks, phonics: L.A.'s youngest students return to school

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-13/lausd-opens-first-schools-after-a-year-of-covid-closures>



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# **LAUSD's slow, cautious reopening shows the influence of the teachers union, but it has critics**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-13/la-teachers-union-influences-reopenings-online-school>



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# **LAUSD welcomes excited students, concerned parents on first day of school after a year**

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# **When LAUSD reopens schools, K-8 students will spend more time in child care than class**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-13/when-laUSD-reopens-k-9-students-will-spend-more-time-in-child-care-than-class>



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**APR 13, 2021**

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# **Black students in 14 L.A. County school districts face serious equity barriers, study finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-14/black-students-la-county-school-districts-face-serious-equity-barriers-study>



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## **How American parents have been doing it all wrong**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-14/column-how-american-parents-have-been-doing-it-all-wrong>



**ROBIN ABCARIAN**

**APR 14, 2021**

Robin Abcarian is an opinion columnist at the Los Angeles Times. She writes about news, politics and culture. Her columns appear on Wednesday and Sunday.

## **Governor, LAUSD plot strategies for post-pandemic education. Think more days in class**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-15/governor-laUSD-plot-strategies-for-post-pandemic-education>



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## **Sending our kids back to school never felt so good**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-16/column-back-to-school>



**ROBIN ABCARIAN**

**APR 16, 2021**

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## **LAUSD unequal reopening: Nearly full classrooms on Westside, emptier elsewhere**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-18/survey-shows-how-covid-school-reopenings-differ-across-la>



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## Child care is in crisis, but we can fix it — and help the economy, too

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-19/editorial-child-care-is-in-crisis-but-we-can-fix-it-and-help-the-economy-too>

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## 27,525 pounds of carrots a day: How L.A. schools are feeding the masses

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-04-19/lausd-feeds-hungry-amid-coronavirus>



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## LAUSD coronavirus testing reveals 177 infections prior to first campus openings

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## Parents say their children have been 'substantially hurt' by school closures, survey finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-19/satisfaction-with-public-education-low-among-l-a-county-residents-ucla-survey-finds>



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## **When will L.A. Unified schools get some stability at the top?**

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## **LAUSD Supt. Austin Beutner to step down when his contract is up June 30**

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## **‘Our lives are hanging by a thread’: Latino parents with chronic diseases fear COVID-19 as schools reopen**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-22/latinos-chronic-illnesses-fear-covid-schools-reopen>



**SELENE RIVERA**  
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# Kindergarten declines fuel steep drop in public school enrollment amid pandemic

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-23/kindergarten-declines-fuel-steep-drop-in-public-school-enrollment-amid-pandemic>



KAREN D'SOUZA & JOHN FENSTERWALD & DANIEL J. WILLIS

APR 23, 2021

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## Less than half of expected L.A pupils returned in first week; then numbers improved

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-26/disappointing-la-school-reopening-attendance-improves>



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## Parents worry children are falling behind but approve of Newsom's handling of education, poll finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-29/california-school-closures-children-falling-behind-poll>



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APR 29, 2021

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## In Knoxville, a Black high school contends with a massive rise in teen shootings

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-05-02/in-knoxville-a-black-high-school-contends-with-a-massive-rise-in-teen-shootings>



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ATLANTA BUREAU CHIEF  
MAY 2, 2021

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## Extend the school year? Teachers say no, parents say meh. LAUSD retreats from its plan

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-04/lausd-may-drop-plan-extend-school-year-amid-opposition>



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## Who dropped the ball on extra school time for LAUSD? Just about everyone.

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-06/editorial-who-dropped-the-ball-on-extra-school-time-for-laUSD-just-about-everyone>

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MAY 6, 2021

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## California high schoolers are saying no thanks to reopened campuses and are staying home

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-09/no-show-high-school-students-reject-covid-reopening-rules>





May 9, 2021

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## Only 7% of LAUSD high school students return to reopened campuses, far less than expected

[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-10/only-7-of-l-a-high-schoolers-return-to-reopened-campuses?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-10/only-7-of-l-a-high-schoolers-return-to-reopened-campuses?_amp=true)



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## When reading to learn, what works best for students — printed books or digital texts?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-10/digital-books-reading-learning-pandemic>



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## How many high school students will come back in the fall? Dismal return rate raises alarms

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-11/alarms-7-percent-laUSD-high-schoolers-back-open-campus>



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## Wake up, LAUSD. You have an urgent job to do: saving kids' education

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-11/wake-up-laUSD-you-have-an-urgent-job-to-do-saving-kids-education>

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## Los Alamitos schools stand up to the bullies

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-14/editorial-los-alamitos-schools-stand-up-to-the-bullies>

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## Los Alamitos school board approves controversial social justice teaching standards

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-12/los-alamitos-school-board-approves-controversial-social-justice-standards>



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MAY 12, 2021

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## **Newsom to propose transitional kindergarten for all California 4-year-olds in budget plan**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-12/california-universal-transitional-kindergarten-all-4-year-olds-newsom-budget-plan>



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**MAY 12, 2021**

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## **California must fix its school inequality problem. Early screening for risk of dyslexia is a start**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-12/early-screening-risk-dyslexia-inequities-education-california-schools>



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## **California's bold plan: adding a full school year before kindergarten. How will it work?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-13/gov-newsom-transitional-kindergarten-proposal-how-will-it-work>



**JOHN MYERS & HOWARD BLUME & SONYA SHARP**

**MAY 13, 2021**

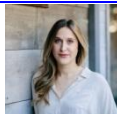
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## **California announces new guidance for overnight summer camps**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-14/california-announces-new-guidelines-for-overnight-summer-camps>



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## **Huge budget boost to UC, CSU and community colleges targets student housing and job training**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-14/uc-cal-state-community-colleges-get-historic-budget-hike>



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KPFFK, which the press club named best radio public affairs show in 2010. He teaches tap dancing and has two superior daughters.

## Look before leaping into transitional kindergarten

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-16/editorial-look-before-leaping-into-transitional-kindergarten>

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## Newsom finally rings the school bell

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-05-21/editorial-newsom-finally-rings-the-school-bell>

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## California is reimaging math instruction. Some worry it will hold back high achievers

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-20/california-controversial-math-overhaul-focuses-on-equity>



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## Here's how California's bold plan to change math instruction could help or hurt students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-21/why-california-math-plan-riling-up-parents-teachers>



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# What will the school year look like in the fall?

## The fight is on

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-24/what-will-the-laUSD-school-openings-look-like-in-the-fall>



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## LAUSD to fully reopen schools in the fall plus offer an online option

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-24/post-covid-laUSD-fully-reopen-schools-in-the-fall>



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## California is seeing a COVID-19 baby bust. What is causing it?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-24/obamacare-made-iuds-affordable-one-reason-behind-californias-covid-baby-bust>



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## Long Slide Looms for World Population, With Sweeping Ramifications

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/22/world/global-population-shrinking.html>





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## **Worried about the declining birthrate? How about giving mothers a break**

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## **State GOP lawmakers try to limit teaching about race, racism**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-05-29/state-gop-lawmakers-try-to-limit-teaching-about-race-racism>



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## **Schools face mental health crisis as pandemic ends, trauma remains**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-31/teachers-not-trained-for-student-covid-mental-health-trauma>



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# California lawmakers urge more help for schools, businesses in budget talks with Newsom

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-01/california-lawmakers-urge-more-help-for-schools-businesses-in-budget-talks-with-newsom>



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## Parents frustrated by pandemic education launch activist group to raise their voices

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-02/california-parents-form-post-covid-education-activist-group>



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## Adding up California's new-new-newest math

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-06-03/editorial-adding-up-californias-new-new-newest-math>

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## School bullying has become more elaborate during the pandemic. Parents should be prepared

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-06-07/opinion-school-bullies-pandemic>



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## **Some Black parents see less bullying, racism with online learning and are keeping kids home**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-08/black-parents-see-less-bullying-racism-with-online-learning>



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## **L.A. teachers union pact mandates masks and coronavirus tests for all this fall**

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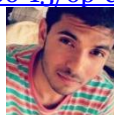
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## **The kids who aren't all right — the pandemic's lasting toll on youth mental health**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-06-13/op-ed-pandemic-young-people-mental-health-effects>



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## Can Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine save Audubon Middle School (and its students)?

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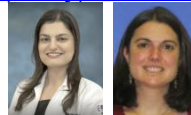


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## Why we should let children go maskless outdoors this summer

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-06-15/children-masks-cdc-guidelines>



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# After enrollment dips, public schools hope for a fall rebound

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-06-16/after-enrollment-dips-public-schools-hope-for-a-fall-rebound>

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## In farewell, Beutner calls L.A. schools a 'model for the nation.' Others worry about work ahead

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-16/beutner-gives-l-a-unified-farewell-address>



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**Times staff writer Paloma Esquivel contributed to this report.**

## Some vaccine experts having second thoughts about rushing to inoculate kids

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-06-18/some-vaccine-experts-are-having-second-thoughts-about-immunizing-kids>



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# L.A. Unified board approves record \$20-billion budget for pandemic education recovery

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-23/l-a-school-board-oks-20-billion-budget-for-covid-recovery>



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## A huge L.A. school budget spurs high-stakes recovery effort to boost achievement

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-06-24/huge-l-a-school-budget-targets-covid-19-learning-loss>



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## Finally, more than enough money for L.A.'s students. But where should it go?

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## Austin Beutner: His lasting legacy was feeding Los Angeles' kids

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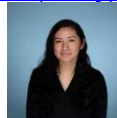


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## **California parents want to keep online learning as a fall option, poll finds**

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## **Vaccinated teachers and students don't need masks, CDC says**

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**Mike Stobbe & Collin Binkley contributed to this report.**

# School boards become battle zones over COVID-19 rules, critical race theory, trans students

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-07-10/school-boards-covid-19-masks-transgender-students-critical-race-theory>

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## California to require masks at school, a cautious decision that treats all students the same

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-10/california-to-require-masks-in-schools-despite-cdc-guidelines-theyre-not-needed-if-vaccinated>



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## How California's new universal transitional kindergarten program will be rolled out

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# Coronavirus outbreaks at summer camps could be a preview of school-year problems

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-07-12/covid-19-outbreaks-in-summer-camps-may-portend-problems-for-the-school-year>

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## In abrupt turnaround, California to let school districts decide how to enforce mask rules

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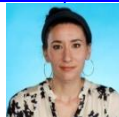
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## 8 to 3: Why summer school won't guarantee a successful fall

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## Masks for all at K-12 schools? Great idea

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-07-13/editorial-masks-for-all-at-public-schools-great-idea>

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## About that no-mask, no-returning-to-campus rule: Just kidding

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## Educators grapple with how to enforce California school mask mandate in the fall

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## **U.S. Education secretary, visiting L.A., speaks about masks and COVID's inequities**

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## **State's mask stance frustrates San Diego school leaders, parents**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-18/state-mask-rules-spread-confusion-controversy-in-san-diego-schools>



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## **California launches largest free school lunch program in U.S.**

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## **How California plans to deter costly special education disputes**

<https://edsources.org/2021/how-california-plans-to-deter-costly-special-education-disputes/658226/amp>



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## **Austin Beutner's tenure as L.A. schools chief marked more by crisis than academic gains**

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## **Free school meals for all here to stay in California**

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## **San Diego parent group seeking to end school mask mandate sues state**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-27/san-diego-group-sues-state-to-end-school-mask-mandate>



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## **LAUSD to require testing of students, staff regardless of vaccination status**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-29/lausd-to-require-testing-of-students-staff-regardless-of-vaccination-status>



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## **Mask guidance divides parents heading into new school year**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-08-01/mask-guidance-divides-parents-heading-into-new-school-year>

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**Pat Eaton-Robb contributed to this report.**

## **For parents of unvaccinated kids, worsening Delta variant brings alarm, questions**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-07-31/what-the-delta-variant-development-means-for-unvaccinated-kids>



**HAYLEY SMITH & DEBORAH NETBURN**  
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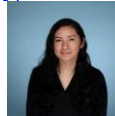
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**Times staff writer Melissa Healy contributed to this report.**

## **The new state school mask rule doesn't faze many students. It's 'second nature' now**

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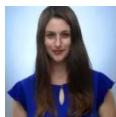


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## **O.C. Board of Education to sue Gov. Newsom over K-12 school mask mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-04/o-c-board-of-education-to-sue-newsom-over-k-12-school-mask-mandate>



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## **Coronavirus infections steadily increased in LAUSD summer school, but numbers were small**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-04/coronavirus-infections-increased-in-laUSD-summer-school-but-affected-a-tiny-percentage>



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## **The biggest benefit of mandatory coronavirus testing? Helping L.A. schools to reopen**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-08-05/coronavirus-testing-help-schools-reopen>

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## **The deadline to sign up for LAUSD online school is Friday. Here's what you need to know**

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## **Coronavirus: More than 10,200 LAUSD students choose independent study, won't return to campus**

<https://www.dailynews.com/2021/08/06/coronavirus-more-than-10200-laUSD-students-choose-independent-study-wont-return-to-campus/>





**LINH TAT**  
**AUG 6, 2021**

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## **High school students unhappy with pandemic-affected grades have a few days to change them**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-06/heres-how-students-can-get-their-grades-changed-to-pass-no-pass-marks>



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## **Judge rules against Calif. charter schools in class-action funding lawsuit**

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## **What critical race theory is – and isn't – and why it belongs in schools**

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**Adriana Gomez Licon contributed to this report.**

## Delta variant is sucking the joy out of back-to-school 2021

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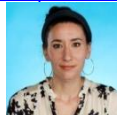
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## Back-to-school shopping in uncertain times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2021-08-09/8-to-3-back-to-school-supplies-8-to-3>



**SONYA SHARP**

**AUG 9, 2021**

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## Coronavirus Today: Back-to-school blues

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-08-10/coronavirus-today-back-to-school-blues-coronavirus-today>



**KAREN KAPLAN**  
**SCIENCE AND MEDICINE EDITOR**  
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## **Gov. Newsom expected to order school employees to get vaccinated or be tested regularly**

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## **California's teachers will have to get vaccinated.** **It's about time**

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## **California's new vaccine requirement for schools: What you need to know**

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## Thousands of vacancies for L.A. teachers, counselors, nurses remain days before school starts

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## Here are the crucial back-to-school answers that California parents need

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-12/back-to-school-covid-19-delta-variant-q-a>



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## As some parents protest school mask mandates, experts urge students to keep face coverings on

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-13/as-kids-head-back-to-class-some-parents-are-pushing-back-against-school-mask-mandates>



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## **LAUSD orders all teachers and staff to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 15**

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## **Elementary schools reopen with shining faces, colorful masks and some tears**

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**IRFAN KHAN & AL SEIB**

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## **Child COVID-19 hospitalization rates hit record in U.S. — but not in California. Here's why**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-14/kids-covid-hospitalization-rates>



**EMILY ALPERT REYES & RONG-GONG LIN II**

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**Times staff writer Luke Money contributed to this report.**

## **L.A. County coronavirus surge continues as schools prepare to reopen**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-15/los-angeles-county-coronavirus-surge-continues-as-schools-prepare-to-reopen>



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## **In Florida and Texas, mask orders turn schools into battlegrounds**

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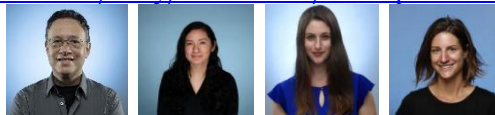
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Molly Hennessy-Fiske has been a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times since 2006 in Houston, Los Angeles, Washington and the Middle East as bureau chief. She was on a team that won a local Emmy this year for stories reported while living on the U.S.-Mexico border; 2018 APME International Perspective Award; 2015 Overseas Press Club award; 2014 Dart award and was a finalist for Livingston and Casey Awards. Raised in Upstate New York, she graduated from Harvard College.

## **Students face long lines to enter campus as L.A. goes back to school**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-16/lausd-plan-to-test-students-teachers-weekly>



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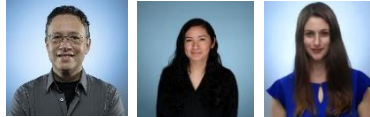
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## **LAUSD's health screening system fails on first day but can't snuff out excitement**

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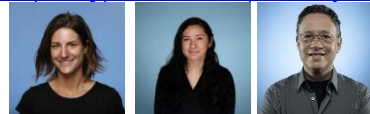
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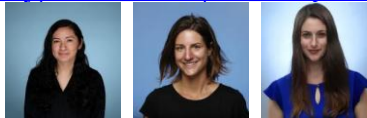
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## **'Que locura' — This is madness. First day of school stresses out parents, students**

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## **LAUSD heads back to class for the new school year**

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## **What are the risks of kids getting COVID-19 as schools reopen? Here's what we know**

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## **How kids can stay safer at school despite Delta variant threat**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-08-17/how-kids-can-stay-safe-at-school-despite-delta-variant-threat>



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## **The second morning of school in Los Angeles goes better than the first**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-17/l-a-back-to-school-covid-health-checks-going-better-tuesday>



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## **Mandatory vaccines and masks. LAUSD shows the right way to reopen schools in 2021**

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# LAUSD reports 3,255 student coronavirus cases in baseline back-to-school testing

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# Did COVID complicate my 6th-grader's first day of middle school? Not as much as you might think

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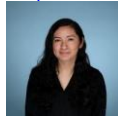
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# Culver City Unified to require student COVID-19 vaccinations, in what may be a first

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-18/culver-city-unified-requires-covid-19-vaccine-for-students>



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# LAUSD Reports 118 New Covid Cases In One Day, Most Of Them Among Students, During First Week Of School

<https://deadline.com/2021/08/los-angeles-schools-students-lausd-one-hundred-eighteen-covid-cases-in-one-day-1234818425/amp/>

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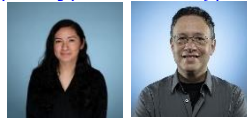
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# California high court won't consider O.C.'s challenge to school mask mandate

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-19/orange-county-mask-challenge-denied>



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# Cal State students failing, withdrawing from many required classes at a high rate

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-20/csu-students-failing-withdrawing-from-many-required-classes-at-a-high-rate>



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# How to stop worrying that CRT will corrupt your kids

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-08-08/editorial-what-critical-race-theory-is-and-isnt-and-why-it-belongs-in-schools>



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## We learn to love math when we realize it's not meant to be useful

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-08-22/mathematics-anxiety-phobia-students-algebra>



**SATYAN LINUS DEVADOSS**

**AUG 22, 2021**

### Fletcher Jones Chair and Professor, Mathematics

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### Scholarly Work

Motivated by computational biology, theoretical physics, and computer science, much of Devadoss's work revolves around discrete structures and their underlying topology and geometry. The fascination is not in the study of one object, but the space of all ways an object can deform and evolve. He believes that conveying results with visual clarity, accuracy, and simplicity is as important as the discovery of the ideas themselves, resulting in invited presentations from research universities, international centers, and design spaces (Pixar, Google, LucasFilm).

### Areas of Interest

A strong proponent of the liberal arts, Devadoss believes that ideas should be made incarnate, for the physical matters. Humans care about how things look, taste, feel, and sound. And mathematics is part of this tapestry, dealing not just with the mind, but the body as well, extending to our tangible world. Underneath a mathematical framework lies a strong desire for the proper visualization of data, from drawings to graphics to photography. Collaborations have resulted in art gallery openings in Berlin, redesigns of college course catalogs, and the formation of new courses on origami, phylogenetics, design, and visualization. Some works and thoughts have appeared in venues such as NPR, The Times of London, and Forbes.

## Florida school mask mandate power struggle goes before judge

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-08-09/desantis-threatens-to-withhold-salaries-of-school-leaders-who-impose-mask-mandates>

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## **1,893 L.A. students, staff tested positive for coronavirus last week, group reports**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-23/frustrated-with-lausds-covid-19-reporting-system-a-parent-group-creates-their-own>



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## **More U.S. school districts reverse in-person learning due to COVID**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-08-24/us-covid-19-outbreaks-force-early-reversals-on-in-person-learning>

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## **Coronavirus cases lead to missed school days for 6,500 LAUSD students during first week**

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## **College life is back and loaded with COVID rules as students return to campuses**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-24/college-life-is-loaded-with-rules-as-tens-of-thousands-of-students-return-to-usc-cal-state>



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## **L.A. Unified reports first coronavirus outbreak while other schools report multiple infections**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-25/l-a-unified-first-coronavirus-outbreak-grant-elementary>



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## **Masks at school? The kids are fine. It's the parents who are acting like jerks**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-08-26/editorial-school-mask-mandate-newsom>



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# What happens when schoolchildren get coronavirus?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-26/covid-19-outbreaks-with-kids-at-school-what-to-know>



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## L.A. County will continue to enforce strict school quarantine rules amid coronavirus cases

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-26/los-angeles-school-covid-19-cases-strict-quarantine-rules>



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# Happy Masks became a COVID must-have. That sparked a back-to-school frenzy

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-08-27/happy-masks-covid-preorder-frenzy>



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# 4-year-old child is youngest to die of COVID-19 in Riverside County

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-27/4-year-old-child-youngest-to-die-of-covid-19-in-riverside-county>



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# Coronavirus Today: A back door to vaccinate younger children

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-08-27/coronavirus-today-friday-template-coronavirus-today>



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# L.A. coronavirus outbreaks hit cheerleaders, dance squads

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-08-27/l-a-coronavirus-outbreaks-hit-cheerleaders-dance-squads>



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## **How one unvaccinated, unmasked teacher spread coronavirus to students and parents**

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## **Education Department will investigate five states that have banned mask mandates in schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-08-30/education-department-investigation-states-ban-school-mask-mandates>

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## **Delta variant put school reopening in a quandary. Here's how to fix it**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-08-31/editorial-delta-variant-put-school-reopening-in-a-quandary-heres-how-to-fix-it>

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## **Santa Monica vs. Malibu: A messy school district divorce over money and who gets the kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-01/malibu-vs-santa-monica-messy-school-district-split>



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## **Now's the time to mandate vaccination for public school students**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-02/editorial-time-to-mandate-vaccines-for-public-school-students>

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## **Coronavirus outbreaks in L.A. schools increase, some tied to athletic activities**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-02/la-county-coronavirus-outbreaks-increase-in-l-a-county-schools>



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## **L.A. teachers union drops demand for student vaccine mandate, but wants strict quarantines**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-03/l-a-teachers-union-drops-demand-for-student-vaccine-mandate-but-want-strict-quarantines>



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## **COVID surges in unvaccinated communities are sending more kids to the hospital**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-09-04/covid-surges-in-unvaccinated-communities-are-sending-more-kids-to-the-hospital>



**MELISSA HEALY**  
**SEP 4, 2021**

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## **Learning loss is real. Stop pretending otherwise.**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-02/editorial-learning-loss-is-real-stop-pretending-otherwise>

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## **Majority of L.A. Unified board favors or leans toward student vaccine mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-08/la-unified-leaning-toward-covid-vaccine-mandate>



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## **All eligible LAUSD students would have to be vaccinated by January under board proposal**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-08/la-student-covid-vaccine-mandate-plan-january-deadline>



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## **L.A. school officials order sweeping student vaccine mandate, a first by a major district**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-09/los-angeles-school-officials-approve-vaccine-mandate>



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**SEP 9, 2021**

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## **Child coronavirus cases fall in L.A. County even as schools reopen, but concerns remain**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-10/kid-coronavirus-cases-fall-in-l-a-county>





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## Should the FDA move faster on COVID-19 vaccines for young children?

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-09-11/is-the-fda-being-too-cautious-with-covid-19-vaccines-for-young-children>



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## Who will follow L.A. school district in mandating vaccines for students?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-13/la-unified-student-vaccine-mandate-outlier-or-forerunner>



HOWARD BLUME & MELISSA GOMEZ  
SEP 13, 2021

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## **Coronavirus Today: Pediatricians vs. the FDA**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-09-14/coronavirus-today-sept-14-edition-coronavirus-today>



**KAREN KAPLAN**  
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## **L.A. County supervisors, don't stray from solid juvenile justice goals**

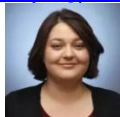
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## **America wants parents back at work. Is it ready to help foot the bill for child care?**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-09-15/democrats-biggest-childcare-overhaul-us-history>



**SARAH D. WIRE**  
**SEP 15, 2021**

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## **New data affirm it. L.A. County school safety policies are working as COVID rates are low**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-16/declining-covid-19-cases-indicate-safe-la-school-openings>



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## **L.A. County juvenile halls are 'unsuitable for the confinement of youth,' state board finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-18/state-finds-l-a-county-juvenile-halls-unsuitable-for-the-confinement-of-youth>



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**SEP 18, 2021**

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## **Will the Santa Monica-Malibu schools divorce go forward? Yes, but ...**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-19/will-the-santa-monica-malibu-schools-divorce-go-forward-decision-may-be-imminent>



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**SEP 19, 2021**

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# California's latest ethnic studies bill is not quite ready for prime time

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-20/editorial-californias-ethnic-studies-is-not-quite-ready-for-prime-time>

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## Don't be fooled: California's new housing laws make significant changes to zoning

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-22/skelton-sb9-housing-single-family-zoning>



GEORGE SKELTON  
SACRAMENTO

SEP 22, 2021

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**“Newsom and the Legislature showed courage in siding with my grandkids.”**

## L.A. teachers to receive 5% raise, pandemic-related bonuses under tentative agreement

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-22/l-a-teachers-to-receive-5-percent-raise-and-bonuses>



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## Should schools mandate COVID vaccines for children? Yes, but they need to be fair

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-23/school-vaccine-mandate>

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## **Revenge recalls are hitting California schools.** **That's not helping**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-26/editorial-recall-fever-reaches>

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## **L.A. County D.A. to dismiss 60,000 past marijuana convictions**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-27/la-los-angeles-da-gascon-dismisses-nearly-60000-past-marijuana-convictions>



**JAMES QUEALLY**

**SEP 27, 2021**

James Queally writes about crime and policing in Southern California, where he currently covers Los Angeles County's criminal courts and the district attorney's office. A part of the team of reporters that won a Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the 2015 terror attack at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, Queally has written extensively about violence, police pursuits, street racing and law enforcement misconduct since coming to The Times. A Brooklyn native, he moved West in 2014 after spending five years covering crime and police news for the Star-Ledger in New Jersey. Not content with real-life crimes, he also makes up fictional ones: Queally is the author of two novels – "Line Of Sight" and "All These Ashes" – that make up the Russell Avery series for Polis Books.

## **Surge of families seeking remote learning overwhelms L.A. public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-27/independent-study-california-lausd>



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# Pfizer vaccine for kids may not be available until November

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-09-28/pfizer-vaccine-for-kids-may-not-be-available-until-november>

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**Jonathan Lemire contributed to this report.**

## What we know so far about COVID-19 vaccinations for kids

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-09-21/covid-vaccine-kids-under-12-timeline>



**JESSICA ROY**

**SEP 28, 2021**

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## L.A. Unified enrollment drops by more than 27,000 students, steepest decline in years

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-28/lausd-enrollment-drops-by-30000-students-amid-covid-19>



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## San Diego Unified may mandate COVID vaccines by Dec. 20 for staff and eligible students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-28/san-diego-unified-to-recommend-mandated-vaccines-staff-eligible-students>



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**SEP 28, 2021**

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## **As deadlines approach, thousands of L.A. school employees, students remain unvaccinated**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-09-29/lausd-struggles-to-meet-covid-vaccine-mandate-deadlines>



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## **Newsom orders COVID vaccines for eligible students, the first K-12 school mandate in nation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-01/newsom-sets-covid-vaccine-mandate-across-california-schools>



**HOWARD BLUME & RONG-GONG LIN II & TARYN LUNA**  
**OCT 1, 2021**

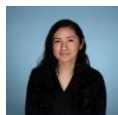
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## **L.A. community college and K-12 students can ride Metro trains and buses free. Here's how.**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-01/los-angeles-free-metro-passes>



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## **What we know about vaccine safety for schoolchildren as California sets mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-01/california-student-covid-vaccine-mandate-new-safety-rules>



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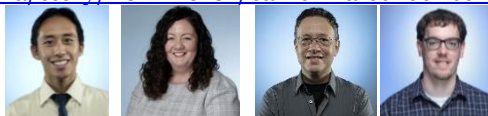
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## **California school COVID vaccine mandate: What to know**

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## **'The mood is grim': Death threats, violence, intimidation mark another pandemic school year**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-05/covid-vaccine-mask-fury-shakes-up-california-schools>



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**Times researcher Scott Wilson contributed to this report.**

## **Pandemic learning loss is real. Schools must follow the science to make up for it**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-10-06/schools-must-follow-the-science-to-make-up-for-pandemic-learning-loss>



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## **California becomes first state to require ethnic studies for high school graduation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-08/california-first-state-require-ethnic-studies-high-school-graduation>



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## **School boards emerge as hot races in November election**

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**Julie Carr Smyth & Patty Nieberg contributed to this report.**

## **Fixing California's schools is tough work, and Tony Thurmond needs to be tougher**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-10-11/editorial-time-for-californias-schools-chief-tony-thurmond-to-step-up-to-the-tough-work-of-his-job>

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## **Forget 'personal freedom.' California's statewide school vaccine mandate will save lives**

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**GEORGE SKELTON**

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## **Facing major campus disruption and firings, LAUSD extends staff COVID-vaccine deadline**

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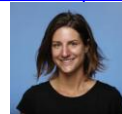


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## **8 to 3: It's a tough time to be a kid. Art can help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2021-10-11/8-to-3-its-a-tough-time-to-be-a-kid-art-can-help-8-to-3>



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## **A gaping hole in Gov. Newsom's school vaccine 'mandate'**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-10-12/editorial-gov-newsom-plug-that-gaping-hole-in-your-school-vaccine-mandate>

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## **L.A., San Diego school districts are sued over student vaccination mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-14/l-a-san-diego-school-districts-are-sued-over-student-vaccination-mandate>



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## **Kids aren’t making progress on national tests — and that’s from before the pandemic**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-10-15/americas-kids-arent-making-progress-on-national-tests-and-thats-before-the-pandemic>

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## **95% of teachers meet COVID-19 vaccination deadline, union says**

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## **Attacks on school board meetings are threatening democracy. Will educators help save it?**

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**JOSEPH KAHNE & JOHN ROGERS**

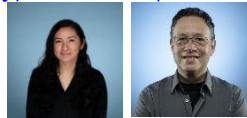
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## **Parents in California protest student COVID-19 vaccine mandate, keep kids home**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-18/california-protests-student-vaccination-mandate>



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## **How to handle an anti-vaccine 'stay-at-home' protest against schools**

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## **Confronted with losing their jobs, 99% of LAUSD teachers meet COVID-19 vaccine requirements**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-19/a-normal-l-a-school-day-unless-your-teacher-was-unvaccinated>



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## **White House details plans to vaccinate 28 million children ages 5 to 11**

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**Zeke Miller & Lindsey Tanner contributed to this report.**

## **Here’s what you need to know about the White House plan to vaccinate children**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-10-20/kids-can-now-get-the-covid-19-vaccine-here-are-five-things-you-should-know>



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## **Coronavirus closes first campus in L.A. County, prompting remote learning, football fallout**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-21/coronavirus-closes-first-campus-in-la-county>



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## **Opponents of critical race theory seek to flip school boards**

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## **FDA advisors back Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for young kids**

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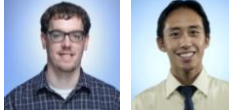
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## **California plans ambitious effort to vaccinate young children**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-10-26/fda-advisors-review-pfizers-covid-19-vaccine-for-younger-kids>



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## **COVID-19 risks in kids are small, but vaccines can still save lives, experts say**

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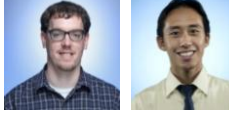
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## It's harder to justify COVID vaccine for children if pandemic's end is near

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## They stuck to their anti-vax beliefs. Now these teachers and school workers are out of jobs

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-29/the-unvaccinated-few-in-l-a-unified>



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# Academic and emotional setbacks: The LAUSD kids are not all right

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**Students sing and dance in the kindergarten classroom of teacher Dora Barraza at Heliotrope Avenue Elementary School in Maywood in April.**  
(Al Seib/Los Angeles Times)

## When a COVID-19 vaccine is available for young kids, should they get it?

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-11-01/when-covid-19-vaccine-is-available-for-young-kids-should-they-get-it>



**MELISSA HEALY**

**NOV 1, 2021**

Melissa Healy is a health and science reporter with the Los Angeles Times writing from the Washington, D.C., area. She covers prescription drugs, obesity, nutrition and exercise, and neuroscience, mental health and human behavior. She's been at The Times for more than 30 years, and has covered national security, environment, domestic social policy, Congress and the White House. As a baby boomer, she keenly follows trends in midlife weight gain, memory loss and the health benefits of red wine.

## Unvaccinated teens in L.A. are more likely to test positive for coronavirus than adults

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-01/unvaccinated-teens-more-likely-to-get-coronavirus-than-adults-in-l-a-county>



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# **CDC panel weighs risks and benefits of COVID-19 vaccine for young children**

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**Lauran Neergaard & Mike Stobbe contributed to this report.**

## **Dr. Dre, will.i.am, Issa Rae give early 'yes' to proposed school arts initiative**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-02/proposed-state-ballot-initiative-would-increase-arts-spending-in-schools>



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## **Breastfeeding & vaxxed: Parents delay weaning children to pass on COVID-19 antibodies**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-02/lactating-parents-are-delaying-weaning-young-children-to-pass-on-covid-19-antibodies>



**MARISSA EVANS**

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Marissa Evans covers healthcare and communities of color in California for the Los Angeles Times. Before joining The Times in 2021, she worked for the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, where she covered housing, Black community trauma after George Floyd's death, how communities of color have been affected by COVID-19 and how Minnesota allows private hospitals to seize tax refunds from consumers with unpaid medical bills. She also previously reported for the Texas Tribune, CQ Roll Call and Kaiser Health News. She won a 2018 Online News Assn. award for explanatory reporting for a project on Texas's maternal mortality crisis. Her work has appeared in the Atlantic, Medium, Oprah Magazine and other outlets. Evans is also a trainer with the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, which aims to increase the ranks of journalists of color in the



field of investigative reporting. She graduated from Marquette University with a degree in journalism.

## No L.A. Unified vaccine mandate so far for students ages 5 to 11

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-03/no-l-a-school-covid-vaccine-mandate-so-far-for-ages-5-to-11>



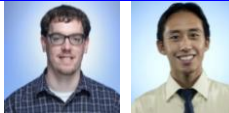
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## California begins giving COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5 to 11

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-03/california-to-give-covid-19-vaccines-to-younger-kids-today>



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**Times staff writers Emily Alpert Reyes & Cindy Carcamo contributed to this report.**

## My 8-year-old has been anxiously waiting to get vaxxed. His time has arrived

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-03/kids-covid-vaccine-eligible>



**STEPHANIE V.W. LUCIANOVIC**  
NOV 3, 2021

Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic writes books in the San Francisco Bay Area surrounded by a few kids, a few cats, and one husband. She is the author of the nonfiction book *Suffering Succotash: A Picky Eater's Quest to Understand Why We Hate the Foods We Hate*, and to this day still thinks raisins are the devil's earwax. The *League of Picky Eaters* is her first novel for kids. Her most recent book is "[The League of Picky Eaters](#)."

# Young kids should get the COVID-19 vaccine, but not be forced to — yet

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-04/editorial-young-kids-should-get-the-vaccine-but-not-be-forced-into-it-yet>

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## ‘Not quite on board’: Parents proving a tough sell on COVID-19 vaccine for teens

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-11-04/not-quite-on-board-parents-proving-a-tough-sell-on-covid-vaccine-for-teens>

**KAISER HEALTH NEWS**

**NOV 4, 2021**

[KHN](#) (Kaiser Health News) produces in-depth journalism about health issues, one of the three major operating programs at [KFF](#) (Kaiser Family Foundation).

**Jenny Gold & Samantha Young contributed to this report.**  
**Phillip Reese, an assistant professor of journalism**  
**at Sacramento State, also contributed to this report.**

## Next phase of COVID-19 vaccinations begins as parents rush to get kids their shots

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-04/next-phase-of-covid-19-vaccinations-begins-as-parents-rush-to-get-kids-their-shots>



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## Pomona defunded school police. But after a shooting, campus officers are coming back



**HAYLEY SMITH**  
NOV 5, 2021

Hayley Smith covers trending and breaking news for the Los Angeles Times. She previously contributed to The Times' COVID-19 project, "[The Pandemic's Toll: Lives Lost in California](#)," in partnership with the Pulitzer Center and USC. Her work has been featured in Oprah Magazine, Vogue, HuffPost and other outlets. Originally from Miami, she holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

**Times staff writer Melissa Gomez contributed to this report.**

## **Court order reinstates distance learning for group of disabled students**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-05/court-order-reinstates-distance-learning-for-disabled-students>



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## **The rise in school shooting threats is alarming — and a cry for help**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-05/record-school-shooting-threats-guns>



**JAMES DENSLEY & DAVID RIEDMAN & JILLIAN PETERSON**  
NOV 5, 2021

Born and raised in England, **Dr. James Densley** is professor and department chair of criminal justice at Metropolitan State University, part of the Minnesota State system. James first moved to the United States to teach special education in the New York City public schools. After earning his Doctorate in sociology from the University of Oxford, he quickly established himself as one of the world's leading experts on street gangs and serious youth violence, including cyber violence. James' work has attracted global media attention. He has been an invited or plenary speaker on three continents.

He has received global media attention for his work on street gangs, criminal networks, violence, and policing. Densley is perhaps best known for co-creating the largest, most comprehensive database of mass shooters in the United States, known as The Violence Project.

Densley is the author of six books, including *The Violence Project: How to Stop A Mass Shooting Epidemic* (Abrams Press, 2021), 45 peer-reviewed articles in leading scientific journals, and over 70 book chapters, essays, and non-refereed works in outlets such as *CNN*, *The Guardian*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*.

David Riedman holds a Masters in Homeland Defense and Security from the Naval Postgraduate School, is one of the co-founders of the Homeland Security Advanced Thinking Program (HSx), and teaches graduate courses in homeland security policy and critical infrastructure protection. David Riedman is the co-creator of the [K-12 School Shooting Database](#) at the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Dr. Jillian Peterson** is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Hamline University. Jill launched her career as a special investigator in New York City, researching the psycho-social life histories of men facing the death penalty. Jill has led large-scale research studies on mental illness and crime, school shooting prevention, and mass violence, which have received national media attention. She is a sought-after national trainer and speaker on issues related to mental illness and violence, trauma, forensic psychology, and mass violence. Jill earned her Doctorate in psychology and social behavior from the University of California, Irvine. She is trained in restorative justice, violence mediation, crisis intervention, de-escalation, and suicide prevention.

James Densley and Jillian Peterson are co-founders of [the Violence Project](#) and co-authors of “[The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic](#).” Co-founded by psychologist Dr. Jillian Peterson and sociologist Dr. James Densley, The Violence Project has developed an integrated, interdisciplinary, understanding of violence and a holistic approach to addressing it. Best known for their work on gun violence prevention, The Violence Project also pioneered a new mental illness crisis intervention and de-escalation training for law enforcement (The R-Model) that has changed the way officers think about community policing. The Violence Project has featured in CNN, Fox News, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and other leading media outlets.

## Grandma and Disneyland: Parents who jumped at COVID shots for kids crave ‘normal life’

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-06/kids-covid-19-vaccination>



**EMILY ALPERT REYES & HOWARD BLUME**

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## Schools take lead role in promoting vaccines for youngsters

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-11-07/schools-take-lead-role-in-promoting-vaccines-for-youngsters>

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**Pat Eaton-Robb & Collin Binkley in Boston & Michael Melia in Hartford, Conn. contributed to this report.**

## **What happens when angry polarization takes over school boards and local government?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-07/public-service-abuse-local-officials-resignations>

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## **What books are being targeted at school libraries?**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-11-08/what-books-are-being-targeted-at-school-libraries>



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## **Faced with soaring Ds and Fs, schools are ditching the old way of grading**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-08/as-ds-and-fs-soar-schools-ditch-inequitable-grade-systems>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL**

**NOV 8, 2021**

Paloma Esquivel writes about the Inland Empire. She was on the Los Angeles Times team that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for public service for investigating corruption in the city of Bell and the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of



the San Bernardino terror attack. Prior to joining The Times in 2007, she was a freelance writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

## What do L.A. students want most? Mental health help, an adult to listen, reliable tech

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-10/l-a-students-want-covid-mental-health-help-reliable-tech>

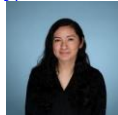


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## Colonialism, power and race. Inside California ethnic studies classes

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-10/ethnic-studies-graduation-requirement>



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Melissa Gomez is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times covering the 2020 presidential campaign. A native Floridian, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Florida, where she also worked at the student newspaper, the Independent Florida Alligator. She has previously interned at the Naples Daily News, the Las Vegas Review-Journal, the Tampa Bay Times and the New York Times.

## Texas governor orders criminal probe into 'pornography' in school books

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-11-10/texas-governor-orders-criminal-probe>



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## Democrats aim to dramatically reshape childcare, preschool

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-11-11/democrats-child-care-universal-preschool>



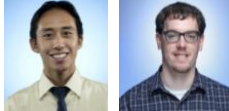
**JENNIFER HABERKORN**

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Jennifer Haberkorn covers Congress in Washington, D.C., for the Los Angeles Times. She has reported from Washington since 2005, spending much of that time roaming the halls of the U.S. Capitol. Before arriving at The Times, Haberkorn spent eight years at Politico writing about the 2010 healthcare law, a story that took her to Congress, the states, healthcare clinics and courtrooms around the country. She also covered Congress and local business news for the Washington Times. Haberkorn is a native of the Chicago area and graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

## Orange County sees robust demand for child COVID-19 vaccines

<https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2021-11-11/orange-county-sees-robust-demand-for-child-covid-19-vaccines>



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## A ballot-box budgeting proposal for arts education? Let's stop it before it starts

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-14/editorial-a-ballot-box-budgeting-proposal-for-arts-education-lets-stop-it-before-it-starts>

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## When a Hyundai is also the family home

<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/14/1053923521/housing-school-district-pennsylvania-parking-lot>



**CHLOE NOUVELLE**

NOV 14, 2021

Chloe Nouvelle is an award-winning journalist, a reporter for WLVT-TV (Bethlehem, PA).. Presently, Nouvelle reports on education and special populations for Allentown's PBS and NPR platforms. Nouvelle's human-centered coverage focuses on the myriad of ways policy decisions affect people. Her education reporting also highlights how public schools are not isolated from the social and economic issues that challenge a community. Prior to her role with PBS and NPR in Allentown, Nouvelle worked at NBC News in New York. As a member of the network's foreign unit, she contributed to NBC News' chronicling of the war in Syria, the rise of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and the

refugee crisis in Europe. Nouvelle was part of the network's team honored with a Peabody Award in 2014. She is also the recipient of nine Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award nominations.

## **How can kids learn without homework and rigid deadlines? Quite well, it turns out**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-15/editorial-how-can-kids-learn-without-homework-and-rigid-deadlines-quite-well-it-turns-out>

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## **LAUSD to end weekly COVID tests and spend \$5 million on prizes to encourage vaccinations**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-17/lausd-to-spend-5-million-for-gift-cards-to-incentivize-students-to-get-covid-19-vaccine>



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## **California has to get ethnic studies right to support Black LGBTQ youth**

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SIKIVU HUTCHINSON

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Sikivu Hutchinson is an American feminist, novelist, playwright and director. She is the author of *The Rock 'n' Roll Heretic* (2021), *Humanists in the Hood: Unapologetically Black, Feminist, and Heretical* (2020), *White Nights, Black Paradise* (2015), *Moral Combat: Black Atheists, Gender Politics, and the Values Wars* (2011), and *Imagining Transit: Race, Gender, and Transportation Politics in Los Angeles* (2003). *Moral Combat* is the first book on atheism to be published by an African-American woman. In 2013 she was named Secular Woman of the year and in 2020 she was a recipient of the Harvard Humanist of the Year award. Sikivu Hutchinson is a co-facilitator of the [Black LGBTQIA+ Parent and Caregiver](#) group.

## **Gifts and treats sweeten the LAUSD vaccine mandate. That can only make schools healthier**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-18/editorial-if-gifts-and-treats-sweeten-the-laUSD-vaccine-mandate-that-can-only-make-schools-healthier-and-safer>

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## **UC slams the door on standardized admissions tests, nixing any SAT alternative**

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## **New laws steer some teachers away from race-related topics**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-11-19/new-laws-steer-some-teachers-away-from-race-related-topics>

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**Travis Loller & Acacia Coronado contributed to this report.**

## **How COVID-19 shots for kids can help prevent dangerous new variants**

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**Laura Ungar contributed to this report.**

## **About 44,000 LAUSD students miss first vaccine deadline and risk losing in-person classes**

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## **Hiring shortages and COVID complicate schools' year of recovery**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-22/san-diego-schools-teacher-shortage>



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# Wrenching struggle to define critical race theory divides an Orange County school district

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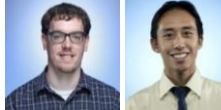
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Hayley Smith covers trending and breaking news for the Los Angeles Times. She previously contributed to The Times' COVID-19 project, "[The Pandemic's Toll: Lives Lost in California](#)," in partnership with the Pulitzer Center and USC. Her work has been featured in Oprah Magazine, Vogue, HuffPost and other outlets. Originally from Miami, she holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

## California's coast embraces child COVID-19 shots, but demand lags inland

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-24/californias-coast-embraces-kid-covid-19-shots-but-demand-lags-inland>



**LUKE MONEY & RONG-GONG LIN II**

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## L.A. Unified nears a choice on its next superintendent at a critical moment for students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-25/l-a-unified-nears-a-choice-on-its-next-superintendent>



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## San Diego student fighting vaccine mandate appeals judge's denial of religious exemption



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## **Are the school districts that ‘defunded the police’ already regretting it?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-11-26/school-police-abolish-defund-los-angeles-unified-school-district-pomona>



**NICHOLAS GOLDBERG**  
**NOV 26, 2021**

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## **Court temporarily halts San Diego schools’ COVID-19 vaccine mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-11-29/court-temporarily-halts-san-diego-schools-covid-19-vaccine-mandate>



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## **San Diego County district plans to offer in-person classes for unvaccinated students**

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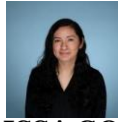


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## **LAUSD’s independent study program is overwhelmed. Students with disabilities pay the price**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-06/lausd-city-of-angels-students-with-disabilities>



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## **Californians need more transparency over school district salaries**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-07/school-districts-arent-sharing-salary-information-with-the-state-controller-they-should-be-required-to>

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## **Surgeon general warns of emerging youth mental health crisis in rare public advisory**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-07/surgeon-general-advisory-youth-mental-health-crisis-looms>



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## **34,000 L.A. Unified students have not complied with vaccine mandate, signaling problems ahead**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-07/33-000-l-a-unified-have-not-provided-proof-of-covid-vaccination>



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## **Judge leans toward denying a suit seeking to halt L.A. Unified student vaccine mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-08/judge-weighs-suit-on-laUSD-covid-19-student-vaccine-mandate>

**CITY NEWS SERVICE**

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## **Nearly 500 L.A. Unified employees lose their jobs for failing to get COVID-19 vaccine**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-08/500-l-a-unified-workers-fired-for-not-getting-covid-vaccine>



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## **How to get our sad and anxious kids from traumatized to OK**

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## **Alberto Carvalho, head of Miami-Dade schools, is pick for L.A. superintendent**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-09/miami-dades-alberto-carvalho-is-likely-new-l-a-school-chief>



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## **Who is Alberto Carvalho, LAUSD's new superintendent?**

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## **Educators report a rise in school threats, fights and misbehavior, and blame COVID**

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## **Alberto Carvalho might be just what L.A. schools need**

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## **L.A.'s new schools chief Alberto Carvalho impressed many in Miami. Can he transform L.A.?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-10/can-alberto-carvalho-of-miami-schools-change-l-a-district>



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## **LAUSD poised to push back deadline for student COVID vaccinations to fall 2022**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-10/lausd-plans-to-back-down-from-student-covid-vaccine-mandate>



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## **L.A. Unified shouldn't be the loser in a game of vaccine-mandate chicken**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-14/editorial-la-unified-shouldnt-be-the-loser-in-a-game-of-vaccine-mandate-chicken>

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## **L.A. school board approves contract for new LAUSD Supt. Alberto Carvalho**

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## **CDC endorses school COVID-19 'test to stay' policy that avoids student quarantines**

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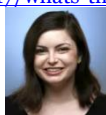


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## What's the timeline for kids under 5 to get a COVID vaccine?

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## L.A. schools on alert after threats of campus violence reportedly circulate on TikTok

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-17/threats-of-school-violence-put-los-angeles-schools-law-enforcement-on-high-alert>



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## Security protocols leave threat responses up to schools

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## **Judge rules against San Diego Unified's COVID vaccine mandate. What does it mean for L.A.?**

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## **Amid a youth mental health crisis, teens help one another**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2021-12-20/youth-mental-health-crisis-teens-help-one-another-8-to-3>



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## **We Learned Our Lesson Last Year: Do Not Close Schools**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/20/opinion/omicron-schools-do-not-close.html>



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## **California to distribute COVID tests to K-12 students as Omicron spreads through state**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-22/california-to-expand-covid-testing-provide-kits-to-students>



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Award for Public Service. A San Francisco area native, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 2004.

Times staff writer Taryn Luna contributed to this report.

## School surveillance on students' laptops will not help solve the youth mental health crisis

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-26/op-ed-school-surveillance-on-students-laptops-will-not-fix-the-youth-mental-health-crisis>



MINERVA CANTO  
DEC 26, 2021

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## Jump in child COVID hospitalizations in N.Y. sparks concerns in California amid Omicron

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-26/jump-in-child-covid-hospitalizations-in-new-york-sparks-concerns-in-california-amid-omicron>



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## COVID-19 isn't like chickenpox. How to get school vaccination mandates right

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-27/editorial-covid-19-isnt-like-chickenpox-how-to-get-school-vaccination-mandates-right>

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## Fewer kids read for fun anymore. They're losing out on more than great stories

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-28/editorial-few-kids-are-reading-for-enjoyment-anymore-and-losing-out-on-more-than-great-stories>



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## The unentitled kids: California's new generation of star college applicants

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-12-29/they-are-the-unentitled-kids-californias-new-generation-of-star-college-applicants>



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## U.S. children hospitalized with COVID-19 in near-record numbers

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-12-30/us-children-hospitalized-with-covid-in-near-record-numbers>

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**Martha Bellisle contributed to this report.**

## **Schools urged to tighten testing, upgrade masks when they reopen Monday amid Omicron surge**

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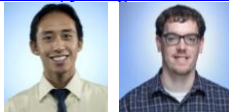


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## **Younger adults driving coronavirus surge in Southern California**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-01/younger-adults-driving-covid-transmission-in-southern-california>



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## **L.A. County public, private school staff must wear high-grade masks; rules for athletes tighten**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-02/l-a-school-staff-to-use-high-grade-masks-amid-omicron-surge>



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## **San Diego students talk about racism, bias and privilege in ethnic studies classes**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-02/what-san-diego-students-are-talking-about-in-ethnic-studies-class-race-identity-bias>



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## **FDA expands Pfizer boosters for more teens as Omicron surges**

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## **Omicron upends return to U.S. schools and workplaces**

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## **What's being done to keep kids safe as schools reopen during Omicron surge**

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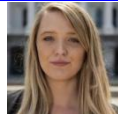


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## **California lawmakers may stop tying K-12 schools' funding to daily attendance**

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## **In discussing Jan. 6, teachers are on the front lines of the culture war**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-01-04/teachers-at-culture-war-front-lines-with-jan-6-education>

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## **Where are the COVID tests Newsom promised for schools?**

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## **CDC urges COVID-19 boosters starting at age 12 to fight Omicron**

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## **Chicago cancels classes after teachers back remote learning amid COVID-19 surge**

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## **State seeks to speed credentials for 10,000 direly needed school mental health counselors**

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## **Exes and vaxxes: Family courts weigh in on parents being vaccinated**

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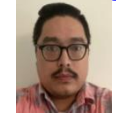
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## **Orange County reports third COVID-19 death of a child younger than 5**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-06/orange-county-third-pediatric-covid-death-young-child>



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# Wave of California colleges extend remote instruction amid worsening Omicron surge

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-06/four-uc-campuses-extend-remote-instruction-for-weeks-amid-worsening-omicron-surge>



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## When will kids under 5 be able to get vaccinated for COVID-19?

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2021-12-17/whats-the-timeline-for-kids-under-5-to-get-a-covid-vaccine>



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## Chicago cancels classes for a third day as fight over COVID-19 safety drags on

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## LAUSD determined to open amid increase in infections; Montebello schools will delay term

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## Contemplating a COVID party for your kids? It's still a bad idea

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## Coronavirus Today: Going back to school with Omicron



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## **First comprehensive data in two years show big academic setbacks for California students**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-07/california-students-suffered-major-academic-setbacks-last-year-data-shows>



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## **12 Oakland schools close after teachers stage 'sickout,' citing COVID safety worries**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-08/oakland-schools-closed-sickout>



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## **Frustrations rise as Gov. Newsom's vow to screen students for COVID falls short**

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## The U.S. cannot afford to be stingy with parents. Revive the expanded child tax credit

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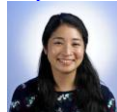
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## 'Don't panic.' How parents with kids too young to vaccinate can navigate Omicron

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2022-01-10/how-parents-with-kids-too-young-to-vaccinate-can-navigate-omicron>



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She previously led coverage of Orange County as TimesOC's entertainment editor, and she co-hosts the Asian American pop culture history podcast Saturday School.

## **Newsom signs order to make it easier for schools to hire teachers amid shortages**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-11/california-newsom-order-easier-to-hire-teachers-amid-covid-shortages>

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## **L.A. schools are being smart about COVID, but Omicron precautions must be ongoing**

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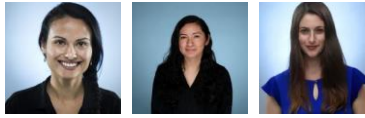
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## **More than 62,000 LAUSD students, staff out with positive coronavirus cases as schools open**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-11/lausd-goes-back-to-school-amid-omicron>



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## **Chicago teachers accept COVID-19 safety deal, keeping kids in school**

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## **Children's low COVID vaccination rates called a 'gut punch'**

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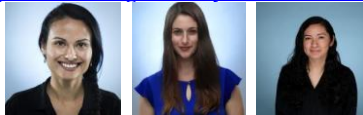
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## **Omicron surge anxiety, absences and confusion mark first day new LAUSD semester**

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## **California was supposed to clear cannabis convictions. Tens of thousands are still languishing**

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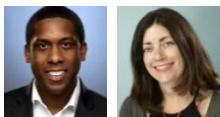
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## **Anxious. Helpless. Upset. Omicron surge leaves U.S. parents, teachers and students on edge**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-01-14/la-na-schools-covid-surge>



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## **Amid high absenteeism, incoming L.A. schools chief says campuses are safe**

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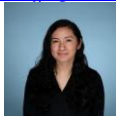
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## **About 130,000 LAUSD students are absent from class during first days back**

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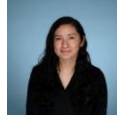


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# Culver City Unified to close next week so all can 'recoup and recover' amid Omicron surge

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# California schools under intense strain, fighting to stay open during Omicron surge

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## More kids in the hospital with COVID renew fears for medically fragile children

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-16/covid-medically-vulnerable-kids>



**EMILY ALPERT REYES**

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## 'Wait for a good time : - ) Don't fight!' A guide to help teens persuade parents to let them get vaccinated

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**MARISA GERBER**

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## Does declining school enrollment spell disaster? That argument doesn't add up

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## California to remove Mayan affirmation from ethnic studies after lawsuit argues it's a prayer

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## **L.A. schools see coronavirus rates decline; student attendance improves**

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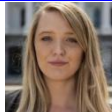
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## **California child-care workers struggle with COVID-19 test kit shortages**

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## **The pandemic pushed more families to home school. Many are sticking with it**

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**LAURA NEWBERRY**  
JAN 21, 2022

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## **LAUSD to require students to wear non-cloth face masks starting Monday**

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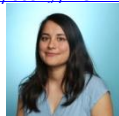


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## **At California hospitals, many children are coming in with COVID — not for COVID**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-24/childrens-hospital-covid-unit>



**BRITTNY MEJIA**  
JAN 24, 2022

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**Times staff writer Emily Alpert Reyes contributed to this report.**

## **All California schoolchildren must be vaccinated against COVID-19 under new bill**

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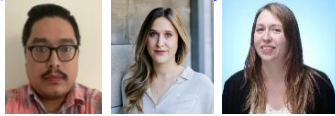
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## **Video captures Laguna Hills student shouting racist slurs at Black basketball player**

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**GREGORY YEE & HAYLEY SMITH & HANNAH FRY**

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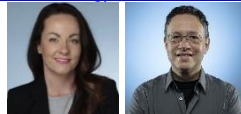
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## **California plan to require student vaccination sparks intense debate. Here's what we know**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-25/what-we-know-californias-student-covid-vaccine-proposal>



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## **Authorities investigating after man harasses Glendale Unified students for wearing masks**

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## **Get more kids vaccinated against COVID, yes, but two bills need more work**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-01-26/editorial-problematic-mandatory-covid-vaccines-for-school-and-no-parental-consent>

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## **Westside charter school sued over COVID vaccine mandate, part of a growing legal strategy**

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## **Should kids need parental consent for vaccines? Read this before you decide**

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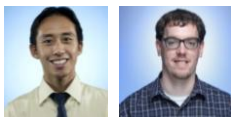
**ROBIN ABCARIAN**  
**JAN 26, 2022**

Robin Abcarian is an opinion columnist at the Los Angeles Times. She writes about news, politics and culture. Her columns appear on Wednesday and Sunday.

## **A 15-month-old dies of COVID-19, becoming L.A. County's youngest coronavirus fatality**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-26/15-month-old-l-a-county-youngest-coronavirus-fatality>





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**JAN 26, 2022**

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## **California is headed for another bruising vaccine fight. Newsom should embrace a school mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-27/skelton-student-vaccine-mandate-legislation>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
**JAN 27, 2022**

Political columnist George Skelton has covered government and politics for more than 50 years and for The Times since 1974. He has been a Times political writer and editor in Los Angeles, Sacramento bureau chief and White House correspondent. He has written a column on California politics, "Capitol Journal," since 1993. Skelton is a Santa Barbara native, grew up in Ojai and received a journalism degree at San Jose State.

## **As student activists fight for COVID safety measures at schools, some face criticism**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-27/students-are-organizing-for-increased-safety-measures>



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## **Racism in O.C. schools is nothing new — but it's surprisingly diverse**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-01-27/racism-orange-county-high-schools>



**GUSTAVO ARELLANO**  
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Gustavo Arellano is a features writer for the Los Angeles Times, covering Southern California everything and a bunch of the West and beyond. He previously worked at OC Weekly, where he was an investigative reporter for 15 years and editor for six, wrote a column called iAsk a Mexican! and is the author of "Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America." He's the child of two Mexican immigrants, one whom came to this country in the trunk of a Chevy.

## **When parents are vaccinated against COVID-19, protection extends to their kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2022-01-28/vaccinated-parents-extend-covid-19-protection-to-their-kids>



**MELISSA HEALY**  
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## **Removing Indigenous concepts from ethnic studies sends a terrible message to California's students**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-01-28/op-ed-removing-indigenous-concepts-ethnic-studies-california>



**SEAN ARCE & THERESA MONTANO & GUADALUPE CARDONA**  
**JAN 28, 2022**

Sean Arce is an ethnic studies high school teacher in Los Angeles, the co-founder of Tucson's Mexican American/Raza Studies Department and a plaintiff in the 9th Circuit case Arce vs. Douglas.

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## **Economic segregation in schools has worsened, widening achievement gaps, study says**



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## **California school officials could mandate searches of backpacks, lockers under shooting threat**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-02/school-shootings-guns-california-legislation>



**HANNAH WILEY**

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## **School coronavirus cases down 70% in L.A. County since start of spring term**

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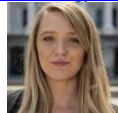
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## **After years of cuts, California could provide school buses for all kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-03/california-students-more-school-buses-legislation>



**MACKENZIE MAYS**

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# **Biden administration updates school lunch rules to help ease pandemic disruptions**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-02-04/biden-administration-updates-school-lunch-rules-to-help-ease-pandemic-disruptions>

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## **California bill would boost schools' access to student COVID-19 vaccine data**

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## **Private schools have turned away L.A. County health inspectors checking on COVID-19 rules**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-05/private-schools-turn-away-la-county-covid-19-health-inspectors>



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**FEB 5, 2022**

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## **‘I don’t have a life’: Parents struggle to get home nurses for medically fragile kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-07/home-health-nurses>



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## **Governors in four states plan an end to school mask mandates**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-02-08/governors-four-states-plan-end-school-mask-mandates>

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## **As mask mandates ease, should California schools be next?**

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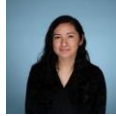
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## **LAUSD is prepping for thousands of unvaccinated students by ramping up online school**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-09/laUSD-may-expand-online-schools-for-unvaccinated-students>



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## **Want to know the wrong way to close schools? Just look to Oakland**

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## **New threat to COVID-era education: Black and Latino teachers are leaving the profession**

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**The Times' Howard Blume contributed to this story.**

## **New L.A. Unified Supt. Carvalho previews elements of an ambitious 100-day plan**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-10/new-l-a-unified-supt-carvalho-previews-ambitious-100-day-plan>



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## **Vaccine for kids under 5 is delayed after FDA review stalls**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2022-02-11/fda-postpones-meeting-on-pfizer-vaccine-for-kids-under-5>



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## **Oakland hunger strike is a harbinger of looming California school funding crisis**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-12/california-schools-oakland-hunger-strike-funding-crisis>



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## **GOP pushes U.S. schools to post all class materials online**

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**Julie Carr Smyth & Casey Smith contributed to this report.**

## **America's approach to early childhood education is completely unsustainable**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-02-12/early-education-childcare-workers-wages-too-low>



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## **California school mask mandate will remain in place through Feb. 28**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-14/california-school-mask-mandate-will-remain-in-place-through-feb-28>



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## **UC Berkeley may be forced by court to cut 3,000 undergraduate seats, freeze enrollment**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-14/uc-berkeley-may-be-forced-to-cut-3-000-freshman-seats-under-court-order-to-halt-growth>



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## **Schools are doing fine with masks. Dropping mandates now would be premature**

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## **Supt. Alberto Carvalho won high marks in Miami, but can he move L.A. Unified forward?**

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## **How NIMBY abuse of a California law could keep thousands of kids out of UC Berkeley**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-16/column-who-wins-from-californias-main-environmental-law-too-often-the-rich-and-litigious>



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# U.K. to offer COVID vaccine to children ages 5 to 11

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## LAUSD to keep outdoor mask mandate in place this week, but changes may be ahead

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## San Francisco school board members ignored parents and students. So they were ousted

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-09-26/editorial-recall-fever-reaches>



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## **From liberal San Francisco, school board recall is a three-alarm warning for Democrats**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2022-02-16/san-francisco-school-board-recall-democrats>



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## **Supt. Carvalho confronts his first big decision: Should LAUSD relax mask requirements?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-17/supt-carvalho-confronts-his-first-big-decision-should-laUSD-relax-mask-requirements>



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## **LAUSD shows its best to new Supt. Alberto Carvalho, who pledges to deliver more of it**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-17/laUSD-supt-carvalho-promises-excellence-in-dash-across-laUSD>



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# San Francisco is usually seen as a lefty outlier. The school board recalls may make it a bellwether

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2022-02-17/san-francisco-recall-democrats>



**SEEMA MEHTA & MELANIE MASON & MELISSA GOMEZ**

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# Newsom urges state high court to avert looming cut of 3,050 students at UC Berkeley

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-18/governor-newsom-urges-california-supreme-court-student-admission>



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## Some school systems pause diversity programs amid pushback

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-02-20/some-school-systems-pause-diversity-programs-amid-pushback>

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**Carolyn Thompson & Heather Hollingsworth contributed to this report.**

## The hunger strike against school closures is also about everything else that ails Oakland

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-02-20/oakland-teacher-hunger-strike-school-closure-consolidation-environmental-justice>



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**FEB 20, 2022**

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## Proposed bill would exempt UC, Cal State from environmental review for new student housing

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-22/college-campuses-could-forgo-environmental-review-seen-at-berkeley-under-new-bill>



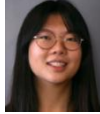
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# L.A. school district lifts outdoor mask mandate for students and staff

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-22/l-a-schools-lifts-outdoor-mask-mandate-for-students-staff>



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# UC Berkeley drama: The students who are at risk amid enrollment controversy

<https://www.latimes.com/california/newsletter/2022-02-22/uc-berkeley-enrollment-controversy-essential-california>



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**FEB 22, 2022**

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# California voters strongly support mask and vaccine mandates in K-12 schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-24/california-voters-strongly-support-mask-and-vaccine-mandates-in-k-12-schools>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL**  
**FEB 24, 2022**

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# Confidence in California public schools declines sharply; a third give L.A. a D or F

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-25/confidence-in-california-public-schools-declines-sharply-amid-covid>



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## **LAUSD superintendent's 100-day plan focuses on academic recovery, new COVID measures**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-25/l-a-unified-supt-alberto-carvalho-100-day-plan>



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## **L.A. County will align with state to end school mask mandate after March 11**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-28/l-a-county-aligns-with-california-to-end-school-mask-mandate>



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## **California to lift school mask mandate after March 11**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-28/california-to-lift-school-mask-mandate-after-march-11>



**LUKE MONEY & RONG-GONG LIN II & HOWARD BLUME**

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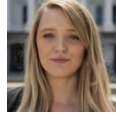
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## **Why flush California still takes child support from low-income families**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-28/some-california-families-have-to-pay-back-government-aid-rules-could-change>



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## **The blockade of Build Back Better means millions more children condemned to poverty**

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2022-03-03/covid-child-poverty>



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**MAR 3, 2022**

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## **Teachers help students navigate misinformation, emotions, history of war in Ukraine**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-07/ukraine-russia-misinformation-classroom-lessons>



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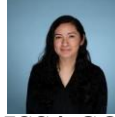
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## Some L.A. schools face uncertain futures as student enrollment declines dramatically

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-08/los-angeles-laUSD-schools-student-enrollment-declines>



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## Is it too risky for kids to go maskless at school and daycare? What experts say

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-08/everything-you-need-to-know-about-kids-masks-and-vaccines>



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## It's 'Alarming': Children Are Severely Behind in Reading

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/08/us/pandemic-schools-reading-crisis.html>



**DANA GOLDSTEIN**

**MAR 8, 2022**

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Since joining The Times in 2017, she has covered the teacher walkout movement, changes in how students are selected for gifted programs and debates over school segregation, writing instruction, pre-K teaching methods and private school vouchers.

Previously, she was a reporter for The Marshall Project, covering criminal justice, and a contributor to Slate and The Atlantic. She began her journalism career as a writer and editor at The American Prospect, where she covered the 2008 presidential campaign. She lives in New York.

## **A wealth of cash in L.A. Unified but for how long?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-09/a-wealth-of-cash-in-l-a-unified-but-for-how-long>



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## **L.A. Unified says it's working toward ending indoor mask mandate at schools**

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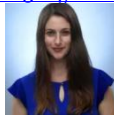


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## **Gov. Newsom signs law to stop UC Berkeley enrollment cuts**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-14/california-legislature-passes-bill-berkeley-enrollment>



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**MAR 14, 2022**

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## **California must stop taking away child support from kids and families**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-14/skelton-child-support-calworks-california>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
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## For kids with COVID-19, everyday life can be a struggle

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-03-15/for-kids-with-covid-19-everyday-life-can-be-a-struggle>

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## California bill would let parents sue social media companies for addicting kids

<https://www.latimes.com/business/technology/story/2022-03-16/california-bill-would-let-parents-sue-social-media-companies-for-addicting-kids>



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## It's OK for L.A. Unified schools to go mask-optional

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-03-17/editorial-laUSD-schools-voluntary-masks-covid>

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## **In union poll, 58% of L.A. Unified teachers want to keep mandatory masking**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-17/in-union-poll-58-of-l-a-unified-teachers-want-to-keep-mandatory-masking>



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## **L.A. school board election field is set, includes pivotal race to replace Monica Garcia**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-17/los-angeles-school-board-race-candidates-finalized>



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## **L.A. Unified to lift indoor mask mandate next week in agreement with teachers union**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-18/l-a-unified-teachers-union-reach-deal-to-make-indoor-masking-optional-on-campus>



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## **Understaffing leaves after-school programs with unmet demand**

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## **A teacher, a soldier, a tireless champion for children in Watts**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-19/michael-wainwright-children-watts-education>



**SANDY BANKS**  
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During more than three decades at the Los Angeles Times, Sandy Banks has served as reporter, editor, editorial writer and internship director. But she's best known for her twice-weekly personal columns, which focused on private lives, public policy and people who inspire and infuriate us. Banks, a native of Cleveland, has three grown daughters, lives in Northridge and loves anything that gets and keeps her outdoors. She left The Times in 2015. She has returned to The Times in 2019 after a four-year hiatus. A Cleveland native, Banks has three grown daughters and lives in Northridge.

## **73% of voters in L.A. Unified do not believe every neighborhood has a good school, poll says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-22/most-lauid-voters-concerned-about-to-neighborhood-schools>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
**MAR 22, 2022**

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**Lauran Neergaard contributed to this report.**

## **All LAUSD first-graders now have a college savings account. Will families use them?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-23/all-laUSD-first-graders-now-have-a-college-savings-account-will-families-use-them>



**CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ**  
**MAR 23, 2022**

Christian Martinez is a Metro reporter covering breaking news at the Los Angeles Times. He previously wrote for the USA Today network of newspapers including the Ventura County Star, where he covered the Thomas and Woolsey wildfires and the Borderline mass shooting, the Spectrum & Daily News in Utah and the Lansing State Journal in Michigan. He was born and raised in Southern California and attended Saint Mary's College of California.

## **Masks can now come off inside L.A. Unified classrooms**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-23/school-mask-mandate-lifted-in-laUSD>



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## **In L.A. Unified, some masks come off; others keep wearing them.**

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**HOWARD BLUME & MELISSA GOMEZ**  
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**Times staff writer Paloma Esquivel contributed to this report.**

## **L.A.'s asphalt-covered schoolyards are an environmental injustice**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-03-27/green-schoolyards-laUSD-environmental-injustice>



**TONY BARBOZA**  
**MAR 27, 2022**

Tony Barboza is an editorial writer focusing on climate change and environmental justice. Before joining the editorial board in November 2021, he worked for 15 years as a news reporter for the Times' California section, covering air quality, climate change, environmental health and other topics. Barboza was born and raised in Colorado and is a graduate of Pomona College.

## **Only 30% of L.A. County kids are vaccinated, months after COVID shots became available**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-28/kids-covid-19-vaccination-rates-la-county>



**EMILY ALPERT REYES & PHI DO**  
**MAR 28, 2022**

Emily Alpert Reyes covers City Hall for the Los Angeles Times. She previously reported on the census & demographics, tracking how our lives are changing in Los Angeles, California & the country. Before joining The Times, she worked for the pioneering nonprofit news website [voiceofsandiego.org](http://voiceofsandiego.org), winning national awards for her reporting on education. She has also traveled to Bolivia as a fellow with the International Reporting Project & survived the University of Chicago.

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**Times staff writer Rong-Gong Lin II contributed to this report.**

## **U.S. Education secretary calls for teacher shortage solutions, more mental health services**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-29/u-s-education-secretary-calls-for-teacher-shortage-solutions-student-mental-health-supports-at-san-diego-conference>



**KRISTEN TAKETA**  
**MAR 29, 2022**

Kristen Taketa covers K-12 education for The San Diego Union-Tribune. She joined the U-T in 2018 after covering education for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Taketa is a Torrance native and graduated from UCLA.

## **Tutoring, a key learning recovery strategy, reaches fewer than 1 in 10 L.A. students**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-30/l-a-unified-struggles-to-reach-students-with-tutoring-in-pandemic-recovery-efforts>



**HOWARD BLUME**

**Mar 30, 2022**

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## **Parents say their kids haven't been the same since COVID. U.S. Education secretary listening**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-31/parents-say-children-havent-been-the-same-since-pandemic-education-secretary-listening>



**HOWARD BLUME & KRISTEN TAKETA**

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## **Nearly half of LAUSD students have been chronically absent this year, data show**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-03-31/lausd-students-chronic-absent-amid-covid-pandemic>



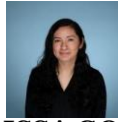
**PALOMA ESQUIVEL**

**MAR 31, 2022**

Paloma Esquivel writes about the Inland Empire. She was on the Los Angeles Times team that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for public service for investigating corruption in the city of Bell and the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of the San Bernardino terror attack. Prior to joining The Times in 2007, she was a freelance writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

## **Sacramento teachers' strike ends, and schools reopen with tentative deal to increase salaries**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-04/sacramento-schools-to-reopen-end-of-strike>



**MELISSA GOMEZ**

**APR 4, 2022**

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## **Surgeon general discusses mental health with Southern California high school students**

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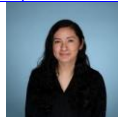
**GARY WARTH**

**APR 5, 2022**

Gary Warth has covered a variety of beats since 1989 and now covers public safety and homeless issues at The San Diego Union-Tribune. A San Diego resident since the 1970s, he earned a journalism degree from San Diego State University and has won numerous awards for his work.

## **Board votes to ban critical race theory in Placentia-Yorba Linda school district**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-06/critical-race-theory-banned-by-an-orange-county-school-board>



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## **L.A. Unified fails to get kids the tutoring they need**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-04-07/editorial-lausd-failing-tutoring>

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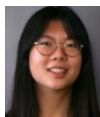
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## **L.A. Unified student leaders inspired by Ketanji Brown Jackson's historic confirmation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-08/ketanji-brown-jackson-supreme-court-confirmation-lausd-discussion>





**JAIMIE DING**  
**APR 8, 2022**

Jaimie Ding is a reporter at the Los Angeles Times. Before joining The Times, she wrote for the Oregonian, the Sacramento Bee, the Associated Press and Claremont Colleges newspaper, the Student Life. Ding was raised in the Portland, Ore., area and graduated from Scripps College with a degree in politics. Outside of journalism, she's also passionate about good food and live music. She is a member of the 2021-22 [Los Angeles Times Fellowship](#) class.

## **School coronavirus outbreaks rise in L.A. County after mask orders are lifted**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-08/school-coronavirus-outbreaks-rise-in-l-a-county-after-mask-orders-lift>



**RONG-GONG LIN II**  
**APR 8, 2022**

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## **Hey, L.A. mayoral candidates, start talking about the schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-04-10/editorial-los-angeles-mayor-candidates-schools-laUSD>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**  
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## **How shuttering schools can speed up gentrification**

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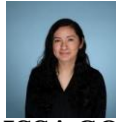


**LAURA NEWBERRY**  
**APR 11, 2022**

Laura Newberry is a Metro reporter at the Los Angeles Times. She previously worked as a staff reporter at both the Reading Eagle in Eastern Pennsylvania and MassLive in Western Massachusetts. Originally from Florida, she graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2013 and UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism in 2018.

## **California public school enrollment spirals, dropping by 110,000 students this year**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-11/california-school-enrollment-drops-by-more-110-000-students>



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## **Amid youth mental health crisis, influential panel raises doubts on suicide screening**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2022-04-12/influential-panel-raises-doubts-on-youth-suicide-screening>

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## **Essential California: What the state's shrinking public schools mean for students**

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**DEBORAH NETBURN**  
APR 12, 2022

Deborah Netburn is a features writer at the Los Angeles Times. Endlessly curious, she's covered a wide variety of topics since starting at the paper in 2006, including entertainment, home and garden, national news, technology and science. She's hung out with Tibetan monks in the Pacific Palisades, seen seahorses at the bottom of Alamitos Bay and spent time with the working witches of Los Angeles. She is always looking for a good story.

## **California school salaries should be easier for the public to see**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-04/sacramento-schools-to-reopen-end-of-strike>

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## California pauses plans to require COVID-19 vaccinations for schoolchildren

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-14/california-lawmaker-scraps-plan-to-require-covid-19-vaccinations-for-school-children>



**MELODY GUTIERREZ & MELISSA GOMEZ**  
**APR 14, 2022**

Melody Gutierrez covers state government and politics in Sacramento for the Los Angeles Times. Previously, she covered politics for the San Francisco Chronicle and the state Legislature, education and sports for the Sacramento Bee. Her first reporting job was for the newspaper in her hometown of Twentynine Palms while she was in high school. She graduated from Chico State. With an emphasis on watchdog reporting, she has written award-winning stories on wasteful spending, pension spiking, rape kit backlogs and failures in the foster care system, some of which prompted state audits and legislative changes.

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## The push to get children vaccinated is stalling. It poses new COVID-19 dangers

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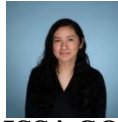
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## L.A. Unified's fall 2022 vaccine mandate in question as state delays its requirement

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## **Declining enrollment shouldn't always mean shutting down schools**

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## **Homeschooling surge continues despite schools reopening**

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## **100 homeless L.A. community college students to get shelter, food and Wi-Fi**

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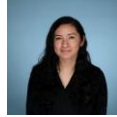
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## **LAUSD teacher shortage hits underserved schools hardest, prompting Carvalho to move staff**

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## **Supreme Court OKs 'race neutral' admissions policy to admit more Black, Latino students**

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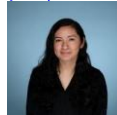
**DAVID G. SAVAGE**

**APR 25, 2022**

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## **Four days added to the next L.A. school year despite complaints it's a waste of money**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-26/l-a-adds-days-to-next-school-year-for-pandemic-recovery>



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## **More kids were hit by upper airway infections during COVID Omicron surge, studies show**

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## **Moderna asks regulators to OK its COVID-19 shot for children under 6**

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**Lauran Neergaard contributed to this report**

## **L.A. schools chief pushes to delay student COVID vaccination mandate**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-28/l-a-schools-chief-seeks-delay-of-student-covid-vaccine-mandate>



**MELISSA GOMEZ & LUKE MONEY & RONG-GONG LIN II**

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## **LAUSD failed students with disabilities during pandemic, federal investigation finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-28/lausd-failed-disabled-students-under-remote-learning-during-pandemic-investigation-finds>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & MELISSA GOMEZ**

**APR 28, 2022**

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## **COVID won't become endemic until we have a vaccine for kids under 5**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-05-01/op-ed-covid-cant-become-endemic-until-we-have-a-vaccine-for-kids-under-5>



**NINA SHAPIRO**

**MAY 1, 2022**

Dr. Nina Shapiro is director of pediatric ear, nose and throat at the Mattel Children's Hospital and a professor of head and neck surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA. She is the author of "The Ultimate Kids' Guide to Being Super Healthy." A graduate of Harvard Medical School and Cornell University, she completed her surgical residency at Harvard and finished additional subspecialty training in pediatric otolaryngology at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London and the Children's Hospital of San Diego.

## **Gaping digital divide among L.A. students is a civil rights issue, Supt. Carvalho says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-03/lausd-will-try-again-to-get-students-online-at-least-for-a-year>



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**MAY 3, 2022**

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## **How to fix the rocky start of transitional kindergarten for all California 4-year-olds**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-05-06/editorial-how-to-fix-the-rocky-start-of-transitional-kindergarten-for-all-california-4-year-olds>

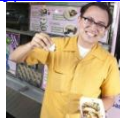
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## **Cops, Not Books? This Town's Library May Become A Police Station**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-07/mcfarland-library-police-headquarters>



**GUSTAVO ARELLANO**

**MAY 7, 2022**

Gustavo Arellano is a features writer for the Los Angeles Times, covering Southern California everything and a bunch of the West and beyond. He previously worked at OC Weekly, where he was an investigative reporter for 15 years and editor for six, wrote a column called iAsk a Mexican! and is the author of "Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America." He's the child of two Mexican immigrants, one whom came to this country in the trunk of a Chevy.

## **Glendale third-grade teacher showed gay pride videos. A year later, furious debate erupts**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-11/glendale-unified-schools-lgbtq-curriculum>



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**Times librarian Jen Arcand contributed to this report.**

## **What California law requires in teaching about LGBTQ people in public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-11/california-takes-opposite-path-of-florida-texas-on-inclusive-education>



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## **LAUSD passes controversial deaf education plan despite strong opposition**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-11/lausd-passes-controversial-deaf-education-plan>



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## **California's bold plan: adding a full school year before kindergarten. How will it work?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-13/gov-newsom-transitional-kindergarten-proposal-how-will-it-work>



**JOHN MYERS & HOWARD BLUME & SONYA SHARP**

**MAY 13, 2022**

John Myers joined the Los Angeles Times as Sacramento bureau chief in 2015 after more than two decades in radio and television news, much of that as an award-winning reporter covering statehouse policy and politics. During a decade of work for San Francisco's NPR affiliate, his unique online projects included everything from one of Sacramento's original politics blogs to California's first politics podcast. He also served as the moderator of gubernatorial debates in 2014 and 2010. Often cited by state and national news organizations as one of Sacramento's top journalists, he's a graduate of Duke University and the University of California, Berkeley.

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## With Plunging Enrollment, a ‘Seismic Hit’ to Public Schools

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/17/us/public-schools-falling-enrollment.html>



**SHAWN HUBLER**

**May 17, 2022**

Shawn Hubler is a California correspondent based in Sacramento. Before joining The Times in 2020 she spent nearly two decades covering the state for The Los Angeles Times as a roving reporter, columnist and magazine writer, and shared three Pulitzer Prizes won by the paper's Metro staff.

Most recently, Ms. Hubler was a deputy editor at CalMatters, an award-winning nonprofit digital news organization that specializes in California policy. Before that, she was a member of the editorial board at The Sacramento Bee.

At The Los Angeles Times, she covered the 1992 Los Angeles riots from Florence and Normandie, the 2000 dot-com bust from San Francisco and the internet's impact on children from Orange County. She shared in Pulitzers for coverage of the riots, the 1994 Northridge earthquake that devastated Southern California and the violent, televised, 1997 shootout in North Hollywood between armored bank robbers and police that prompted the militarization of law enforcement nationally.

A native of Central Pennsylvania, she is married to Bob Magnuson, a former journalist and news executive who is a native of Los Angeles. They have three amazing grown daughters and two faithful cats.

## LAUSD expects enrollment to plummet by ‘alarming’ 30% in the next decade

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-18/l-a-unified-enrollment-expect-to-plummet-leading-to-academic-and-employment-worries>



**HOWARD BLUME**

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## The limits to school security become clear as parents demand answers after Texas shooting

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-26/after-texas-shooting-parents-demand-better-stronger-security>



**HOWARD BLUME**

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# L.A. City Council seeks to ban homeless encampments near every school, daycare center

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-05-31/l-a-city-council-seeks-to-ban-homeless-encampments-near-every-school-daycare-center>



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## Our country's cruel indifference to violence against children takes many forms

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-05-31/uvalde-violence-against-children>

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## Don't expect teachers to be substitute police officers when the shooting starts

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-06-02/editorial-arming-teachers-ludicrous-republicans-texas>

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## Teenagers shouldn't be able to buy assault weapons

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-06-06/age-21-act-federal-minimum-assault-weapons-ban>



**DIANNE FEINSTEIN**

**JUN 6, 2022**

Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, is the senior U.S. senator from California.

# As a Los Angeles teacher, I want you to know what a school lockdown feels like

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-06-07/los-angeles-teacher-school-lockdown-guns-active-shooter-ualde>



**MARISA CRABTREE**  
**JUN 7, 2022**

Marisa Crabtree is a high school teacher in Los Angeles.

## **Hello, I am Ms. Crabtree!**

I encourage students to uncover the hidden mysteries and rich themes of **English literature and composition** at Abraham Lincoln High School. I have enjoyed teaching **English** for 15 years, and **AP Psychology for three years**. My specialties are teaching **10th Graders, Seniors, and AP English classes**, and **telling silly jokes** (yes, I laugh at my own jokes!).

I help Lincoln achieve academic glory by coaching the **Academic Decathlon team- Go Tigers!** I always feel impressed by our decathletes- they consistently place in the **top 15** of the 65 teams competing in LAUSD's competition.

I also volunteer for LHS by accompanying the plays and musicals on piano, attending sports and MST Magnet social events, and serving as co-English Department Chair. I am excited to continue advising my group of 11th grade advisory students and re-connecting with students in person as everyone returns to campus in the fall!

You are always welcome to drop by my room for advice (wanted AND unwanted), music, a pep talk, or just to chill. It's **Room B3 (behind the 100 building, next to B4 and the 700 building)**. Also, you can email me if you have questions about homework or projects or performances- my email is [mxco861@lausd.net](mailto:mxco861@lausd.net). **Check out my "reading" blog at [princessleiasgalaxy.blogspot.com](https://princessleiasgalaxy.blogspot.com).**

**Remember, the number one thing you can do to improve your grades, test scores, and college readiness, is to READ for 15 minutes everyday!**

# O.C. parents enflamed by graphic novel in K-6 library; district mulls book policy

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-06-07/o-c-parents-enflamed-by-graphic-novel-in-k-6-library-district-mulls-book-policy>



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**JUN 7, 2022**

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# California is richer than ever. Why is it last in the nation for school bus access?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-06-22/theres-a-human-cost-to-this-california-ranks-lowest-in-nation-for-school-bus-use>



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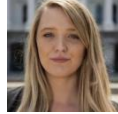
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## **How to find out if your child's classes have teachers with proper credentials. Many don't**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-01/amid-staffing-shortage-46-700-teachers-in-california-classrooms-lack-proper-credentials>



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## **Will California's \$4.1-billion bet on 'community schools' transform K-12 education?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-20/the-promise-of-community-schools>



**LAURA NEWBERRY**

**JUL 20, 2022**

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## **L.A. Unified estimates tens of thousands of students are missing from back-to-school rosters**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-30/l-a-schools-says-20-000-students-are-missing-from-rosters>



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## **Cities across the U.S. face crisis as fewer kids enroll in public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-08-01/cities-face-crisis-as-fewer-kids-enroll-schools-shrink>

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## **L.A. cracks down on homeless encampments near schools, over protesters' jeers**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-02/l-a-cracks-down-on-homeless-encampments-outside-public-schools-daycare-centers>



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## **L.A. schools drop aggressive COVID-19 rules: No more testing for all and masks stay optional**

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## **L.A. community colleges seek voter OK for \$5.3-billion building bond, its largest ever**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-05/lacc-wants-to-borrow-5-3-billion-for-building-projects>

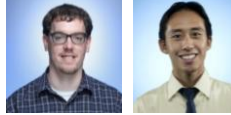


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## **L.A. County reports 12th pediatric COVID death.** **How to keep kids safe as school begins**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-06/1-a-fights-to-prevent-new-covid-surge-when-schools-resume>



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## **Ban encampments near schools? Another L.A. restriction that doesn't help fix homelessness**

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## **Bring back the lost children of Los Angeles Unified**

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## **LAUSD chief promises expanded early education, more bus seats and other 'swift' changes**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-08/1-a-schools-supt-carvalho-vows-rapid-back-to-school-change>





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## **Audience member charges toward L.A. City Council, causing meeting to erupt in chaos**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-09/l-a-city-council-meeting-erupts-in-chaos>



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## **L.A. teachers union demands withdrawal of extra school days in first clash under Carvalho**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-09/l-a-teachers-union-clashes-with-supt-carvalho-want-him-to-withdraw-extended-school-days>



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Aug 9, 2022

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## **Parents' 2022-23 back-to-school checklist: tutoring, therapy, COVID-19 vigilance**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-12/parents-have-new-back-to-school-list-amid-covid-year-three>



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AUG 12, 2022

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## **L.A. Unified officials knock on doors, urging chronically absent students to return**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-13/counselor-search-for-las-thousands-of-missing-students>



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## **A new normal in L.A. on first day of school: Later start times, relaxed COVID rules**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-15/late-start-time-relaxed-covid-rules-monkeypox-concerns-as-school-year-begins>



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## **L.A.'s back-to-school challenges: low test scores, scramble for teachers, missing students**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-16/families-hoping-for-near-normal-as-school-begins-in-l-a>



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# **The Dr. Dre, Jimmy Iovine high school gets down to business, just not the music business**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-19/dr-dre-jimmy-iovine-high-school-opens-in-south-l-a>



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**AUG 19, 2022**

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# **Back to school in the COVID era — things have changed, but not the worry**

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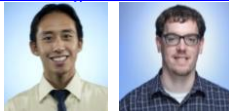
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**AUG 20, 2022**

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# **A looming COVID risk in California? Schools return with fewer rules, lagging vaccine rates**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-24/california-schools-have-fewer-covid-rules-lagging-vaccine-rate>



**RONG-GONG LIN II & LUKE MONEY**

**AUG 24, 2022**

Rong-Gong Lin II is a metro reporter based in San Francisco who specializes in covering statewide earthquake safety issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. He won the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.'s Freedom of Information Award and the University of Florida's Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Award. He was a finalist for the Ursula and Gilbert Farfel Prize for Excellence in Investigative Reporting and the Knight Award for Public Service. A San Francisco area native, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 2004.

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# **L.A. teachers union members vote to boycott extra learning day mid-semester**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-26/l-a-teachers-union-members-to-boycott-extra-learning-day>



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## **Kindergarten could soon be mandatory for California children**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-29/kindergarten-could-soon-be-mandatory-for-california-children>



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## **Playground asphalt sizzles to 145 degrees in extreme heat waves. Parents demand school shade**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-28/extreme-heat-built-environment-equity>



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## **Reading and math scores nationwide fell sharply during pandemic, data show**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-09-01/reading-math-scores-fell-sharply-pandemic>

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## **Students wait months for mental health help.** **'We're bombarded,' counselor says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-01/california-students-wait-months-for-mental-health-counseling>



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**L.A. Times staff writer Marissa Evans contributed to this report.**

## **Worst national reading and math scores in decades show large pandemic-fueled equity gaps**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-02/worst-reading-and-math-scores-in-decades-fueled-by-pandemic>



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## **L.A. school district online systems, emails go down; technicians hoping to fix by Tuesday**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-05/l-a-school-district-online-systems-emails-go-down-technicians-hoping-to-fix-by-tuesday>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
**SEP 5, 2022**



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## **FBI, DHS join probe into massive LAUSD cyberattack as school goes on**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-05/lausd-cyberattack-takes-down-la-unified-operations-schools-will-open-on-tuesday>



**HOWARD BLUME & ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE**

**SEP 6, 2022**

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## **Hot, angry parents continue to hammer LAUSD for shade and even cool water for kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-07/hot-angry-l-a-parents-demand-playground-shade-in-heatwave>



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## **Endorsement: Yes on Proposition 28. All kids deserve quality arts and music education**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-09-08/endorsement-yes-on-proposition-28-all-kids-deserve-quality-arts-and-music-education>

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## **Criminal syndicate claims credit for LAUSD hack; authorities won't say whether it's true**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-09/criminal-syndicate-claims-credit-for-laUSD-hack-says-it-holds-sensitive-information>



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**SEP 9, 2022**

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## **Amid heat wave, San Bernardino students were forced to sit on hot asphalt during PE, parents say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-09/california-heat-wave-san-bernardino-students-were-forced-to-sit-on-hot-asphalt>



**NATHAN SOLIS**

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## **L.A. student scores show deep pandemic setbacks, with 72% failing to meet math standards**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-09/los-angeles-student-test-scores-pandemic-learning-setbacks>



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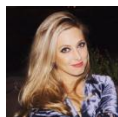
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## **A moment of parent-driven chaos in a typical school day**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-09-10/school-parenting-traffic-chaos>



**EMILY ST. MARTIN**  
SEP 10, 2022

Emily St Martin is a Los-Angeles based freelance writer covering relationships, addiction, food and entertainment. She's contributed to The New York Times, Vice and The Hollywood Reporter.

## **L.A. schools chief given rare emergency authority to deal with cyberattack**

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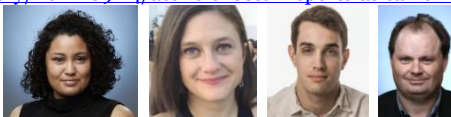


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## **Fake active shooter reports at California schools spur investigations, authorities say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-14/active-shooter-reports-at-california-schools-spur-investigations>



**ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE & ALEXANDRA E. PETRI & NOAH GOLDBERG & RICHARD WINTON**  
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# California first with law protecting children's online privacy

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2022-09-15/california-first-with-law-protecting-childrens-online-privacy>

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# Teacher shortages are real, but not for the reason you heard

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**Sharon Lurye & Rebecca Griesbach contributed to this report.**

# California makes it too hard for schools to shield kids from extreme heat

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-09-16/schools-extreme-heat-california-lausd>



**NICK MELVOYN**

**SEP 16, 2022**

Nick Melvoin 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.

Nick holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a Masters in Urban Education from Loyola Marymount University (LMU), and a law degree from the New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service Scholar. In addition to serving as a teacher, Nick has worked in the Obama White House with the Domestic Policy Council and the US Attorney's office where he took part in various civil rights investigations as a legal clerk. Prior to his election, Nick led and facilitated efforts by students, parents, teachers, and community members to rethink and shape the future of our city's schools. He also served as an adjunct professor at LMU where he taught a course on Education Law. In working for nonprofits such as Teach Plus and Educators 4 Excellence, Nick helped to improve the support teachers across the state receive before and during their time in the classroom, as well as amplify teacher voice in policy-making. Nick has recently served on the boards of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats, Brentwood Community Council, Teach For America Associates, University Synagogue's Social Justice Committee, and United in Harmony. He is a graduate of the Jewish Federation's New Leaders Project and the New Leaders Council and has chaired the Jewish Federation's Educators' Network. Nick is also proud to serve as a director of Camp Harmony, a camp for homeless and underserved children. His commitment to solving educational inequity was first sparked as a volunteer at Camp Harmony more than sixteen years ago.

## **L.A. Unified cyberattackers demand ransom**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-20/lausd-cyberattackers-demand-ransom>



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## **After string of teen overdoses, L.A. schools will get OD reversal drug naloxone**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-22/l-a-school-district-will-provide-overdose-drug-naloxone-to-campuses>



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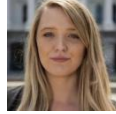


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## **Newsom vetoes bill to make kindergarten mandatory, citing costs**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-25/newsom-vetoes-bill-to-make-kindergarten-mandatory-citing-costs>



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## **California kindergarten saw big enrollment drop during pandemic. What's happening now?**

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## **L.A. school district changes plan for expanded school year under teachers union pressure**

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## **Hackers set Monday deadline for LAUSD to pay up or have private data posted on dark web**

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## Young adults in California experience alarming rates of anxiety and depression, poll finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-30/young-adults-california-alarming-rates-of-anxiety-depression-suicidal-thinking-survey-finds>



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## Hackers release data after LAUSD refuses to pay ransom

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-02/hackers-release-data-ahead-of-deadline-in-response-to-laUSD-refusal-to-pay-ransom>

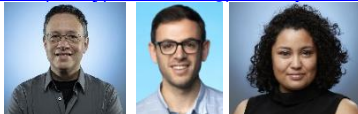


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## No widespread, systemic release of confidential data in LAUSD cyberattack, Carvalho says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-03/laUSD-parents-angry-cyberattack-data-release>



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## Hackers released a bunch of LAUSD data. What can parents and employees do?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-03/lausd-ransomware-hack-attack-what-should-parents-and-employees-do-now>



**JON HEALEY**  
**OCT 3, 2022**

Jon Healey is a senior editor on the Utility Journalism team, which tries to help readers solve problems, answer questions and make big decisions about life in and around Los Angeles. He has been with the Los Angeles Times since 2000, previously reporting on technology news and writing opinion pieces.

**Times staff writer [Howard Blume](#) contributed to this report.**

## LAUSD parents can call a hotline with questions about data hackers released in cyberattack

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-03/hackers-cyberattack-los-angeles-unified-school-district-hotline-parents-staff-vice-society>



**MELISSA HERNANDEZ**  
**OCT 3, 2022**

Melissa Hernandez is a reporter at the Los Angeles Times. She was born and raised in Miami and is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she studied journalism and environmental science. Hernandez was formerly an intern for The Times' 2021 summer internship program, during which she covered general assignments on the Metro desk. Before arriving in California, she was an investigative/enterprise reporter for Fresh Take Florida, a news service offered by UF. Her previous work can be found in the Associated Press, U.S. News and World Report, Chicago Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle. Hernandez is a three-time Society of Professional Journalists award winner and her biggest passion is long-form investigative reporting. She's an avid lover of golden retrievers and Rocky Road ice cream. Hernandez is a member of the 2021-22 [Los Angeles Times Fellowship](#) class.

## Senators call for stronger rules for students with disabilities

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-10-05/senators-call-for-stronger-rules-on-off-the-books-suspension>

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**Annie Ma contributed to this report.**

## **Voters support Newsom's mental health plan and back mandatory kindergarten, poll shows**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-06/voters-strongly-support-newsoms-mental-health-plan>



**HANNAH WILEY & PHIL WILLON**

**OCT 6, 2022**

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Phil Willon covers Gov. Gavin Newsom and California politics for the Los Angeles Times. He reports from Sacramento and his previous assignments included the 2018 governor's race and the 2016 U.S. Senate race. Before heading north, Willon covered Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and roamed Southern California's mountains and deserts as the paper's state correspondent in the Inland Empire. Prior to joining The Times, Willon served as the Washington, D.C., correspondent for the Tampa Tribune. At the Tribune, Willon also covered Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles, Hurricane Andrew and the investigation leading to the arrest of serial killer Danny Rolling. He began his newspaper career as the Kent Island correspondent for the Capital in Annapolis, Md. Willon grew up in Southern California and graduated from UC San Diego.

## **LAUSD cyberattack woes and uncertainties could be long-lasting, experts say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-10/l-a-schools-cyberattack-woes-uncertainties-could-linger>



**HOWARD BLUME & ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE & KIERA FELDMAN**

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Kiera Feldman joined the Los Angeles Times as an investigative reporter in 2019. She came from ProPublica, where her reporting on New York City's private trash industry

exposed labor abuses and corruption, leading to a federal investigation and new city laws. She won a Gerald Loeb Award in 2021 for articles on toxic fumes on planes and a Livingston Award in 2015 for an investigation of college sexual assault mishandling. A longtime magazine journalist, before coming to The Times she reported for Harper's, New Republic and elsewhere.

## The cyberattack on Los Angeles schools could happen anywhere

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-10-11/cybersecurity-ransomware-schools-los-angeles>



HEIDI BOGHOSIAN

OCT 11, 2022

**Heidi Boghosian**, a [lawyer](#), is the executive director of the A.J. Muste Memorial Institute. Previously she was the executive director of the [National Lawyers Guild](#), a progressive [bar association](#) established in 1937, where she oversaw the legal defense of people targeted by government. She co-hosts the weekly [civil liberties](#) radio show *Law and Disorder*, that airs on [Pacifica Radio's WBAI](#), New York, and is broadcast on more than 100 other stations. She is the author of “I Have Nothing to Hide” and 20 Other Myths About Surveillance and Privacy.”

Boghosian's work often focuses on how technology affects our daily lives. In a 2010 [Huffington Post](#) article titled "Are You Chip-Ready", Boghosian discusses [radio-frequency identification](#) (RFID) technology that has been making its way into many people's lives including students whose attendance can now be tracked by a RFID chip implanted in their student ID cards. She points out [identity theft](#), [stalking](#), [government spying](#), and [security breaches](#) as just some of the negative outcomes of RFID technology.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 2012, Boghosian documented her own [data trail](#) to show how everyday transactions and ventures are captured and stored, most times without our knowledge. From the [surveillance monitor](#) outside of her apartment building, to a purchase at a local coffee shop, Boghosian illustrates how corporations play a larger role in people's daily lives.<sup>[3]</sup> The [National Security Agency](#) (NSA), for instance, collects [metadata](#) on every phone call Americans make,<sup>[4]</sup> as was revealed in June 2013 by [Edward Snowden](#).

## Struggling L.A. students won't get a longer school year but can seek help during vacation

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-12/struggling-l-a-students-wont-get-a-longer-school-year-but-can-seek-help-during-vacation>



HOWARD BLUME

OCT 12, 2022

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## What happens when public schools lose students?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-10-14/public-school-enrollment-laUSD-desegregation>



ERIN AUBRY KAPLAN



OCT 14, 2022

**Erin Aubry Kaplan** is a [Los Angeles](#) journalist and columnist born in 1962<sup>[1]</sup> who has written about African-American political, economic and cultural issues since 1992.<sup>[2][3]</sup> She is a contributing writer to the op-ed section of the [Los Angeles Times](#),<sup>[4][5]</sup> and from 2005 to 2007 was a weekly op-ed columnist – the first black weekly op-ed columnist in the paper's recent history.<sup>[6]</sup> She has been a staff writer and columnist for the [LA Weekly](#)<sup>[7]</sup> and a regular contributor for many publications, including Salon.com,<sup>[8]</sup> [Essence](#),<sup>[9][10][11]</sup> and [Ms.](#)<sup>[12][13][14][15]</sup>

Kaplan is also a regular columnist for *make/shift*, a quarterly, cutting-edge feminist magazine that launched in 2007<sup>[16]</sup> and a contributing opinion writer for [The New York Times](#)<sup>[17]</sup>.

Erin's essays have been anthologized in several books, including (as Erin Aubry) "Mothers Who Think: Tales of Real-Life Parenthood" (Villard, Washington Square Press),<sup>[18]</sup> "Step Into A World" (Wiley & Sons)<sup>[19]</sup> and "Rise Up Singing: Black Women Writers on Motherhood" (Doubleday).<sup>[20]</sup> The last book's contributors include Maya Angelou, Gwendolyn Brooks and Alice Walker, and won an [American Book Award](#) in 2005.<sup>[21]</sup> She won the PEN USA 2001 award for journalism.<sup>[22]</sup>

Kaplan has published two books. Her first book was a collection of essays and reportage titled *Black Talk, Blue Thoughts and Walking the Color Line: Dispatches From a Black Journalista*, and was published in 2011.<sup>[23][24]</sup> Her second, *I Heart Obama*, an extended essay about the cultural and personal meaning of the first black American president, was published in 2016.<sup>[25]</sup>

Kaplan was born and raised in Los Angeles, though her family is originally from New Orleans. She was married to Alan Kaplan, a Los Angeles high school history teacher, for 15 years. He died in 2015.<sup>[26]</sup> Kaplan holds an MFA from [University of California, Los Angeles](#), and teaches creative writing at [Antioch University Los Angeles](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

## Parents want more school security, but student activists push back. Inside the debate

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-18/parents-want-more-school-security-but-student-activists-push-back-inside-the-debate>



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## L.A. Unified enrollment continues to fall, but drop is cushioned by influx of 4-year-olds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-04-11/california-school-enrollment-drops-by-more-110-000-students>



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# **‘How do you say that about a 2-year-old?’ Amid scandal, parents reckon with the politics of shame**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-19/recording-scandal-parents-reaction>



**SONYA SHARP**  
**OCT 19, 2022**

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# **Online school put U.S. kids behind. Some adults have regrets.**

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-10-22/online-school-put-us-kids-behind-some-adults-have-regrets>

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# **Test scores across U.S. reveal ‘heartbreaking’ pandemic declines, with math hit hard**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-10-23/test-scores-united-states-pandemic-setbacks-math>



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## **Learning loss is bad everywhere, and demands immediate action**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-10-25/la-ed-nations-report-card-learning-loss>

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## **Those math and reading scores were horrible, but beware of the political spin**

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2022-10-25/those-math-and-reading-scores-were-horrible-but-watch-out-for-the-political-spin>



**MICHAEL HILTZIK**

**OCT 25, 2022**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Hiltzik writes a daily blog appearing on latimes.com. His business column appears in print every Sunday, and occasionally on other days. As a member of the Los Angeles Times staff, he has been a financial and technology writer and a foreign correspondent. He is the author of six books, including “Dealers of Lightning: Xerox PARC and the Dawn of the Computer Age” and “The New Deal: A Modern History.” Hiltzik and colleague Chuck Philips shared the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for articles exposing corruption in the entertainment industry.

## **New test scores show students lost a lot of ground in the pandemic. Overreacting won't help**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-10-26/pandemic-learning-loss-test-scores-nations-report-card>



**SARA RIMM-KAUFMAN**

**OCT 26, 2022**

Sara Rimm-Kaufman (Ph.D., Harvard University, 1996; M.A., Harvard University, 1993; B.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1990) is a professor of education at the University of Virginia and the author of “[SEL From the Start: Building Skills in K-5](#),” a guide to social-emotional learning for elementary teachers.

Rimm-Kaufman conducts research on elementary and middle school classrooms with the goal of using evidence to improve the quality of schooling experiences for teachers and students. There is no simple formula for creating excellent schools. Yet, the majority of efforts focus on curriculum, content knowledge and accountability, not the psychological experience and social interactions of students and teachers within them. Over the past twenty years, Rimm-Kaufman has led a dynamic team of researchers, project managers, post-docs, students, and staff toward improved understanding of the systematic ways that classroom social and psychological experiences are productive (or not productive) environments for child and youth development. In doing so, her research considers the diversity present in schools, respects the challenges that teachers face every day, and recognizes the complexity of school improvement. In all of her work, she has a steadfast commitment to educational equity.

Dr. Rimm-Kaufman has studied a wide range of programs and approaches including Connect Science, EL Education, Leading Together, Responsive Classroom, RULER, Valor Collegiate & Compass and beyond. She and her team have received numerous grants from National Science Foundation, Institute of Education Sciences, and private foundations (e.g., Carnegie, Templeton) and have authored more than 100 chapters, articles, blogs, and websites. One persistent challenge in education is that researchers have extensive knowledge about social and emotional learning but rarely share it with teachers in an accessible format. This concern led her to prepare, *SEL from the Start*, a new book for teachers published by Norton Publishing in November 2020. Rimm-Kaufman also serves in a research advisory capacity for the World Bank Group, EL Education, New Schools Venture Fund and other organizations. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association (Division 15) and American Psychological Science.

## **L.A. schools have a plan to reverse enrollment woes: Recruit newborn babies**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-11-01/l-a-schools-have-new-enrollment-plan-recruit-babies>



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## **LAUSD's efforts to address learning loss should inspire hope, not chaos and frustration**

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## **Congress can help struggling families by reviving the expanded child tax credit**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-11-28/child-tax-credit-congress-lame-duck>

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