



Dear Venice Neighborhood Council Members,

I hope that your 2023 is off to a good start! With the new semester underway, we wanted to reach out with some updates and resources from LAUSD. As always, we look forward to opportunities to engage or share more directly with your community—please let us know about any upcoming meetings, events, or other initiatives we can support!

The latest news from LAUSD:

- Our academic recovery efforts are ongoing, and we are working to expand access and reduce barriers to [free tutoring services](#) for students to receive 1-on-1 support either in-person or virtually.
- We recently launched both a [mentorship initiative for our most vulnerable students](#), as well as a new program to expand access to [local arts and culture experiences](#).
- To increase budget transparency for the efforts laid out in LAUSD's [2022-26 Strategic Plan](#), we have also launched a new [Strategic Plan Budget Tracker](#) so you can see how public dollars are being allocated toward our goals.
- The Board unanimously passed my latest resolution to [explore new advocacy, divestment, and other strategies to curtail the unrelenting gun violence epidemic](#) in our country.
- We are hosting a webinar on college financial aid information on February 22, in partnership with Assm. Tina McKinnor and Cash for College. Visit <https://bit.ly/cashforcollege23> to RSVP and submit questions ahead of time.
- Our office has spent this school year focused on campus greening efforts and community park partnerships, increasing early education opportunities, and ensuring our school communities have the resources and support they need to drive progress for all students. We have worked with Braddock Avenue, Stoner Avenue, Grand View Avenue, and Short Avenue to green and improve their campuses. We are supporting the Community Clean Up at Mar Vista Family Center on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- We enjoyed visiting Venice High with Superintendent Carvalho at the beginning of the semester.
- We look forward to honoring our Venice teachers at the WAVE awards!
- We hope you will join us at the long overdue Venice High Comprehensive Modernization Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 am.
- Stay connected:
  1. As always, feel free to call our office at (213) 241-6387 or reach out to Allison Holdorff Polhill [allison.holdorff@lausd.net](mailto:allison.holdorff@lausd.net) or 310-804-8424 for additional support
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