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It’s come to this: A checkup with the pediatrician may soon include a prescription for play
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Cheerleader’s blackface video raises ghosts of Fresno’s racist past

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

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

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


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If L.A. Unified truly wants to put students first, it should reduce classroom sizes now


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If you want better schools, don't evaluate teachers, coach them

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

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

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


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


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**Hidden in L.A. suburbia, wrenching poverty preys on children and destroys dreams**


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For the principal with the most homeless students in L.A., the reality of poverty is personal


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


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For children trapped in poverty, breaking free is getting harder


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


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


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


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Protesters shut down Los Angeles Board of Education meeting

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

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

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

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


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


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


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


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


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If Los Angeles teachers strike, poor students will lose

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

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If teachers strike in Los Angeles, where will half a million kids go?
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The nation's wave of teacher strikes may hit L.A. this week. But here's how ours is different


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


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


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


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**Gavin Newsom’s $1.8 billion early education plan deserves credit, but it isn’t enough**


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

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

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What to know as LAUSD teachers prepare to strike Monday

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

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


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In L.A. strike, leading Democrats — including presidential hopefuls — side with teachers


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


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


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


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


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


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


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Charity Finds Success in Work With At-Risk Children, but It’s Costly


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

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

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

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


HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI
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L.A. plan would guarantee 18 weeks of parental leave

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


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


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

SIDDHARTH CHATTERJEE
FEB 14, 2019

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

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Killings near school, and the students left behind
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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
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**SERIES: #2**

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


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**SERIES: #3**

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


**EMILY ALPERT REYES**

**FEB 27, 2017**

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


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Monyae’s story
When a killing near school hits home


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SERIES: #4
How should journalists write about killings near schools? The students weigh in


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SERIES: #5
Newsom fast-tracks legislation to hold charter schools to same standards as public schools


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


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


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


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How a couple worked charter school regulations to make millions

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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

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California’s broken charter school law has defied reform.
Can Newsom break the gridlock?

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


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Give teachers more money. The raises will pay for themselves


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


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Candid conversation about race
L.A. students are already activists. Now they want to vote at 16.


How to make high schools better for students

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

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

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

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


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

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

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In majority-Latino LAUSD, this election will tip the board mostly white

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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?
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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.


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

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

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

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

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

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 says it needs the Measure EE tax. Skeptics say the district has a spending problem

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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**


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


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What If Teachers Didn’t Focus So Much on Individual Achievement?
L.A. leaders say Trump proposal would boot thousands of immigrants from public housing

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

HOWARD BLUME
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Memo to charter leaders: ‘It’s better to be feared than loved. Right now we are neither’

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Law enforcement seizes records of closed L.A. charter school
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Get children out of cages at the border and into school

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

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


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Is California’s draft ethnic studies curriculum anti-Semitic?


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


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AUG 11, 2019
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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


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

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

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

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

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

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


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**My high school students don’t read any more. I think I know why**


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


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


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


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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


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SEP 22, 2019

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New UCLA institute will study — and spread — kindness


TERESA WATANABE
SEP 25, 2019

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Time for accountability in L.A. County juvenile justice


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


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

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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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Only half of California students meet English standards and fewer meet math standards, test scores show
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Long Beach school locking playground for student safety, but at what cost?

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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

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


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


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Why ‘Sesame Street’ is smarter about foster care than your local child welfare agency

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


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


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Trump proposes denying free school meals to half a million children

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

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

DAVID ZAHNISER & HOWARD BLUME
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Yelp-like ratings for L.A. public schools look like a no-go. But what’s next?
LAUSD guide: How to get into a magnet school or specialized programs in Los Angeles


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California’s poorest kids aren’t getting the school funding they’ve been promised


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

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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

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Math scares your child’s elementary school teacher — and that should frighten you


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Foster youth scramble to find housing after county tells them they must move, citing youths’ ‘best interest’


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


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


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


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


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Poway school will add shower and laundry facilities for homeless students


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

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Vendors for charter schools face rules
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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

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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


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

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Trump’s tax reform is leaving millions of poor children behind

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Good intentions are forcing foster kids into bad places


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


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


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

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


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


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FEB 13, 2020

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


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


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


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


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


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What it will take to reopen LAUSD schools


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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

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

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Pediatricians say kids should be in school despite coronavirus risk

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

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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

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

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


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

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

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