PTA— #AdvocacyInAction

For more than a century, PTA has reminded our nation of its obligations to children and provided resources and important information to parents and teachers. Whenever young people’s education, health, safety, or well-being were threatened, PTA members were on the forefront of working to resolve those challenges. PTA has been instrumental in the passage of important laws and guidelines that we sometimes take for granted today, such as:

- Creating a separate criminal justice system for juvenile offenders
- Enforcing child labor laws
- Building Kindergarten into the public-school system
- Supplying federally funded hot-lunches—that now feed more than 26 million children a day
- Supporting school bus safety regulations
- Creating the content-rating system for television programs—yes, PTA supported the creation of that ratings indicator you now see in the upper-left corner of your TV screen.

Many of these concerns may not have been addressed if PTA members did not take up the cause!

PTA has never been afraid to tackle tough issues - from talking about sex education as early as 1916 to supporting HIV/AIDS education programs in the 1980s, PTA has been there to help parents and teachers be partners in children’s education.

Our Legacy of Caring Continues

PTA prides itself on being a powerful voice for children’s education and health issues, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education efforts such as:

- Developing resources for parents and teachers to promote diversity and encourage inclusiveness in our schools; and
- Offering practical information and tools for parents and teachers on a broad range of topics ranging from child nutrition and wellness to school/family communication to TV and media violence and bullying.
- Supporting and speaking on behalf of children and youth before governmental bodies & other organizations to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children & youth.

Times and issues may have changed but advocating for children still requires steadfast parent involvement. That’s why parent involvement remains at the core of all PTA’s efforts. Today, more than 5 million PTA members actively work in schools and communities to make every child’s potential a reality.

| A Century of Caring Throughout PTA’s history, we have championed social, health, safety, and education issues affecting children and youth. |
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| 1900s | Juvenile Justice and Child Labor Laws |
| 1910s | Establishment of Kindergarten |
| 1920s | Nationwide Children’s Health Project |
| 1930s | Nutrition & Emergency Services |
| 1940s | National School Lunch Act |
| 1950s | Salk Polio Vaccine Trials |
| 1960s | Child Protection & Toy Safety Legislation |
| 1970s | Television & Media Violence |
| 1980s | HIV/AIDS Education Program |
| 1990s | TV Ratings/National Education Goals |
| 2000s | Parent Involvement Standards defined in Federal Law |
Voters elect five Board of Education members by geographic area to serve four-year terms. The duties of the Board include adopting the annual budget, approving all expenditures, establishing district policy, authorizing employment of personnel, approving textbooks and courses of study, and approving new and innovative academic initiatives.

**Mission Statement** - To support the personal and intellectual success of every student, every day.

Meetings of the Board are generally held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 5 p.m. in the Community Room of the District Administration Building. Meetings are televised on YouTube in English, Spanish and Khmer. Previously recorded meetings can be found on the district website under Board of Education.

**Maria Isabel López** - District 1
Addams, Barton, Dooley, Grant, Harte, King, Longfellow, Los Cerritos, McKinley, Powell, Hamilton, Hughes, Lindbergh, Lindsey and Jordan

**Erik Miller** - District 2
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**Juan Benitez** - District 3
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**Douglas Otto** - District 4
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**Diana Craighead** - District 5
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**Superintendent’s Parent Forum**

The Superintendent's Parent Forums will be held during the school year to encourage open dialogue between parents and Superintendent Dr. Jill Baker. Dates of the meetings and video presentations from previous Parent Forums can be viewed on the LBUSD website.
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The United States Congress is the bicameral legislature of the Federal government of the United States. The legislature consists of two chambers: the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Congress meets in the United States Capitol located Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

The House is composed of Representatives who sit in congressional districts that are allocated to each of the 50 states on a basis of population as measured by the U.S. Census, with each district entitled to one representative.

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U.S. Senate

The Senate is composed of senators, each of whom represents a single state in its entirety, with each state being equally represented by two senators, regardless of its population, serving staggered terms of six years; with 50 states currently in the Union, there are 100 U.S. Senators.

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