



Long Beach College Promise

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THE PROMISE:

We promise the opportunity of quality college education and career preparation to every student in the Long Beach Unified School District.

BACKGROUND:

The Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), Long Beach City College (LBCC), California State University Long Beach (CSU LB) and the city of Long Beach (City) have created a partnership called the Long Beach College Promise (The Promise) to make higher education an attainable goal for every student.

The Long Beach education community has a responsibility to prepare its young people for successful careers and productive lives. Today and going forward, our regional economy is tied to the global economy. To prepare our young people for success, we must offer nothing less than a world-class education and the opportunity to pursue a meaningful career. Each student needs and deserves an opportunity to earn a postsecondary credential — and often a college degree. The future of Long Beach depends upon our effectiveness in developing a well-educated and engaged citizenry and innovation force to sustain and advance the economy of the city and surrounding region.

OUR GOALS:

To meet this challenge, The Promise partners commit to these goals over the next 10 years:

- Provide a world-class education from preschool to graduate school that prepares Long Beach students for successful engagement in the global knowledge economy.
- Increase the number of children attending preschool.
- Increase the number of high school students participating in work experience internships.
- Increase the percentage of LBUSD students who are prepared for and attend college directly from high school.
- Increase the percentage of LBCC students who earn degrees and/or career and technical certificates.
- Increase the percentage of LBCC students who successfully transfer to CSULB or another four-year college or university.
- Increase the percentage of CSULB students who graduate with a bachelor's degree and/or advanced degrees.
- Reduce and eliminate the achievement gaps that exist among ethnic and socioeconomic groups at LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB.
- Raise the educational attainment rate of the community.
- Increase community engagement in supporting and participating in The Promise.

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OUR COMMITMENTS:

1. *We promise to provide information, services and resources to help Long Beach students and their families prepare for college.*

LBUSD promises that, starting in 4th grade and continuing through the senior year of high school, students and families will be offered active assistance in:

- Learning about college opportunities and the value of a college education.
- Visiting college campuses.
- Learning about, taking and completing college preparatory courses.
- Preparing for college.
- Applying for college admission.
- Learning about and applying for college financial aid opportunities.
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The city of Long Beach promises to:

- Assist LBUSD in providing quality worked-based learning activities to high school students.
- Collaborate with LBUSD, LBCC and CSULB to ensure that all students in the city are college and career ready upon graduation from high school.

2. *We promise to help students successfully transition to and succeed in college and provide opportunities in career and technical education.*

LBCC promises that all students from LBUSD will be offered active assistance in:

- A tuition-free first year of higher education at LBCC if eligibility requirements are met.
- Learning about and applying for college and financial aid.
- Accessing early college credit opportunities, including dual enrollment and credit-by-exam.
- Transitioning from high school and succeeding in college and/or career goals.
- Accessing credit-bearing coursework and efficient student education planning.
- Career and technical education and certification in numerous fields.
- Learning about opportunities for transfer to CSULB and other four-year universities.
- Completing requirements and applying for transfer to a four-year university.

CSULB promises that all students from LBUSD or LBCC will be offered active assistance in:

- Applying for admission to CSULB.
- Transitioning from high school or community college and succeeding at CSULB.
- Meeting requirements for a bachelor's degree.
- Learning about and applying for college financial aid.
- Preparing for careers and graduate school.

3. *We promise to provide the opportunity to earn a high-quality bachelor's or advanced degree to all LBUSD and LBCC students who successfully prepare for college.*

CSULB promises that:

- All LBUSD students who successfully complete CSULB minimum college preparatory requirements will be offered admission to CSULB and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree.
- All LBCC students who successfully complete CSULB minimum community college transfer requirements will be offered admission to CSU LB and have an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree.

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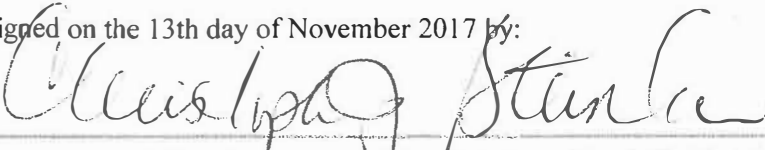
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4. *We promise to work together to deliver these promises for the young people and families of the Long Beach area.*

LBUSD, LBCC, CSULB and the city of Long Beach will work together on all of the activities that comprise the Long Beach College Promise. We will share individual student-level data when appropriate to inform our educational practice and work together to support and encourage success for all students, from preschool to graduate school, and into their careers. We will work together to provide, assess, improve and expand high-quality, world-class educational opportunities in the Long Beach community.

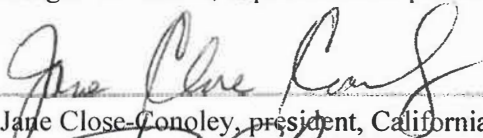
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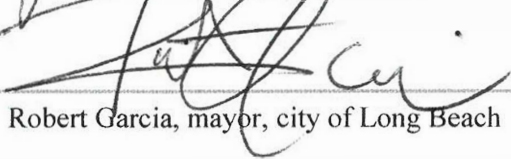
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