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"We are at an inflection point in this country where access, equity and inclusive recovery are top of mind, and I believe we in Los Angeles can be a model for the future."

Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez
Los Angeles Community College District

Charting Progress Towards L.A. Compact Goals

More than 150 L.A. Compact partners joined UNITE-LA and SoCal Grantmakers for our **Data to Action** event on Feb. 24 to officially launch the **L.A. Compact Charting Progress Dashboard** and to discuss new data and trends in education and workforce outcomes and what the path forward looks like for our cradle-to-career systems amid COVID-19 and persistent, systemic racism. The event featured a distinguished panel with the region's key systems leaders, including UNITE-LA board members Chancellor Francisco Rodriguez (LACCD), Dr. Manuel Pastor (USC), and Bill Allen (LAEDC), as well as LAUSD Board President Kelly Gonez and First 5 LA's Dr. Kimberly Hall.

What gets measured matters. The L.A. Compact's **Charting Progress Dashboard** is a powerful resource for making data-informed decisions—with metrics and accountability—as we plan for an inclusive economic recovery and a thriving region.

Did you have a chance to see CA FWD's blog about the Data Dashboard?

[Check it out here!](#)

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Collective Impact in Action



Launching a K-16 Collaborative for the County

The L.A. Compact is working with K-12, higher education and workforce stakeholders across L.A. County to design a regional application for the state's new **CA K-16 Regional Collaborative** opportunity. With an estimated award of \$20 million over four years, the primary goal is to increase the number of graduates with postsecondary credentials/degrees in disciplines with middle- to high-income earning potential in order to address regional labor market needs. [Click here](#) for an overview of this opportunity for the L.A. region. [Read more.](#)



State Grant Could Help Expand L.A. Unified's Community Schools Initiative

The state continues its ongoing support for community schools as a school improvement and equity-enhancing strategy and just released the 2021-22 California Community Schools Partnership Program **Implementation Grant**. In the first application round, \$400 million are slated to go to districts across the state to continue or add new community schools. L.A. Unified, a Compact signer, will seize this opportunity to support existing community schools in meeting the **four community school pillars** for another five years. Applications are due April 11, 2022.



OYC Launches Youth-Centered Design Community of Practice

In February, the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) Foster Youth at Work campaign kicked off its Youth-Centered Design Community of Practice



Reinvigorating College and Career Readiness in LAUSD

In February, UNITE-LA and the LAUSD Division of Instruction co-convened an advisory group composed of LAUSD students, parents, administrators and

with Brotherhood Crusade, Goodwill Panorama and Alhambra's American Jobs Center of California to assess their current practices and develop solutions related to foster youth employment, engagement and retention practices.

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counselors; higher education institutions; and community organizations to advise on the design and support of a new strategic plan to ensure college and career success. This stems from LAUSD Board Resolution, "Got a Plan for That? Removing Barriers to College and Career Success." The group will develop a districtwide strategy for all LAUSD students to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application and a post-graduation planning component in the student's Individual Graduation Plan.

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Partner Highlights

BREATHE LA COUNTY'S GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM

BREATHE: Guaranteed Income Program

L.A. County launches **Breathe**, a Guaranteed Income Program that will provide 1,000 eligible residents with \$1,000 per month for three years. To learn more about the program and who is eligible to apply, please visit the Breathe website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Applications will be live between **March 31** and **April 13**. Guaranteed income is a monthly cash payment given directly to individuals with no strings attached and no work requirements. The County will also be conducting a study to see how this program will impact the economic stability of participants.



LAUSD Superintendent Carvalho's 100-Day Plan

In late February, Superintendent Carvalho released his **100-day plan**, which outlines how the district will expand high-quality academic opportunities and address the persistent opportunity gaps affecting Black and Latinx students. The plan is centered around four key tasks - learn, assess, communicate and act - that will lay the foundation for LAUSD's 2022-26 strategic plan.

Our Corner

Welcome, Edgar Castillo!



We are excited to have Edgar Castillo join the L.A. Compact team as our new Senior Manager of Workforce Policy and Systems. Previously, Edgar led UNITE-LA's efforts to support chambers across the nation in advancing a shared cradle-to-career agenda to improve education and workforce outcomes. He now will lead the L.A. Workforce Systems Collaborative and support the Opportunity Youth Collaborative. [Read more.](#)

What We're Reading

[Tool To Help Track Equitable Progress In Education Launched For Los Angeles](#)
[CA FWD]

[The Collapse Of Community College Enrollment: Can California Turn it Around?](#)
[LAist]

[LA senator renews push to make paid family leave more affordable](#)
[CalMatters]



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