

# It's a Wrap

November 18, 2014

## Celebration of Service



**Betsy Jenkins**  
Board of Education  
2002-2014



**Theresa O'Hare**  
Board of Education  
2006-2014

Superintendent **Sherine Smith** announced the retirement of Board members **Betsy Jenkins** and **Theresa O'Hare**. Dr. Smith said, "This is one of those transitions that is both happy and sad. I am sad to lose both Theresa and Betsy. They are smart, caring, and dedicated women who served this District well for many, many years. Betsy and Theresa have had a profound effect on those of us in the District, as individuals and as an organization. I will be forever grateful for their example and leadership. Theresa and Betsy have left a lasting legacy at our schools, one that will benefit our children for years to come. And yet, I am also happy they will now have time to focus on other areas of their lives after all they have given us."

Citing their time, energy and respect for the District, Board members, school site principals, parents, staff and community members expressed their appreciation for Ms. Jenkins and Ms. O'Hare's tireless commitment to educational excellence and the students, staff and school community.



## Other Reports



Technology is a significant educational enhancement that plays an integral part in today's society and workplace. Earlier this school year, the District initiated a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) pilot program for LBHS. The program is being considered at TMS for next year. This program supports students with learning opportunities that utilize 21<sup>st</sup> century tools and help prepare them for college and careers in today's global economy.



In January, the BYOD pilot program will begin at both elementary schools for fifth grade students. This program will augment Project-Based-Learning opportunities across the curriculum and the Common Core State Standards in Technology encompassing collaboration, research and presentation skills. Chief Technology Officer **Mike Morrison**, ELM Principal **Chris Duddy** and TOW Principal **Mike Conlon** presented an update on the ELM-TOW BYOD



program. Fifth grade evening parent meetings were recently held at both elementary schools to explain the specifics of the BYOD pilot program. Parents have three BYOD options for their students: bring a device to and from home, lease a District Chromebook, or check out a classroom Chromebook daily.



Coordinator, Assessment, Accountability and Special Projects **Amy Kernan** presented highlights from the 2014 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS), California School Climate Survey and Parent Survey. These surveys compile data on school climate, school safety, protective factors, alcohol and other drugs and many more factors. Ms. Kernan compared the 2014 results across the four school sites, grade levels and district-wide data to the 2012 survey results. Areas of strength, improvement or intervention were highlighted. The results of the surveys will be utilized in the development of the School Site Plans and the 2014-15 LCAP revision.



South Coast ROP Career Guidance Specialist **Dawn Hunnicutt** reported on the South Coast ROP classes that provide Career and Technical Education classes to LBHS students. The ROP hands-on classes provide students with an opportunity to explore future careers or future course study. Whether students are beginning careers or entering college after graduation, the ROP program is an excellent choice that provides career options or supplemental education and further information for specific areas of study.



The next Board of Education meeting is December 9, 2014.