

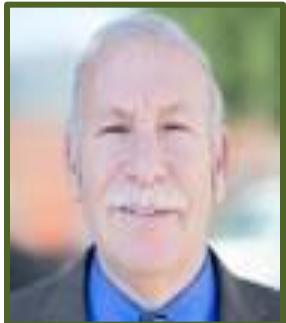
UPDATE

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Week of November 9, 2020

AALA ON THE POLITICAL MOVE

As we wait for the results of the presidential election, we can find some comfort in the knowledge that AALA-endorsed candidates have done well in their respective races.



Congratulations to our own AALA member and Board Member **Scott Schmerelson** who was successful in his bid for re-election to represent District 3. It was a hard fought battle with exorbitant amounts of money spent by the opposition, but Scott pulled it out. AALA has always been supportive of Mr. Schmerelson and we are thrilled that he will be on the LAUSD Board of Education for another four years!

Congratulations are also in order for AALA member **Jose R. Gonzalez**, Director IT Customer Support, who was elected to the Cudahy City Council for a second time. Mr. Gonzalez was first elected to the City Council in 2018 and then became Vice Mayor. The AALA PAC voted to support his candidacy and we are proud of our Unit J member!



The AALA PAC also endorsed two other candidates for public office who were formidable opponents. We are very proud of the campaigns they waged. **Patricia Castellanos** ran to replace **Dr. Richard Vladovic** (Seat 7) on the District Board of Education and was defeated by **Tanya Ortiz Franklin**, a former teacher. We wish to thank Ms. Castellanos for stepping up to the plate and being an excellent candidate. We know we will hear from her in the future.

AALA member **Dr. Cynthia Gonzalez**, Principal of Diego Rivera Learning Complex Communication & Technology, was a candidate for Seat 5 on the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. Dr. Gonzalez, who finished in second place, would have been an outstanding addition to the Board and we are proud of the work not only that she does as principal, but of her support for the community and commitment to the higher education of students.

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POLITICAL (Cont.)

We also want to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome our newly elected member of the LAUSD Board of Education, **Tanya Ortiz Franklin**, who will replace **Dr. Richard Vladovic** in the upcoming school year. She was a middle school teacher in Local District South before becoming an administrator with the Partnership for L.A. Schools, which operates 19 District schools. We look forward to working with Ms. Ortiz Franklin.



HEALTHCARE FAQs— YOUR ANNUAL FLU SHOT IS CRITICAL, AS COVID-19 RAGES ON!

When is flu season?

This year, we are faced with the double whammy of the COVID-19 pandemic and flu season. Our annual flu season is waiting to happen—usually beginning in October/November and continuing through April. Over the past 36 years, seasonal flu has peaked in February fifteen times, followed by December seven times, and January and March six times. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) predicts the severity of the U. S. flu season on data from Australia's flu season which occurs six months earlier than ours. Australia experienced a mild 2020 flu season, attributed to the unprecedented numbers of flu vaccinations administered. Health experts recommend we follow Australia's example of widespread vaccination.

Why is it important to get a flu vaccine?

Even though the flu vaccine has never been 100% effective, even at the average 45% effectiveness rate across the population, the vaccine has prevented countless flu infections. Given the similarities in the symptoms of flu and COVID-19, it may be difficult to tell the difference between the two. Worse yet, health experts say it is possible to get both respiratory illnesses at the same time.

What are the similarities and differences?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, shared symptoms include:

- Fever or feeling feverish with chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Different from the flu, COVID-19:

- May include a change in or loss of taste and/or smell.
- May cause more serious illnesses and complications in some people.
- Can have more super spreading events where it quickly and easily spreads to many people, infecting continuously as time passes.

FAQs (Cont.)

- Takes longer to show signs of infection—from five to fourteen days; flu symptoms usually appear between one and four days after infection; this translates into a longer contagion period for COVID-19.
- Has no vaccine to curb its spread.
- Has no FDA-approved, prescription accessible, antiviral drug to treat it. In 2020-2021, there are four antiviral drugs available to treat the flu.

When is the best time to get my flu shot?

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October, so now is the time to get immunized if you have not already done so. It takes about two weeks for the vaccine antibodies to develop, so you should get immunized before the flu spreads at epidemic rates.

Who should get vaccinated?

The CDC recommends that **everyone** from 6 months of age should be vaccinated, including people over 65, those with high risk of complications if they get sick with the flu, those with asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease, and people who live with and care for others who are at high risk of developing complications.

For more information, see the CDC's [*Frequently Asked Influenza \(Flu\) Questions: 2020-2021 Season.*](#)

CALPERS BENEFITS EDUCATION EVENT

Prior to COVID-19, CalPERS would hold Benefits Education Events throughout the state at various times of the year during which members had the opportunity to learn about their benefits, deferred compensation options, social security and how to maximize retirement earnings. Due to the pandemic, these events have now become virtual. Registration is now open for a weeklong offering of various classes November 30 – December 4. Below is a listing of some of the 23 online classes that will be available, both during the day and in the evenings:

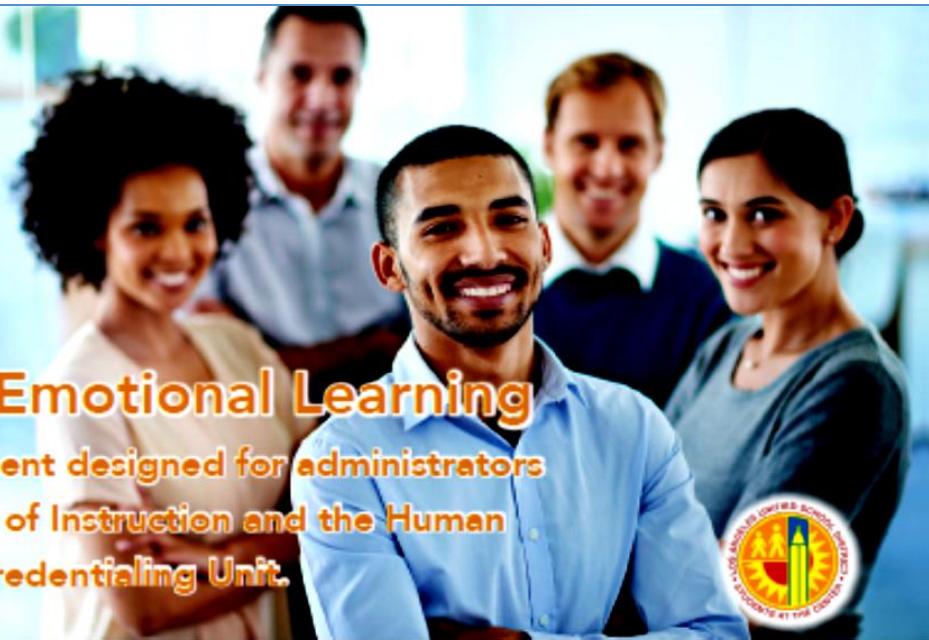
- CalPERS Retirement Benefits – early through mid-career
- CalPERS Retirement Benefits – members nearing retirement
- myCalPERS & Your Retirement Options – recommended for all members
- Deferred Compensation – early through mid-career
- Deferred Compensation – members nearing retirement
- Social Security – recommended for anyone interested in gaining a general understanding of Social Security benefits

CalPERS urges all members to attend, no matter where they are in their career. In fact, the earlier you learn about your benefits, the more prepared you'll be to make informed decisions and develop a plan for your financial future. You can register by visiting the CalPERS Benefits Education Week registration page ([click HERE](#)) and selecting the classes you're interested in attending. After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the virtual event.



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HUMAN RESOURCES



Leading Social-Emotional Learning

A professional development designed for administrators provided by the Division of Instruction and the Human Resources Induction & Credentialing Unit.

School site administrators, non-school site administrators, and principal supervisors will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Leadership to proactively engage and sustain positive school cultures. Participants will explore how SEL can assure equitable outcomes for all learners.

15 NOV	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR SCHOOL SITE/PRINCIPAL SUP
5 DEC	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR SCHOOL SITE/PRINCIPAL SUP
23 JAN	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR SCHOOL SITE/PRINCIPAL SUP
6 FEB	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR NON-SCHOOL SITE ADMIN
20 MAR	8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. VIRTUAL MEETING FOR SCHOOL SITE/PRINCIPAL SUP



Participants will gain insights into leading school sites on Social-Emotional Learning with a focus on growth mindset, self-efficacy, self-management, and social awareness.

Registration is limited to 50 participants per session.

Please register in [MyPLN](#) by searching "SEL Leadership 2020".

Participants will be paid 6 hours at their hourly rate.

Made possible by the Division of Instruction in partnership with HR Induction & Credentialing, AALA, and ACSA Region 16.



Contact: Susan Ward-Roncalli at sroncall@lausd.net or Dr. Marco Nava at mnava@lausd.net.

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REVIEW YOUR CALSTRS 2020 RETIREMENT PROGRESS REPORT

CalSTRS members who have not retired are encouraged to view their 2020 Retirement Progress Report on *myCalSTRS* (click [HERE](#)). The Retirement Progress Report is published every year and provides a current, personalized overview of your CalSTRS account and benefits. Take the opportunity to view a breakdown of your earnings, contributions, compensation earnable, and service credit by employer and by assignment. You want to be certain that you have received one full year of service credit for each year in which you were in full paid status. Retirement Progress Reports are no longer mailed unless you made a request for mailing prior to July 1, 2020.



Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11, and is an official U.S. public holiday that honors all persons who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It was first celebrated in the United States on November 11, 1919, and was called Armistice Day, marking the first anniversary of the end of World War I and honoring those military personnel who served during the war. The armistice with Germany went into effect at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. In 1938, by a Congressional Act, November 11 became a legal holiday, “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace.” After World War II, a movement began to expand Armistice Day to honor the service of all U.S. military veterans, not just those from World War I. In 1954, Congress changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. For a brief time, from 1971 – 1978, Veterans Day was celebrated on the fourth Monday in October. However, it was moved back to being observed on November 11 in 1978. It is a legal holiday and all governmental offices, schools, and other public institutions are closed.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who died while in service to the country. It is interesting to note that the apostrophe, indicating possessive case, is not used in the word veterans because the Department of Veterans Affairs website states that *it is not a day that ‘belongs’ to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans*. We must take this time to celebrate and pay our respect to America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Each week we have been featuring one of the thirty-two LAUSD 2020 graduates who received a \$2,250 Friends of AALA Scholarship last May. Due to the pandemic, our annual banquet where we would have formally recognized the recipients had to be cancelled. Therefore, we asked each of them to send us a picture as well as let us know what they would have said if the awards banquet could have been held. This week, we are sharing with you the comments from **Carmen Raya**, a graduate of Dr. Richard A. Vladovic Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy (**Jan Murata**, Principal).

RECIPIENT (Cont.)

My parents have been my pillars and they have always motivated me to reach my goals. It is due to their support and my entire family's support that I have accomplished so much. Another keystone that has been influential in my life is my Boys and Girls Club mentor, Karina Dorado, who has guided me, inspired me, and helped me throughout my high school experience. I also want to thank all the teachers and staff at my school who have made me become a more well-rounded person. I am honored to announce that I will be majoring in kinesiology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall. I want to immensely thank the AALA committee for this \$2,250 scholarship that will impact my education and ultimately my future for the better. I will use this scholarship for airfare, as the trips from California to Wisconsin are lengthy and costly. I always keep in mind that financial circumstances should not be a barrier that holds me back from achieving my dreams. Anything is possible if there is ganas!



While we continue to showcase our 2020 scholarship students, it is time to begin to focus on the 2021 scholars and their financial needs. The scholarships awarded are 100% funded by the contributions of AALA members, friends, and sponsors to Friends of AALA and are fully tax-deductible. Active and retired members can make a one-time donation by clicking [HERE](#). Active members also have the option of joining the more than 200 AALA Angels and making a monthly \$5 (or more) donation. Simply click [HERE](#) to complete the necessary paperwork to become an Angel. Checks payable to Friends of AALA can be mailed to the AALA office at 1910 W. Sunset Blvd., Suite 850, Los Angeles 90026, and a credit card donation can be made by calling the AALA office at 213.484.2226.

[IN MEMORIAM]

ARTHURLENE ADAMS—Former assistant principal at Banning, San Pedro, and Reseda high schools and Mark Twain Middle School. Ms. Adams retired from the District on October 11, 1997, and passed away on October 8, 2020. No information on services was available.

MARCELLA CONTRERAS—Former coordinator in Special Education Services, principal at Wilson and Jefferson high schools, and assistant principal at Polytechnic and Reseda high schools. Ms. Contreras retired from the District on July 1, 2003, and passed away on October 21, 2020. Private services were held. The family requests that donations in her memory be made to the Scholarship Association for ESL Students, 3827 Portola Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90032. Condolences may be sent to the same address.

EIKO MORIYAMA—Former director of Partnerships and Adopt-a-School Programs and Assistant Director of the Adopt-a-School Program. Ms. Moriyama retired from the District on July 31, 2004, and passed away on September 16, 2020. No services were held, however, please click [HERE](#) to read the obituary, sign the guest book, or send a sympathy card.

NELITA VALLIDO—Former assistant principal, adult counseling services at Jefferson and South Gate community adult schools and Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center. Ms. Vallido retired from the District on December 31, 2013, and passed away on October 27, 2020. Services will

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be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. (please arrive by 1:30 p.m.), at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills Red Brick Church.

MONTE WOLFE—Former assistant principal, adult operations at Venice-Emerson, North Hollywood-Polytechnic, El Camino Real-Reseda, and Wilson-Lincoln community adult schools. Mr. Wolfe retired from the District on October 7, 2003, and passed away on November 1, 2020. Condolences may be sent to the Wolfe family at 2651 Shadow Mountain Street, Pahrump, NV 89060.



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Update will not be published next week. The next edition will be dated Week of November 23, 2020.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Note to Applicants: Please be advised that you are responsible for making sure all the District requirements have been met. Do not contact AALA for information regarding positions; for detailed requirements for positions and employment updates use the contact phone number provided in the announcement or visit the District website at <http://www.lausdjobs.org> classified or <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/1125> certificated. Employees who change basis during the school year may not earn a full year of service credit and annualized employees who change their basis during the year may sustain an annualized settlement.

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PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY

Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School Gifted Arts and Technology Magnet Center, Local District Central, MST 42G, E Basis. For more information, contact **Dr. Charles D. Smith**, Lead Director, at 213.241.0126. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY

The Science Academy STEM Magnet, Local District Northeast, MST 40G, B Basis. For more information, contact **Dr. Rafael Gaeta**, Lead Director, at 310.625.1834. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY

Manchester Avenue Elementary School, Local District South, MST 38G, B Basis. For more information, contact **Dr. Robert Whitman**, Community of Schools Administrator, at 213.760.3206. Application deadline is 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST

Local District East, MST 37G or 38G, depending on site, B Basis. For more information, contact **Janet Montoya**, Special Education Administrator, at janet.montoya@lausd.net or 323.224.3300. Application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSTRUCTION

Local District Central, MST 49G, School Support Administrator, A Basis. For more information, contact Local District Central at 213.241.0126. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2020.

ADMINISTRATOR OF OPERATIONS

Local District Central, MST 49G, School Support Administrator, A Basis. For more information, contact Local District Central at 213.241.0126. Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 13, 2020.

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CLASSIFIED

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ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Accounting and Disbursements Division, \$112,188 - \$138,888, 10-, 11-, or 12-month position. For more information, click [HERE](#). Application deadline is Thursday, November 12, 2020.

PROJECT ENGINEER

Facilities Project Execution, Facilities Services Division, \$100,800 - \$124,900, 12-month position. For more information, click [HERE](#). Application deadline is Friday, November 13, 2020.

BOND OVERSIGHT COORDINATOR

Bond Oversight Committee, Facilities Services Division, \$100,800 - \$124,900, 12-month position. For more information, click [HERE](#). Application period is open until the position is filled.

FACILITIES ACCESS COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

Access Compliance Unit, Facilities Services Division, \$94,800 - \$117,600, 12-month position. For more information, click [HERE](#). Application period is open until the position is filled.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED POSITIONS

CERTIFICATED POSITIONS	LOCATION	CONTACT	DEADLINE
<i>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, SECONDARY MST 40G, B Basis</i>	Carver MS, Partnership for Los Angeles Schools	Margery Weller, margery.weller@partnershipla.org	5:00 p.m. Friday November 6, 2020
<i>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY MST 38G, B Basis</i>	Harvard ES, Local District West	Dr. Travis D. Brandy , COSA, travis.brandy@lausd.net or 310.914.2100	3:00 p.m. Friday November 6, 2020
<i>ADMINISTRATOR, TESTING AND OPERATIONS MST 49G, A Basis</i>	Office of School, Community, and Wellness Management	Eugene Hernandez, eugene.hernandez@lausd.net	4:00 p.m. Monday November 9, 2020
<i>COORDINATOR, TESTING AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES MST 43G, A Basis, six positions</i>	Office of School, Community, and Wellness Management	Eugene Hernandez, eugene.hernandez@lausd.net	4:00 p.m. Monday November 9, 2020
<i>DIRECTOR MST 40G, A Basis</i>	Early Childhood Education Division	Ana Reyes, ana.reyes@lausd.net	4:00 p.m. Monday November 9, 2020
<i>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, EIS MST 38G or 37G, depending on site, B Basis</i>	Local District West	Annmarie Serrano, Special Education Administrator, 310.235.3793	4:00 p.m. Monday November 9, 2020

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CERTIFICATED POSITION	LOCATION	CONTACT	DEADLINE
<i>ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, ELEMENTARY MST 37G, B Basis</i>	Ritter ES, Partnership for Los Angeles Schools	Margery Weller, margery.weller@partnershipla.org	5:00 p.m. Thursday November 12, 2020
CLASSIFIED POSITIONS	LOCATION	CONTACT	DEADLINE
<i>PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RESEARCH COORDINATOR \$90,046 - \$111,842, 12-month position</i>	Office of Data Accountability	Click HERE	Friday November 6, 2020
<i>TECHNICAL SPECIALIST \$115,500 - \$143,200, 12-month position</i>	Information Technology Division	Katie Wong, katie.wong@lausd.net or click HERE	Friday November 13, 2020
<i>MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICES \$224,613.12 - \$249,999.96, 12-month position</i>	Employee Health Services Unit, HRD	Click HERE	When Filled
<i>DIRECTOR OF MASTER PLANNING AND DEMOGRAPHICS \$117,800 - \$145,800, 12-month position</i>	School Management Services/Master Planning Unit	Click HERE	When Filled
<i>DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION \$117,000 - \$145,800, 12-month position</i>	Transportation Services Division	Click HERE	When Filled
<i>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR \$109,200, 12-month position</i>	Inspection Department, FSD	Click HERE	When Filled
<i>DATA BASE ADMINISTRATOR \$107,307 - \$132,800, 12-month position</i>	Information Technology Division	Click HERE	When Filled