RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

In this difficult time, LACOE remains committed to improving the lives of students and our educational community through service, leadership and advocacy. Here, we will share best practices, tips and success stories from the county's 80 districts as we innovate and adapt together to ensure continuity of learning and safety of students, staff and families.

Lifting Spirits Through Story and Song

At Arcadia USD, a group of 20 elementary school students came together online to lift classmates' spirits with their rendition of the national anthem. The students each recorded themselves singing, and then their teachers edited and synced the video. One student even played the drums.

At Pasadena USD, Dr. Sheckel of Altadena Arts Magnet hosts "Storytime with the Principal" on Facebook Live and posts videos regularly.

Watch "Star-Spangled Banner" (1½ min)

Watch "Storytime with the Principal" (16 min)

Best Practices: Online Learning

Whittier City SD has provided a continuity of education plan, including a suggested daily schedule in both English and Spanish, for parents and caregivers.

Pasadena USD has developed a remote hub for teachers, which is temporarily open for public view.

Meanwhile, LACOE is distributing laptops to students at the county community schools to support continuity of instruction and learning. Appointments are made for each student to maintain social distancing and allow for instruction on safe use of the device provided.

Whittier City SD Continuity of Education Plan

Pasadena USD Remote Hub for Teachers

Best Practices: Partnerships for Food Distribution

Inglewood USD partnered with nonprofits to hand out free produce to Inglewood residents and was featured on ABC7.

Pasadena USD has partnered with the City of Pasadena and Rose Bowl to offer grab-and-go meals seven days a week. Other community partners are also stepping up to volunteer at seven grab-and-go food centers and deliver meals to homes of children whose parents and caregivers are working, lack transportation or are sick.

Five neighboring school districts—Mountain View SD, El Monte City SD, El Monte Union High School District, Rosemead SD and Valle Lindo SD—are providing grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches at 14 schools across the five districts. Regardless of their school of attendance, students may pick up meals at any of the 14 schools.

ABC7 Report on Inglewood USD

Pasadena USD Press Release

El Monte City SD Food Service Video (30 sec.)

Two Alhambra USD schools among top 10 in statewide academic decathlon

Mark Keppel HS and Alhambra HS, both in the Alhambra USD, took 3rd and 6th place, respectively, in the California Academic Decathlon. The competition, with altered format due to the coronavirus outbreak, focused on this year's theme: "In Sickness and in Health: An Exploration of Illness and Wellness," with pandemics as a subtopic. The live competition in Sacramento was canceled amid the COVID-19 crisis in the state. The Mark Keppel HS team (in photo taken before the time of social distancing) was the champion in the LA County competition, followed by Alhambra HS in 2nd place.

See state competition results here.

In case you missed it, watch the LA County Academic Decathlon highlights here.

Greater LA Fund

The Greater LA Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of LACOE, established the COVID-19 Education Response Fund to immediately respond to the needs of local school districts and families. Contributions already received from the Ballmer Group and California Community Foundation increase access to food, basic needs and academic supports for students and families.

Contribute to the Fund

Help Spread the Word

Resources for Families & Schools

Don't forget, LACOE is regularly updating several pages of resources:

COVID-19 Resources for Schools

Resources for Children from Birth to Five

Educational Resources for Parents & Teachers

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