

L.A. schools chief urges administrators to break bureaucratic rules to help kids

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It's come to this: A checkup with the pediatrician may soon include a prescription for play

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-children-playtime-health-20180820-story.html>



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Gates Foundation dumps 'big idea' approach to build on school progress in L.A. and elsewhere

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LAUSD chief signals desire to limit teacher job protections and change funding rules

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California's children fall behind before they start school, and some never catch up, study finds

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Don't let the SAT become the yardstick to measure California high schools

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Austin Beutner: LAUSD's teacher contract offer creates a pathway to prevent a strike

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-beutner-laUSD-utla-mediation-20180925-story.html>



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Beutner attended [Dartmouth College](#), where he majored in [economics](#). After graduation in 1982 he went to work at [Smith Barney](#) as a financial analyst. At the age of 29, he became partner at [The Blackstone Group](#). In the 1990s he co-founded the investment banking group [Evercore Partners](#), which went public in 2006.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Beutner went to work for the [U.S. State Department](#). The [Clinton administration](#) tapped him to lead a team into Russia and help transition them from communism to a free-market economy, including the decommissioning of weapons and other materiel.

In 1996 Beutner co-founded [Evercore Partners](#), an American independent investment banking advisory firm, with former [Deputy Secretary of the Treasury](#), [Roger Altman](#). When [Evercore](#) went public (NYSE-EVR) in 2006, the IPO reportedly made Beutner more than \$100 million.

If L.A. Unified truly wants to put students first, it should reduce classroom sizes now

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-goldberg-laUSD-class-size-matters-20181023-story.html>



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