

How Much Do Parents Matter?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2016/09/do-parents-matter-world/499808/>



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

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Thousands of LAUSD teachers march downtown as union moves closer to calling first strike in nearly 30 years

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-teachers-march-20181215-story.html>



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California's new school rating tool is better, but still flawed

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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

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-gates-foundation-education-grants-20180828-story.html>



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

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-beutner-teacher-job-protections-20180913-story.html>



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

<http://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-california-early-education-20180918-story.html>



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

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Kids skip school in alarm-bell numbers. A simple solution: Make sure their parents know

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-laUSD-absenteeism-solution-20180921-story.html>



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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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SEP 25, 2018

Austin Beutner is superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District. He is an American businessman, civic leader and philanthropist. He co-founded Evercore Partners and is the former publisher and CEO of the *Los Angeles*

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[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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OCT 23, 2018

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[If you want better schools, don't evaluate teachers, coach them](#)

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-teacher-coaching-better-than-evaluation-20181116-story.html>



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California should spend \$1.6 billion more next year to combat its child poverty crisis, new task force finds

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-child-poverty-task-force-report-20181119-story.html>



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Hirokazu Kore-eda carries on through success and sadness with the release of his Palme d'Or winner, 'Shoplifters'

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment/movies/la-ca-mn-shoplifters-hirokazu-koreeda-20181123-story.html>



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California's housing shortage has companies carving up apartments to lower the rent

<https://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-apartment-co-living-20181125-story.html>



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A note on this series: Facing child poverty in L.A. and our own conflicting emotions



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[Hidden in L.A. suburbia, wrenching poverty preys on children and destroys dreams](#)

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part1-20181125-htm1story.html>



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[For the principal with the most homeless students in L.A., the reality of poverty is personal](#)

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part2-20181126-htm1story.html>



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Whether home is a van, a motel or a garage, L.A.'s suburban poor children learn to survive

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part3-20181127-htlstory.html>



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For children trapped in poverty, breaking free is getting harder

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-california-poverty-suburbs-homeless-part4-20181128-htlstory.html>



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Some want to help kids trapped in poverty, while others question why parents had so many children

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Why shouldn't the L.A. school system look for places to house homeless families?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-homeless-housing-study-20181203-story.html>

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Betsy DeVos was (sort of) right. We should arm teachers — with supplies, support and a livable salary

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Protesters shut down Los Angeles Board of Education meeting

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-school-board-meeting-20181211-story.html>



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L.A. teachers could strike a few weeks from now. Here’s what you need to know

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-parent-guide-teachers-strike-20181213-story.html>



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Rather than waging a contract war at home, L.A. teachers should take their demands to Sacramento

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Nick Melvoyn is a former L.A. Unified teacher who has served on the Board of Education since July 2017. Nick's election to the Board in May of 2017 follows a career fighting for our city's schoolchildren. He believes that together, with the right leadership, we can ensure that every student in Los Angeles has the opportunity to succeed. Born and raised on the Westside of LA, Nick served as a seventh and eighth grade English teacher at Markham Middle School, an LAUSD campus in Watts, where he coached soccer and baseball and helped his students launch a school newspaper. At Markham, he saw firsthand how poor governance neglected the needs of our city's most vulnerable students. When he and two-thirds of Markham's teachers lost their jobs due to budget cuts, he fought to be re-hired and worked to end the indiscriminate, seniority-based teacher layoffs that harm so many LA families. As a teacher, Nick joined the ACLU, Mayors Riordan and Villaraigosa, and others to bring a ground-breaking civil rights lawsuit which argued that LA's layoffs violated the rights of students.

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Team Trump says it's making school lunches 'great again.' It's making them less healthy

<https://www.latimes.com/lanews-david-lazarus-20130507-staff.html>



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