

# How Much Do Parents Matter?

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



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**SEP 15, 2016**

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

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-austin-beutner-speech-20180809-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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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>



**MELISSA HEALY**  
**AUG 20, 2018**

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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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# Cheerleader's blackface video raises ghosts of Fresno's racist past

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-31/fresno-racism-slur-blackface-election>



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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

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-sat-20180921-story.html>

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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>



**DAVID L. KIRP**  
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David L. Kirp is a senior fellow at the Learning Policy Institute and an emeritus professor of the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

## **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>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
**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 Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

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 decommission 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.

## **LA City Commission on Children, Youth and their Families**

[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los\\_angeles/latest/laac/0-0-0-37139](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/laac/0-0-0-37139)

**Oct 10, 2018**

JDM – not sure where I got this but there appears to be no such commission functioning at either city or county levels – but it is Chapter 23 of the LA City Charter.

## **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>



**JACKIE GOLDBERG**

**OCT 23, 2018**

Jackie Goldberg was a classroom teacher for 17 years and a former member and president of the Los Angeles School Board where she represented northeast Los Angeles neighborhoods. She also was a former member of the Los Angeles City Council, and of the California State Assembly where she chaired the Education Committee.

## **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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**FILM CRITIC**  
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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>



**ANDREW KHOURI**  
**NOV 25, 2018**

Andrew Khouri covers the California economy for the Los Angeles Times. Before coming to The Times he wrote about commercial real estate for the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. He holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism & he graduated from the University of San Diego with a degree in history.

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



**STEVE LOPEZ**  
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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-htmlstory.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-htmlstory.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-htmllstory.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-htmllstory.html>



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

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-pacoima-20181202-story.html>



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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**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-babcock-teachers-20181209-story.html>

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**DEC 9, 2018**

Natalie Babcock is in her second year of teaching elementary school in Los Angeles. She previously worked in early childhood education in the Bay Area. She also hosts Small Tales, a storytelling podcast for children.

## **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**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-melvoin-why-laUSD-cannot-meet-utla-demands-20181213-story.html>



**NICK MELVOIN**  
**DEC 13, 2018**

Nick Melvoin 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.

Nick holds a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, a Masters in Urban Education from Loyola Marymount University (LMU), and a law degree from the New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Service Scholar. In addition to serving as a teacher, Nick has worked in the Obama White House with the Domestic Policy Council and the US Attorney's office where he took part in various civil rights investigations as a legal clerk. Prior to his election, Nick led and facilitated efforts by students, parents, teachers, and community members to rethink and shape the future of our city's schools. He also served as an adjunct professor at LMU where he taught a course on Education Law. In working for nonprofits such as Teach Plus and Educators 4 Excellence, Nick helped to improve the support teachers across the state receive before and during their time in the classroom, as well as amplify teacher voice in policy-making. Nick has recently served on the boards of the Los Angeles County Young Democrats, Brentwood Community Council, Teach For America Associates, University Synagogue's Social Justice Committee, and United in Harmony. He is a graduate of the Jewish Federation's New Leaders Project and the New Leaders Council and has chaired the Jewish Federation's Educators' Network. Nick is also proud to serve as a director of Camp Harmony, a camp for homeless and underserved children. His commitment to solving educational inequity was first sparked as a volunteer at Camp Harmony more than sixteen years ago.

## **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>



**DAVID LAZARUS**

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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>



SONALI KOHLI

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*Times staff writer Howard Blume contributed to this report.*

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

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-california-school-dashboard-20181215-story.html>

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## **L.A. teachers set to strike Jan. 10. Union says it has no plans for more negotiating**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-20181219-story.html>



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## **A report that offers a path to compromise at L.A. Unified**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-contract-20181220-story.html>

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## L.A. teachers union rallies supporters with call for cap on charter schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teachers-union-charter-cap-20181221-story.html>



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## Will L.A. raise a fist — or shake it — when teachers strike?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-arellano-teachers-strike-20181226-story.html>



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## Remember the iPads? L.A. Unified needs more transparency and caution on reorganization

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-reorganization-20181227-story.html>

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## Major charter organization says it will sit out March primary for L.A. school board seat

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-school-board-endorsements-20181228-story.html>



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## **If Los Angeles teachers strike, poor students will lose**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-ali-hernandez-ross-teachers-strike-20181228-story.html>



**FRED ALI & ANTONIA HERNÁNDEZ & ROBERT K. ROSS**

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Robert K. Ross, MD, President & Chief Executive Officer of the California Endowment.

## **Gov.-elect Gavin Newsom will propose almost \$2 billion for early childhood programs**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-may-2018-gov-elect-gavin-newsom-will-propose-1546395091-htmlstory.html>



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## **Could last-minute talks and maneuvers forestall a teachers' strike?**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-new-negotiations-teachers-strike-20190103-story.html>



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## **If teachers strike in Los Angeles, where will half a million kids go?**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-parents-preparation-20190104-story.html>



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**JAN 4, 2019**

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**Times staff reporter Andrea Castillo contributed to this report.**

## **Judge denies L.A. school district's bid to block teachers strike**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-judge-wont-block-teachers-strike-20190105-story.html>



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## **The nation's wave of teacher strikes may hit L.A. this week. But here's how ours is different**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-los-angeles-teachers-strike-national-context-20190106-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI**

**JAN 6, 2019**

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## **Leaders of L.A. school district and teachers union head to church as scheduled strike approaches**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-approaches-20190106-story.html>



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## Alex Caputo-Pearl: Why Los Angeles teachers may have to strike

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-caputo-pearl-teachers-strike-20190106-story.html>



**ALEX CAPUTO-PEARL**  
**JAN 6, 2019**

Alex Caputo-Pearl is president of United Teachers Los Angeles. He is an LAUSD parent and previously taught for 22 years in the Compton and Los Angeles school districts.

## Newsom unveils a \$209-billion budget to boost schools and healthcare and fight poverty

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-gavin-newsom-california-budget-20190110-story.html>



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*Times staff writers Taryn Luna, Phil Willon, Patrick McGreevy and Melody Gutierrez contributed to this report.*

## Gavin Newsom's \$1.8 billion early education plan deserves credit, but it isn't enough

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-kirp-newsom-early-childhood-education-agenda-20190111-story.html>



**DAVID L. KIRP**  
**JAN 11, 2019**

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Mr. Kirp was the founding director of the [Harvard Center for Law and Education](#), which filed landmark lawsuits seeking equal educational opportunity. His latest book, “Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System and a Strategy for America’s Schools” (2013), tells the remarkable story of the [Union City, N.J., school district](#), which relied on tried-and-true strategies, not faddish reforms. The American Education Research Association selected it as the year’s outstanding book.

Mr. Kirp has lectured at universities around the world and has been the keynote speaker at many national conferences. In 2008, he was a member of President-elect Obama’s transition team.

David L. Kirp is a senior fellow at the Learning Policy Institute and an emeritus professor of the School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

## **The long-term problem at L.A. Unified that a strike can’t fix**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-laUSD-declining-enrollment-20190112-story.html>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

**JAN 12, 2019**

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## **L.A. teachers’ strike: It’s not too late to avert disaster**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-strike-20190112-story.html>



**STEVE LOPEZ**

**JAN 12, 2019**

Steve Lopez is a California native who has been an L.A. Times columnist since 2001. He has won more than a dozen national journalism awards for his reporting and column writing at seven newspapers and four news magazines, and is a three-time Pulitzer finalist for commentary – in 2012, for his columns on elder care; in 2016, for his columns on income inequality in California; and in 2018, for his columns on housing and homelessness. He is the author of three novels, two collections of columns and a non-fiction work called “The Soloist,” which was a Los Angeles Times and New York Times best-seller, winner of the PEN USA Literary Award for Non-Fiction, and the subject of a Dream Works movie by the same name. Lopez’s television reporting for public station KCET has won three local news Emmys, three Golden Mike awards and a share of the Columbia University DuPont Award.

## **What to know as LAUSD teachers prepare to strike Monday**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-teachers-strike-guide-20190113-story.html>



**SONALI KOHLI**

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## **L.A. teachers’ strike: How we got here and how we get out**

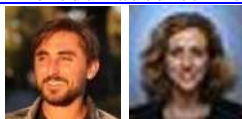
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**STEVE LOPEZ**  
JAN 14, 2019

## **L.A. City Council members rally with teachers on first day of LAUSD strike**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-strike-council-members-20190114-story.html>



**SAM OMAR HALL & DAKOTA SMITH**  
JAN 14, 2019

Sam Omar Hall is Multiplatform Editor at the Los Angeles Times. “The thread that ties together my experience in journalism and education is communication. Clear communication is necessary for learning, and learning is necessary if the world is to improve. Whether in text, photo, audio, or video, I strive for clear communication that will engage and educate.”

Dakota Smith covers Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and City Hall for the city-county bureau. She joined the Los Angeles Times in 2016 & previously covered City Hall for the Los Angeles Daily News. She is a graduate of Lewis & Clark College & lives in Los Angeles.

## **In L.A. strike, leading Democrats — including presidential hopefuls — side with teachers**

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## **Teachers strike at L.A. charter schools too, a first for California**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-strike-accelerated-school-20190114-story.html>



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## **No matter how the teachers’ strike ends, LAUSD’s long-term problems aren’t going away**

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## **Americans are ignoring the creation of a lost generation of children around the world**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-greenberg-crisis-of-childhood-20190122-story.html>



**KAREN J. GREENBERG**

**JAN 22, 2019**

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## **The LAUSD strike may be over, but the real work lies ahead**

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## **Parents, students celebrate return to routine as L.A. teachers end strike, head back to class**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-back-to-school-20190123-story.html>



**HANNAH FRY & RUBEN VIVES & MATTHEW ORMSETH**

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# I'm a charter school teacher. The LAUSD strike made me realize how I'm part of the problem

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-vaca-teacher-strike-20190123-story.html>

**RILEY MCDONALD VACA**

**JAN 23, 2019**

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# Charity Finds Success in Work With At-Risk Children, but It's Costly

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/25/your-money/friends-of-the-children-charity.html>



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
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**Jan. 25, 2019**

Paul Sullivan writes the *Wealth Matters* column for The New York Times.

His articles have appeared in Fortune, Money, Conde Nast Portfolio, The International Herald Tribune, Barron's, The Boston Globe, and Food & Wine. From 2000 to 2006, he was a reporter, editor and columnist at the Financial Times.

His first big story for the FT was a [profile of the author Kurt Vonnegut](#) based on a train ride they took from Springfield, Massachusetts to New York City. His last piece for the FT was [Vonnegut's obituary](#).

Paul has been interviewed on radio and television programs across America, including NPR, Marketplace, CNN, and Fox News.

Paul lives in Fairfield County, Connecticut, with his family—three members of which have four legs and shed. He received degrees in history from Trinity College and the University of Chicago.

*The Thin Green Line: The Money Secrets of The Super Wealthy* is Paul's second book.

His first was *Clutch: Why Some People Excel Under Pressure and Others Don't*.

# An all-nighter, then a deal to end the L.A. teachers' strike

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teachers-strike-negotiations-20190127-story.html>



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# L.A. plan would guarantee 18 weeks of parental leave

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-parental-leave-20190129-story.html>



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## **The U.S. is the most powerful country. Why are we so far behind Europe on children's well-being?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-alexander-children-health-welfare-20190130-story.html>



**DAVID ALEXANDER**

**JAN 30, 2019**

Dr. David Alexander is a practicing pediatrician and an advocate for children for more than three decades. He is currently President of Leading for Kids, which was established in 2018 with initial funding from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health with the mission to create a society that puts children first.

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David served as President for Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 2002 to 2005, directing all aspects of operations including strategic planning, clinical quality, physician alignment and community relations.

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He has served on numerous boards including The Woodmark Group Board of Directors and Stanford Child Health Research Institute Board of Directors – serving on both from 2010 to 2018. He sits on four editorial boards related to pediatric medicine and is, himself, a published author.

## **Do charter schools harm traditional public schools? Gov. Newsom wants to find out**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-governor-launches-charter-school-review-20190206-story.html>



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## **Nearly one in five girls is wed before she turns 18. Think about them on Valentine's Day**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-child-marriage-valentines-day-20190214-story.html>



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## **L.A. school board signals support for an education tax increase this year**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-lausd-parcel-tax-20190226-story.html>



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# Surrounded

## Killings near school, and the students left behind

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### **SERIES: #1**

This series is a product of [The Homicide Report](#), The Times' effort to tell the story of every homicide victim in Los Angeles County.

The project was written and reported by [Sonali Kohli](#). The photography is by [Marcus Yam](#). [Iris Lee](#) and [Priya Krishnakumar](#) provided the data analysis, graphics and digital production. The idea for the series came from former Times writer [Jerome Campbell](#), who, along with [Nicole Santa Cruz](#), also contributed to reporting.

The Times' [Homicide Report](#) compiled deaths by reviewing records from the [Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner's](#) office. The Times used the coroner's definition of homicide, which includes any death of a human being caused by another. This includes criminal homicides as well as justifiable homicides by civilians acting in self-defense.

Information about Los Angeles County's 295 public high schools, including location and student demographics, were obtained from the [California Department of Education](#).

The Times then developed a custom computer program to identify homicides within a one-mile radius of each school. Schools were only included if they were open for the full duration of the study, which examined all killings in the past five years.

The computer code that conducted the analysis is available for review as [open-source software](#).

Kohli worked on this project while participating in the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism's [2018 California Fellowship](#).

## What it's like to go to school when dozens have been killed nearby

[HTTPS://WWW.LATIMES.COM/PROJECTS/LA-ME-EDU-SCHOOL-SAFETY-DEATHS-NEARBY/](https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-deaths-nearby/)



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**SERIES: #2**

## **Resources for students and families affected by violence near schools**

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**SERIES: #3**

## **L.A. councilman floats idea of ballot measure to fund child care**

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## **A NEW DIRECTION HOME**

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# L.A. school board asks property owners to show support with more tax money

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## Monyae's story

### When a killing near school hits home

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**SERIES: #4**

## How should journalists write about killings near schools? The students weigh in

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**SERIES: #5**

## **Newsom fast-tracks legislation to hold charter schools to same standards as public schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-charter-school-transparency-20190228-story.html>



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**Times staff writer Phil Willon contributed to this report.**

## **L.A. school board seat could tip political scales on charter movement**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-school-board-race-20190304-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## **Eli Broad weighs in at last minute with \$100,000 donation in L.A. school board race**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-eli-broad-laUSD-school-board-election-20190307-story.html>



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## **A charter school report card: They cause problems. But for many families they're the solution**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-schools-charters-20190308-story.html>



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## **How a couple worked charter school regulations to make millions**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-schools-20190327-htmlstory.html>



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*Do you know what a charter school is? Are you sure? See video [here](#).*

## **Small districts reap big profits by approving charter schools with little oversight**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-school-fees-20190328-story.html>



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## **California’s broken charter school law has defied reform.**

### **Can Newsom break the gridlock?**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-charter-school-policy-paralysis-20190329-story.html>



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## Garcetti, in yearly address, pushes new tax to support L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-mayor-eric-garcetti-state-of-the-city-20190417-story.html>



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## Give teachers more money. The raises will pay for themselves

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-startz-teacher-raises-20190417-story.html>



**DICK STARTZ**

**APR 17, 2019**

Dick Startz is an economics professor at UC Santa Barbara and author of "Profit of Education."

## Teachers union and Eli Broad — usually foes — unite behind parcel tax for L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-parcel-tax-unites-foes-20190419-htmllstory.html>



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## Candid conversation about race





**PETER DIZIKES**

**April 22, 2019**

Peter Dizikes is the social sciences, business, and humanities writer at the MIT News Office.

## **L.A. students are already activists. Now they want to vote at 16.**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-teen-voting-20190423-story.html>



**SONALI KOHLI**

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## **How to make high schools better for students**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-mehta-fine-education-high-school-excellence-20190426-story.html>



**JAL MEHTA & SARAH FINE**

**APR 26, 2019**

Jal Mehta is an associate professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His research explores the role of different forms of knowledge in tackling major social and political problems, particularly problems of human improvement. He has also written extensively on what it would take to improve American education, with a particular focus on the professionalization of teaching. Jal is the author of *The Allure of Order: High Hopes, Dashed Expectations and the Troubled Quest to Remake American Schooling* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013) and the co-editor of *The Futures of School Reform* (Cambridge: Harvard Education Press, 2012). He is currently working on two projects: *In Search of Deeper Learning*, a contemporary study of schools, systems, and nations that are seeking to produce ambitious instruction (co-authored with Sarah Fine); and *The Chastened Dream*, a history of the effort to link social science with social policy to achieve social progress. He is co-editor of the *Learning Deeply* blog at *Education Week*, and in 2014 was the top-ranked junior faculty scholar in the Rick Hess *Education Week* rankings. He is also the winner of the *Morningstar Teaching Award* at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He was recently awarded a Radcliffe Fellowship and will be on sabbatical for the 2016-17 academic year.

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## California is weighing bills — some helpful, others vicious — to rein in charter schools

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-charter-school-bills-20190429-story.html>

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## Last-minute changes to ballot language could create problems for L.A. schools tax measure

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-edu-laUSD-parcel-tax-mistake-20190502-story.html>



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## Beutner's changes to ballot language spark debate over parcel tax for L.A. schools

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-debate-over-laUSD-parcel-tax-changes-20190503-story.html>



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## In L.A. Unified elementary schools, library books could be off-limits to many students

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-laUSD-libraries-20190504-story.html>



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## **L.A. school board to vote on exempting garages from education tax**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-school-parcel-tax-controversy-20190507-story.html>



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## **L.A. school board votes to exempt garages from education tax**

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## **Let 16-year-olds vote for L.A. school board**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-mcdonald-school-board-voting-age-16-20190508-story.html>



**MICHAEL McDONALD**  
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## **Vote yes on Measure EE, the parcel tax to increase L.A. schools funding**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/endorsements/la-ed-endorsement-measure-ee-20190510-story.html>

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## **Two elections affecting L.A. schools make for strange bedfellows**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-elections-strange-money-trail-20190513-story.html>



**HOWARD BLUME**

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## **In majority-Latino LAUSD, this election will tip the board mostly white**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-district-5-latino-20190512-story.html>



**ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE & SONALI KOHLI**

**MAY 12, 2019**

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## **California's education funding is at a record high. So why are schools short on cash?**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-road-map-california-school-funding-shortfall-20190512-story.html>



**JOHN MYERS**  
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## **Ron Finley Plants Vegetable Gardens in South Central LA in abandoned lots & traffic medians & along curbs as alternative to fast food**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzZzZ\\_qpZ4w&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1wRc19pck7K\\_FRhO4UT681G9EKi\\_KVO564JTuDoeat17QJdWUKIUvTrmw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzZzZ_qpZ4w&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1wRc19pck7K_FRhO4UT681G9EKi_KVO564JTuDoeat17QJdWUKIUvTrmw)



**KAYLA JASMINE DEFOREST**  
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Kayla Jasmine DeForest is a grandniece of Joe Murphy, chair of Venice Neighborhood Council's DFC **Focus on Children** Committee.

## **Jackie Goldberg's win changes LAUSD equation for unions, charters and Beutner**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-board-election-analysis-20190516-story.html>



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## **Goldberg joins L.A. Unified school board, immediately challenges aid to charter schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-goldberg-joins-laUSD-board-20190521-story.html>



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## Youths focused on gun violence prevention hope ads speak Louder Than Guns

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-teen-gun-violence-prevention-20190527-story.html>



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## Online charter schools in L.A. and San Diego counties to close after indictments

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-edu-charter-school-indictments-20190528-story.html>



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## Plans to impose a moratorium on new California charter schools stall in Sacramento

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-charter-school-moratorium-california-delayed-20190529-story.html>



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## **Measure EE will cost you a few bucks. Its failure could cost you more**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-measure-ee-school-funding-20190529-story.html>



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## **California’s state universities are a path to mobility and tuition needs to be free**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-skelton-college-tuition-20190530-story.html>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
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## **LAUSD says it needs the Measure EE tax. Skeptics say the district has a spending problem**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-property-tax-hike-pitch-20190602-story.html>



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## **Vote yes on Measure EE today to increase funding for public school students**

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## **Parcel tax for L.A. schools is latest ask of taxpayers**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-measure-ee-election-20190604-story.html>



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## **A political disaster: How Measure EE, L.A. schools tax hike, failed so badly**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-property-tax-laUSD-explainer-20190605-story.html>



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## **A shrug from voters to struggling L.A. schools, and have a nice summer, kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-laUSD-school-tax-vote-201906-story.html>



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## **After failed funding campaign, L.A. Unified chief outlines budget plan**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-laUSD-budget-troubles-20190606-story.html>



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## **Failure of L.A. school tax measure could put resources and alliances to the test**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-laUSD-property-tax-election-analysis-20190606-story.html>



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## **California moves toward new limits on charter schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-charter-school-task-force-report-20190610-story.html>



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## **This election was a bigger rout than the Measure EE failure; readers vote 9 to 1 against columnist**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-laUSD-measureee-20190612-story.html>



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**JUN 12, 2019**

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## **L.A. Unified board votes to end random student searches**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/education/la-me-edu-random-searches-laUSD-20190618-story.html>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
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## **The California lottery, public schools and the mystery of the ‘missing’ money**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-lopez-lottery-schools-funding20190619-story.html>



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### **EDUCATION**

## **What If Teachers Didn’t Focus So Much on Individual Achievement?**

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2019/06/how-black-teachers-segregated-district-teach-civics/591856/>



**KRISTINA RIZGA**  
JUNE 2019

**KRISTINA RIZGA** is a writer based in San Francisco. She is the author of Mission High: One School, How Experts Tried to Fail It, and the Students and Teachers Who Made It Triumph. She writes articles for The Atlantic.

## **L.A. leaders say Trump proposal would boot thousands of immigrants from public housing**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-hud-immigrant-families-20190626-story.html>



**ANDREA CASTILLO**  
JUN 28, 2019

Andrea Castillo covers immigration and central L.A. communities. Before joining the Los Angeles Times, she covered immigrant, ethnic and LGBT issues for the Fresno Bee. She got her start at the Oregonian in Portland. A native of Seattle, she's been making her way down the West Coast since her graduation from Washington State University.

## **L.A. charter schools' grand plans: Take back mayor's office, sue school district, battle teachers union**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-secret-plan-for-charters-20190702-story.html>



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## **Memo to charter leaders: 'It's better to be feared than loved. Right now we are neither'**

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-edu-charter-leaders-confidential-planning-20190702-story.html>



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## **Law enforcement seizes records of closed L.A. charter school**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-07-17/law-enforcement-seizes-records-of-closed-charter-school>



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## Get children out of cages at the border and into school

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-07-17/children-border-detention-education>



**LAUREN MARKHAM & THI BUI**  
JUL 18, 2019

Lauren Markham is the author of "The Far Away Brothers: Two Young Migrants and the Making of an American Life."

Thi Bui is the author of the illustrated memoir "The Best We Could Do," about her family's experience as refugees from Vietnam.

## California's proposed new ethnic studies curriculum is jargon-filled and all-too-PC

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-02/californias-new-ethnic-studies-curriculum>

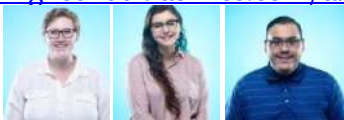
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AUG 4, 2019

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## **HS INSIDER**

### **Los Angeles Times**

<https://highschool.latimes.com/about-us/>



**MOLLY HEBER & ISABELLA BALANDRAN & KEVIN CAMARGO**  
AUG 4, 2019

**Molly Heber** is the newest addition to the HS Insider team. As the Project Lead, Molly seeks out every opportunity to work alongside young people to elevate their voices through education, the arts and civic engagement. Prior to joining the LA Times, she worked with students, educators and schools across Los Angeles to ensure greater access to college and career-readiness supports and the arts. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Davis and a Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education. Molly loves to travel, but deep down is all about California, having lived in Northern, Central and Southern California throughout her life.



**Isabella Balandran** is a Co-Lead Producer for HS Insider and is a journalism major at Orange Coast College. After interning with HS Insider the summer before her senior year at Mater Dei, Isabella discovered and fostered her passion for journalism. Between running the backend of HS Insider and serving as an editor on her school newspaper, Isabella enjoys keeping up with news, watching live music and spending time with her family and dogs.

**Kevin Camargo** is a Co-Lead Producer for HS Insider and is a transfer student at the University of Southern California from East Los Angeles College. He has been part of HSI since 2015 and has worked for HSI since summer 2017. Kevin is a South East High School alumnus and former Editor-in-Chief of his school paper, The Jaguar Times. He is from the city of South Gate and enjoys covering his city through multimedia pieces. He was the online editor for ELAC Campus News, and plans to be the multimedia editor at the Daily Trojan. He considers himself the human-life Spotify because he can listen and jam out to any type of music. From Karaoke Night with the family to dancing in quinceañeras, music is a big part of his life. Do you — or your students — have important stories to tell? Are you reporting on topics that you believe deserve a larger audience? Do you want to sharpen your multimedia skills?

## **For our kids, the white guy with a gun is the face of terrorism**

<https://www.latimes.com/entertainment-arts/story/2019-08-05/el-paso-domestic-terrorism-white-guy-with-a-gun-this-generations-face-of-terrorism>



**MARY MCNAMARA**  
**CULTURE COLUMNIST AND CRITIC**  
**AUG. 6, 2019**

Mary McNamara is a culture columnist and critic for the Los Angeles Times. Previously she was assistant managing editor for arts and entertainment following a 12-year stint as television critic and senior culture editor. A Pulitzer Prize winner in 2015 and finalist for criticism in 2013 and 2014, she has won various awards for criticism and feature writing. She is the author of the Hollywood mysteries “Oscar Season” and “The Starlet.” She lives in La Crescenta with her husband, three children and two dogs.

## **Is California’s draft ethnic studies curriculum anti-Semitic?**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-09/ethnic-studies-curriculum-california-anti-semitism>



**KAREN KLEIN**  
**AUG 9, 2019**

Karin Klein is a former editorial writer who covered education, environment, food and science. She was the 2006-07 winner of the Eugene C. Pulliam Fellowship for Editorial Writers and a 2012 Logan Environmental Journalism fellow. She leads interpretive hikes as a volunteer naturalist and is the author of the 2010 book “50 Hikes in Orange County.” Klein has worked at The Times since 1989. She attended Wellesley College and UC Berkeley and is an adjunct professor of journalism at Chapman University. She left The Times in 2015.

## **Inspire charter schools spread across California as critics warn of performance, financial concerns**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2019-08-10/inspire-charter-schools-spread-across-california-as-critics-warn-of-performance-financial-concerns>



**KRISTEN TAKETA**  
**AUG 11, 2019**

Kristen Taketa covers K-12 education for The San Diego Union-Tribune. She joined the U-T in 2018 after covering education for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Taketa is a Torrance native and graduated from UCLA.

## Public records raise questions about financial and organizational issues in the charter school network.

## Fighting school segregation, not in the American South, but in Sausalito

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-12/sausalito-school-segregation-becerra-settlement>

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## Cisheteropatriarchy. Hxrstory. The language of ethnic studies, explained

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-12/ethnic-studies-california-glossary>



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## Ethnic studies may soon be mandatory. Can California get it right?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-12/california-ethnic-studies-curriculum>



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## **A new ranking system for L.A. schools? Board to consider 1-to-5 scale**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-13/lausd-schools-ranked>



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*Times staff writer Sonali Kohli contributed to this report.*

## **Push for Ethnic Studies in Schools Faces a Dilemma: Whose Stories to Tell**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/us/california-ethnic-studies.html?em\\_pos=small&ref=headline&nl\\_art=2&te=1&nl=race-related&emc=edit\\_rr\\_20190817?campaign\\_id=37&instance\\_id=11720&segment\\_id=16254&user\\_id=860a29e9588186d1fda414c1301ea770&regi\\_id=91707234emc=edit\\_rr\\_20190817](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/15/us/california-ethnic-studies.html?em_pos=small&ref=headline&nl_art=2&te=1&nl=race-related&emc=edit_rr_20190817?campaign_id=37&instance_id=11720&segment_id=16254&user_id=860a29e9588186d1fda414c1301ea770&regi_id=91707234emc=edit_rr_20190817)



**DANA GOLDSTEIN**  
AUG. 15, 2019

Dana Goldstein is a national correspondent for The New York Times, writing about how education policies impact families, students and teachers across the country. She is the author of the bestselling "The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession," and a two-time finalist for The Livingston Award.

## **Homeless kids, chronic absenteeism, frustrated parents: L.A. Unified is back to school and trying to help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-19/la-unified-back-to-school-seeking-help-usd-first-day-of-school>



**HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI & NINA AGRAWAL**  
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## **Will changes to California's ethnic studies curriculum weaken it? That's what some activists and educators say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-20/will-changes-to-californias-ethnic-studies-curriculum-weaken-it>



**ALEX WIGGLESWORTH**  
**AUG 21, 2019**

Alex Wigglesworth is a staff writer at the Los Angeles Times. Before joining the newsroom in 2016, she was a general assignment reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com. A Philadelphia native, she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in medical anthropology & global health. She currently lives in Inglewood.

## **Ethnic studies bill delayed a year in California amid controversy**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-22/california-ethnic-studies-california-bill-delayed>



**HOWARD BLUME & NINA AGRAWAL**  
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## **My high school students don't read any more. I think I know why**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-22/death-of-reading-high-school-cellphone>



**JEREMY ADAMS**  
**AUG 23, 2019**

Jeremy Adams is the author of "Riding the Wave: Teacher Strategies for Navigating Change and Strengthening Key Relationships", recipient of the Jim Burke Rising Star Teaching Award and founder of the Earl Warren Cup Constitutional Competition. He teaches political science at Bakersfield High School and California State University, Bakersfield. Mr. Adams was named "2012 Kern County Teacher of the Year" and won the 2012 Beautiful Bakersfield award in Education. He lives in Central California with his wife and three children.

# A battle over California charter schools ends — for now — with a deal in Sacramento

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-08-28/california-charter-schools-deal-sacramento>



**TARYN LUNA**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
**AUG 28, 2019**

Taryn Luna covers state government and politics in Sacramento. Prior to joining the Los Angeles Times in 2018, Luna covered the California Legislature and lobbying industry for The Sacramento Bee. She previously wrote about retail for The Boston Globe and worked as a general assignment reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Luna grew up in Dixon, a small town in Northern California, and graduated from Oregon State University.

## They were homeless. I took them in. Would you?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-08-30/homeless-los-angeles-a-safe-place-host-home>



**ANNABELLE GURWITCH**  
**SEP 1, 2019**

Actor and writer Annabelle Gurwitch is working on a new collection of essays, "You're Leaving When?" This op-ed was underwritten by a grant from the Economic Hardship Reporting Project.

## California expands ban on 'willful defiance' suspensions in schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-10/school-suspension-willful-defiance-california>



**NINA AGRAWAL**  
**SEP 10, 2019**

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## Would starting school later in the day actually help teens? Let's find out before making a rash decision

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-09-20/starting-high-school-later-legislation-california> **THE TIMES**

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# A tiny Marin County district got California's first school desegregation order in 50 years

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-21/desegregation-order-sausalito-marin-county>



**JAMES RAINEY**  
**SEP 22, 2019**

James Rainey has covered multiple presidential elections, the war in Iraq, the foster care system and the environment. He was part of L.A. Times teams that won Pulitzer Prizes for coverage of wildfires, the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 1997 North Hollywood shootout. He wrote the twice-weekly column, "On the Media." He also reported on the film industry for Variety and on climate change for NBC News.

# New UCLA institute will study — and spread — kindness

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-09-24/ucla-bedari-kindness-institute-launch>



**TERESA WATANABE**  
**SEP 25, 2019**

Teresa Watanabe covers education for the Los Angeles Times. Since joining the Times in 1989, she has covered immigration, ethnic communities, religion, Pacific Rim business and served as Tokyo correspondent and bureau chief. She also covered Asia, national affairs and state government for the San Jose Mercury News and wrote editorials for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner. A Seattle native, she graduated from USC in journalism and in East Asian languages and culture.

# Time for accountability in L.A. County juvenile justice

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-09-27/la-county-probation-accountability>

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# California Schools Can No Longer Suspend K-8 Students for Using Phones

<https://pressfrom.info/us/news/us/-332370-california-schools-can-no-longer-suspend-students-for-being-on-their-phones-now-what.html>



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## **Can charter and public schools share space without fights? LAUSD's \$5.5-million solution**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-02/charter-schools-campus-sharing-grants>



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## **The Lost Kids Of Venice Neverland - USC Film School Grad Screens Her Documentary About Homeless Youth — Made When She Was One Of Them**

<https://argonautnews.com/the-lost-kids-of-venice-neverland/>

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**CHRISTINA CAMPODONICO**

**OCT 2, 2019**

Christina Campodonico is a Los Angeles-based arts & multimedia journalist with a specialty in dance writing. Her writings have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *@ This Stage*, *The Daily Princetonian* and *The Argonaut*, where she is the Arts & Events Editor. Her writing mentors have included Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic Tim Page, *New York Times* dance writer Claudia La Rocco, *L.A. Times* film critic Kenneth Turan, veteran entertainment reporter Mary Murphy and L.A. dance critic Sasha Anawalt.

She graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University, where she studied English and Dance, and attended USC's Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism on a full Annenberg Fellowship. At USC she co-founded the Media Center's dedicated arts & culture online newsmagazine and podcast [Ampersand](#), whose season finale won Best College Radio Broadcast at the 2016 Broadcast Education Association Awards. Upon graduation, Christina received the Outstanding Journalism Student in the Arts award and jumped straight into arts reporting and criticism in her native SoCal. She has been nominated for two L.A. Press Club awards. Christina enjoys reading, writing and watching other people perform.

## **Only half of California students meet English standards and fewer meet math standards, test scores show**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-09/california-school-test-scores-2019>



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## **Long Beach school locking playground for student safety, but at what cost?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-09/lopez-column-long-beach-school-locking-playground>



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## **State will audit Inspire charter school network for alleged fraud**

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/story/2019-10-09/state-agency-will-audit-inspire-charter-school-network-for-alleged-fraud>



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## **Medical marijuana OK at K-12 schools in California after Gov. Newsom signs new law**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-10/gov-newsom-signs-new-law-allowing-medical-marijuana-at-k12-schools>

**PATRICK MCGREEVY**  
**OCT 10, 2019**



Patrick McGreevy covers the California Legislature out of the Sacramento bureau. Since joining the Los Angeles Times in 1998, he has worked in the City Hall and San Fernando Valley bureaus, writing about subjects including Valley secession, LAPD reform and city government during the administrations of Mayors Richard Riordan, James Hahn and Antonio Villaraigosa. He is a native of San Diego and a graduate of San Jose State University.

# California becomes first state in the country to push back school start times

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-13/california-first-state-country-later-school-start-times-new-law>



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## Almost 1 million kids could lose automatic eligibility for free school lunches under Trump proposal

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2019-10-16/1-million-kids-could-lose-free-school-lunches>

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## Noncitizens voting in LAUSD elections? Bad idea

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## Why 'Sesame Street' is smarter about foster care than your local child welfare agency

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## **Founder and CEO of embattled Inspire charter schools resigns**

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## **Elizabeth Warren vows to end federal funding for new charter schools**

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# Trump proposes denying free school meals to half a million children

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-10-21/hiltzik-trump-school-lunch>



**MICHAEL HILTZIK**

**OCT 21, 2019**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Hiltzik writes a daily blog appearing on latimes.com. His business column appears in print every Sunday, and occasionally on other days. As a member of the Los Angeles Times staff, he has been a financial and technology writer and a foreign correspondent. He is the author of six books, including “Dealers of Lightning: Xerox PARC and the Dawn of the Computer Age” and “The New Deal: A Modern History.” Hiltzik and colleague Chuck Philips shared the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for articles exposing corruption in the entertainment industry.

# Billionaire Rick Caruso gives \$50 million to Pepperdine law school to expand access for underserved students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-23/billionaire-rick-caruso-gives-50-million-to-pepperdine-law-school-to-expand-access-for-underserved-students>



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# This group was supposed to help L.A. tackle poverty head-on. Instead, it's shutting down

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-10-25/youth-policy-institute-shut-down-financial-garcetti>



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# Yelp-like ratings for L.A. public schools look like a no-go. But what's next?



<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-05/grading-schools-in-los-angeles>



**HOWARD BLUME**  
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## **LAUSD guide: How to get into a magnet school or specialized programs in Los Angeles**

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## **California's poorest kids aren't getting the school funding they've been promised**

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## **Western Individualism May Have Roots In The Medieval Church's Obsession With Incest**

<https://www.npr.org/people/578890280/rhithu-chatterjee>



**RHITU CHATTERJEE**  
**Nov 7, 2019**

Rhithu Chatterjee is a health correspondent with NPR, with a focus on mental health. In addition to writing about the latest developments in psychology and psychiatry, she reports on the prevalence of different mental illnesses and new developments in treatments.

Chatterjee explores the underlying causes of mental health disorders – the complex web of biological, socio-economic, and cultural factors that influence how mental health problems manifest themselves in different groups – and how our society deals with the mentally ill. She has a particular interest in mental health problems faced by the most



vulnerable, especially pregnant women and children, as well as racial minorities and undocumented immigrants.

Chatterjee has reported on how chronic stress from racism has a devastating impact on pregnancy outcomes in black women. She has reported on the factors that put adolescents and youth on a path to school shootings, and what some schools are doing keep them off that path. She has covered the rising rates of methamphetamine and opioid use by pregnant women, and how some cities are helping these women stay off the drugs, have healthy pregnancies, and raise their babies on their own. She has also written about the widespread levels of loneliness and lack of social connection in America and its consequences of people's physical health.

Before starting at NPR's health desk in 2018, Chatterjee was an editor for NPR's *The Salt*, where she edited stories about food, culture, nutrition, and agriculture. In that role, she also produced a short online food video series called "[Hot Pot: A Dish, A Memory](#)," which featured dishes from a particular country as made by a person who grew up with the dish. The series was produced in collaboration with NPR's *Goats & Soda* blog.

Prior to that, Chatterjee reported on current affairs from New Delhi for PRI's *The World*, and covered science and health news for *Science Magazine*. Before that, she was based in Boston as a science correspondent with PRI's *The World*.

Throughout her career, Chatterjee has reported on everything from basic scientific discoveries to issues at the intersection of science, society, and culture. She has covered the legacy of the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984, the world's largest industrial disaster. She has reported on a mysterious epidemic of chronic kidney disease in Sri Lanka and India. While in New Delhi, she also covered women's issues. Her reporting went beyond the breaking news headlines about sexual violence to document the underlying social pressures faced by Indian girls and women.

She has won two reporting grants from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting and was awarded a certificate of merit by the Gabriel Awards in 2014.

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## **Cal State math proposal would create an unfair barrier for black and Latino students, critics say**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-21/csu-proposes-delay-to-increased-admissions-requirements>



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## **Math scares your child's elementary school teacher — and that should frighten you**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-11-21/math-anxiety-elementary-teacher>



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## **Foster youth scramble to find housing after county tells them they must move, citing youths' 'best interest'**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-11-22/foster-youth>



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## **500 homeless families go to head of line for L.A. housing vouchers**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-06/500-homeless-families-go-to-head-of-line-for-housing>



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## **Foster youth housing program is shut down after site is linked to a murder investigation**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-16/foster-youth-housing-program-shut-down-site-murder-investigation>



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# At toy drive, struggling parents get help making Christmas morning come true

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-17/at-this-toy-drive-struggling-parents-get-help-making-christmas-morning-come-true>



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## What it will take to better serve homeless children in Los Angeles schools

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-12-24/schools-laUSD-homeless-students>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
**DEC 24, 2019**

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 Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

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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.

## Poway school will add shower and laundry facilities for homeless students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-26/abraxas-high-school-in-poway-adding-shower-laundry-for-homeless-students>



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## **Charter schools vs teachers union: A high stakes L.A. school board election takes shape**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-26/high-stakes-laUSD-elections-for-charters-unions>



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## **For students with kids, college can be a lonely struggle. One program aims to help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2019-12-27/community-college-program-helps-student-parents>



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## **Vendors for charter schools face rules**

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## **Financial troubles and a shocking suicide have upended this tiny L.A. school district**

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## **Inglewood charter school with history of alleged wrongdoing denied renewal by county**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-08/la-county-board-votes-to-close-todays-fresh-starts-inglewood-charter-school>



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## **Newsom's budget includes \$900 million to address California teacher shortage**

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## **L.A. council president: It's time to reexamine how we're handling homelessness**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-14/nury-martinez-los-angeles-city-council>



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# Moms squatting in home to protest Bay Area housing crisis are kicked out by deputies

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-14/oakland-moms-fighting-for-bay-area-housing-evicted>



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# Trump's tax reform is leaving millions of poor children behind

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-01-17/child-tax-credit-eligibility-low-income-donald-trump>



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# L.A. teachers' strike fueled a labor movement. But did it really help schools?

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## **Good intentions are forcing foster kids into bad places**

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## **What LAUSD can learn from the New York City Community Schools Initiative**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-01-28/new-york-community-schools-laUSD>



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## **Major resource infusion is in the works for 20 struggling L.A. schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-01-29/major-makeover-in-store-for-20-struggling-l-a-schools>



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## **This election is off-limits to voters. But the results will matter a lot to L.A. school families**

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## **About to become teachers, they're worried about affording the rent**

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Dream Works movie by the same name. Lopez's television reporting for public station KCET has won three local news Emmys, three Golden Mike awards and a share of the Columbia University DuPont Award.

## Photo of students with swastika and Confederate flag roils Riverside school

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-12/photo-of-teens-posing-with-swastika-in-front-of-confederate-flag-sparks-outrage-at-riverside-school>



**HANNAH FRY**  
**FEB 12, 2020**

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## L.A. County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey moves to wipe 66,000 marijuana convictions

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-13/la-district-attorney-clear-marijuana-convictions>



**ALENE TCHEKMEDYAN**  
**FEB 13, 2020**

Alene Tchekmedyan covers the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. She previously wrote about the county's criminal courts and breaking news throughout California. Before joining The Times in 2016, she reported on crime and policing for the Glendale News-Press and Burbank Leader. She grew up in Huntington Beach and graduated from UCLA.

## Do active-shooter drills in schools hurt students more than they help?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-02-14/active-shooter-drills-public-schools>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**  
**FEB 14, 2020**

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## There's a new Proposition 13. It would send billions to California schools that need it

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-17/skelton-proposition-13-schools-bond>



**GEORGE SKELTON**  
**SACRAMENTO**  
**FEB 17, 2020**

Political columnist George Skelton has covered government and politics for more than 50 years and for The Times since 1974. He has been a Times political writer and editor in Los Angeles, Sacramento bureau chief and White House correspondent. He has written a

column on California politics, "Capitol Journal," since 1993. Skelton is a Santa Barbara native, grew up in Ojai and received a journalism degree at San Jose State.

## **A surprise big spender funds attack campaign mailers in key L.A. school board races**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-18/bloomfield-is-big-early-spender-in-pivotal-school-board-races>



**HOWARD BLUME**

**FEB 18, 2020**

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## **You'll need a shower after reading about this school board race that's descended into the gutter**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-22/steve-lopez-column-laUSD-school-board-race>



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## **Proposition 13 is endorsed by schools across California. Why not LAUSD?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-02-27/lausd-proposition-13>



**NINA AGRAWAL & HOWARD BLUME**

**FEB 27, 2020**

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**Mike Bonin calls for making L.A. streets more Family-Friendly during pandemic**  
<https://11thdistrict.com/news/mike-calls-for-making-l-a-streets-more-family-friendly-during-covid-19-crisis/>

**MIKE BONIN**  
**APR 13, 2020**

LA City Councilperson for 11<sup>th</sup> District.

## **Distance Learning Not Working? Try These Alternative Strategies**

<https://www.moms.com/alternative-strategies-if-distance-learning-isnt-working/amp/>



**DIANE MTETWA**  
**APR 24, 2020**

I've loved reading since I first learned how and writing as well. I used to work in finance but left that field after having my daughter Sydney 3 years ago. I still love to educate people about money and finance with my writing and I also love writing about my experiences as a mom.

## **Does the U.S. Constitution guarantee kids the right to be taught how to read? It should**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-04-28/literacy-ruling-6th-circuit>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**  
**APR 28, 2020**

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## **We need to prepare for the mental health effects of coronavirus on kids**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-07/coronavirus-anxiety-children-long-term-mental-health-impacts>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
**MAY 7, 2020**

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**Times staff writer Deborah Netburn contributed to this report.**

## **What it will take to reopen LAUSD schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-12/lausd-superintendent-beutner-reopening-schools-coronavirus>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
MAY 12, 2020

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 Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

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.

## Mayor Garcetti: Slow Streets L.A. To Launch In Two Neighborhoods

<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-slow-streets-la-launch-two-neighborhoods>

**ERIC GARCETTI**  
MAY 15, 2020

LA City Mayor

*New initiative will calm traffic on residential streets to create space for safer outdoor recreation*

## With restaurants hurting, cities look to turn streets into dining rooms

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-19/long-beach-mulls-opening-streets-for-dining-and-recreation>



**LUKE MONEY**  
MAY 19, 2020

Luke Money is a Metro reporter covering breaking news at the Los Angeles Times. He previously was a reporter and assistant city editor for the Daily Pilot, a Times Community News publication in Orange County, and before that covered education, politics and government for the Santa Clarita Valley Signal. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Arizona, where he was the editor-in-chief of the college newspaper, The Arizona Daily Wildcat.

**Times Community News staff writer Matt Szabo contributed to this report.**

## Distance learning? Even my students will tell you that's not the future

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-05-26/teacher-distance-learning-coronavirus>





**JEREMY ADAMS**  
MAY 26, 2020

Jeremy Adams is the author of "Riding the Wave: Teacher Strategies for Navigating Change and Strengthening Key Relationships", recipient of the Jim Burke Rising Star Teaching Award and founder of the Earl Warren Cup Constitutional Competition. He teaches political science at Bakersfield High School and California State University, Bakersfield. Mr. Adams was named "2012 Kern County Teacher of the Year" and won the 2012 Beautiful Bakersfield award in Education. He lives in Central California with his wife and three children.

## **Pediatricians say kids should be in school despite coronavirus risk**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-10/school-reopening-coronavirus-spike-parents-teachers-split>



**SONALI KOHLI**  
JUN 3, 2020

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## **Racism is the reason Black people are disproportionately homeless in L.A., report shows**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-12/racism-making-more-black-people-la-homeless>



**GALE HOLLAND**  
JUN 12, 2020

Gale Holland covers homelessness and poverty for the Los Angeles Times. Starting in 2005, she edited the cops and courts beat, wrote news columns and covered higher education. A series about college construction abuses that she wrote with Michael Finnegan won a 2012 investigative reporting award from the Nieman Foundation. A Los Angeles native, she has worked for USA Today, Copley News & L.A. Weekly and wants to understand the consequences of urban inequality.

**This article refers to disproportionate impacts on minority families by systemic racism.**

"The numbers released Friday predate the coronavirus pandemic, which has unleashed a cataract of unemployment and potential evictions that Blasi said could hurl 36,000 primarily Latino and Black households, including 56,000 children, into homelessness."

## **Reopening California schools is dangerous. But so is letting kids go a year without learning**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-06-14/california-public-school-reopening-concerns>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

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## Should you send your child back to school? Parents are stressed and divided

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-10/school-reopening-coronavirus-spike-parents-teachers-split>



**HOWARD BLUME & DAVID LAUTER & NINA AGRAWAL**

**JUL 10, 2020**

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Nina Agrawal is a staff writer for the Los Angeles Times. She previously reported for WLRN-Miami Herald News and for the Latin American affairs magazine Americas Quarterly. A Southern California native, Agrawal is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and School of International and Public Affairs.

## L.A. teachers union says schools should not reopen next month, citing coronavirus spike

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-09/los-angeles-teachers-union-calls-for-delay-reopening>



**NINA AGRAWAL & HOWARD BLUME & SONALI KOHLI**

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## Keeping L.A. schools closed: An agonizing but necessary decision

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## My first reaction when I heard L.A. schools won't be open this fall? Tears. Lots of them

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-13/lausd-closed-coronavirus-homeschool>



KERRY CAVANAUGH

JUL 13, 2020

Kerry Cavanaugh is an editorial writer covering Los Angeles and Southern California, with a focus on housing, transportation and environmental issues. Prior to joining the board, she was a producer on KCRW's "To the Point" and "Which Way, L.A." Before that, she spent a decade at the L.A. Daily News, where she covered L.A. and California politics and wrote a column on local government issues. She's a graduate of New York University and Columbia Journalism School.

## L.A. Unified will not reopen campuses for start of school year amid coronavirus spike

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-13/l-a-unified-will-not-reopen-campus-start-of-school-year>



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## New Report Says Schools Should Try To Reopen In Person For Elementary Students

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/07/15/891347536/-we-failed-children-says-co-author-of-new-national-back-to-school-report>



ANYA KAMENETZ

July 15, 2020

Anya Kamenetz is an education correspondent at NPR. She joined NPR in 2014, working as part of a new initiative to coordinate on-air and online coverage of learning. Since then the NPR Ed team has won a 2017 Edward R. Murrow Award for Innovation, and a 2015 National Award for Education Reporting for the multimedia national collaboration, [the Grad Rates project](#).

Kamenetz is the author of several books. Her latest is *The Art of Screen Time: How Your Family Can Balance Digital Media and Real Life* (PublicAffairs, 2018). Her previous books touched on student loans, innovations to address cost, quality, and access in higher

education, and issues of assessment and excellence: *Generation Debt*; *DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs, and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education*, and *The Test*.

Kamenetz covered technology, innovation, sustainability, and social entrepreneurship for five years as a staff writer for *Fast Company* magazine. She's contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Magazine* and *Slate*, and appeared in documentaries shown on PBS and CNN.

## Will children spread COVID-19 if they go back to school?

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-07-16/will-children-spread-covid-19-if-they-return-to-school>



**KAREN KAPLAN**  
**SCIENCE AND MEDICINE EDITOR**  
**JUL 16, 2020**

Karen Kaplan is science and medicine editor at the Los Angeles Times. Before joining the science group in 2005, she covered technology in the Business section for 10 years. She is a graduate of MIT and Columbia University. In a parallel universe without journalism, she'd have a career in economics, genetics, biostatistics or some other field that describes the world in math.

## L.A. Latino, Black students suffered deep disparities in online learning, records show

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-16/latino-and-black-students-hard-hit-with-disparities-in-their-struggle-with-online-learning>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & HOWARD BLUME**  
**JUL 16, 2020**

Paloma Esquivel writes about the Inland Empire. She was on the Los Angeles Times team that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for public service for investigating corruption in the city of Bell and the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of the San Bernardino terror attack. Prior to joining The Times in 2007, she was a freelance writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

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**Times staff writer Sonali Kohli contributed to this report.**

## LAUSD expanding community-centered education model districtwide

<https://www.dailynews.com/2020/07/20/lausd-expanding-community-centered-education-model-districtwide/amp/>



**DAVID ROSENFELD**  
**July 21, 2020**

David Rosenfeld has been working as a professional journalist for nearly 20 years at newspapers, magazines and websites. He's covered murder trials, interviewed governors and presidential candidates and once did a flip in a biplane for a story assignment. Before joining The Daily Breeze in 2018 to cover El Segundo, Hawthorne and aerospace, he worked at The

Beach Reporter in Redondo Beach. In his free time, David loves outdoor sports such as sailing, mountain biking and golfing.

## Parents rush to hire tutors and create learning pods. But not everyone has options

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-22/distance-learning-pods-tutors-equity>



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**JUL 22, 2020**

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## California schools need leadership. Here's where to start

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-23/california-schools-how-when-to-reopen>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

**JUL 23, 2020**

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## L.A. County could use parks, libraries as learning sites amid school closures

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-07-23/la-county-could-turn-parks-libraries-into-learning-sites>



**TOMÁS MIER**

**JUL 23, 2020**

Tomás Mier is a reporting intern on the COVID-19 team at the Los Angeles Times who is contributing to "[The Pandemic's Toll: Lives Lost in California](#)" in partnership with the Pulitzer Center and USC. His work has been featured in People Magazine, Teen Vogue and other outlets. He is also the former editor in chief of USC's student newspaper Daily Trojan. Originally from the Bay Area, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and Latinx studies from the University of Southern California.

## Working parents face a child-care crisis. Here's how L.A. employers are handling it

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-07-24/schools-out-forever-are-l-a-s-largest-employers-meeting-the-needs-of-parents>





**SAM DEAN**  
JUL 24, 2020

Sam Dean is a business reporter for the Los Angeles Times covering the technology industry in Southern California. He has previously worked as a feature writer for a number of publications including Newsweek, the Verge, 538 and Lucky Peach.

**Times staff writer Laurence Darmiento contributed to this report.**

## California schools were already unequal. Then came 'learning pods'

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-07-29/editorial-california-schools-were-already-unequal-then-came-learning-pods>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

JUL 29, 2020

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## Harvard Epidemiologist: 'Hybrid' Model For Reopening Schools Is 'Probably Among The Worst' Options

<https://www.wgbh.org/news/people/joe-mathieu>



**WILLIAM HANAGE**  
JUL 30, 2020

I am an Associate Professor of Epidemiology in the department of Epidemiology, and a faculty member in the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics. I employ a mix of theoretical and laboratory work to research the evolution and epidemiology of infectious disease. After my PhD, I did post doctoral study at the University of Oxford and Imperial College London, before being awarded a Royal Society University Research Fellowship. Prior to joining the [Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics](#), I was a Reader in the department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at Imperial College London. There I worked extensively developing multilocus sequence typing (MLST; [www.mlst.net](http://www.mlst.net)) and analysis (MLSA) for the study of bacterial pathogens and species, as well as means of analyzing data developed using this method. I am particularly interested in using an evolutionary framework such as methods derived from population genetics to inform epidemiology. In 2012 I received the Fleming Prize for research in Microbiology and was the recipient of a 2012 ICAAC Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Microbiology.

## Sal Khan says distance learning can't fully replace in-person instruction

<https://edsources.org/2020/sal-khan-says-distance-learning-cant-fully-replace-in-person-instruction/637541/amp>



**LOUIS FREEDBERG & SAL KAHN**  
AUG 3, 2020



Louis Freedberg is executive director of EdSource. For more than two decades, Freedberg has analyzed and reported on local, state, and national education policy. Before coming to EdSource, Freedberg was the founding director of California Watch at the Center for Investigative Reporting. He spent 15 years at the San Francisco Chronicle, where he was an award-winning education reporter, Washington correspondent, columnist, and member of the editorial board. He has a Ph.D. in social anthropology from UC Berkeley and a B.A. in child development from Yale University.

Sal started Khan Academy in 2005 to help his cousins (and soon other people's cousins). In addition to setting the vision and direction for Khan Academy, he still makes a lot of videos (although he's not the only one anymore).

Sal holds three degrees from MIT and an MBA from Harvard.

## Some California elementary schools could reopen if they meet state waiver rules

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-03/some-california-elementary-schools-could-reopen-if-they-meet-state-waiver-rules>



**ANITA CHABRIA & NINA AGRAWAL**

**Aug 3, 2020**

Anita Chabria covers California state politics and policy for the Los Angeles Times and is based in Sacramento. Before joining The Times, she worked for the Sacramento Bee as a member of its statewide investigative team, and previously covered criminal justice and City Hall.

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**Sacramento bureau chief John Myers contributed to this report.**

## LAUSD, teachers reach tentative deal on remote learning

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-03/lausd-teachers-reach-tentative-online-learning-pact>



**HOWARD BLUME**

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## We're facing a 'generational catastrophe' in education, UN warns

<https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/08/04/world/school-closures-catastrophe-un-covid-19-intl/index.html>



**RADINA GIGOVA & JACQUELINE HOWARD**

**Aug 4, 2020**

Radina Gigova is a multimedia journalist part of CNN's award winning international newsgathering team, based at the network's headquarters in Atlanta. Radina works closely with CNN's bureaus around the globe and digital platforms covering breaking news and major world events. She has played an integral part of the network's coverage of the new era of US -- Russia relations, the global fight against terrorism and the rise of ISIS, the war in eastern Ukraine, the migrant crisis in the Mediterranean, as well as the humanitarian emergencies unfolding in northern Nigeria and east Africa. Some of her recent reports featured on CNN's digital platforms focus on the peace talks aimed at negotiating a political solution to the Syrian war, the persistent tensions between NATO and Moscow and the ongoing fighting along the frontline in eastern Ukraine. Radina has a master's degree in Broadcast Journalism and Public Policy from American University in Washington, DC and has received a Diploma DELE Superior in Spanish from the Cervantes Institute in Madrid, Spain. An avid coffee fan, Radina is known for her love of dynamite espressos. Follow Radina on Twitter @RadinaCNN and Instagram @radina\_cnn,

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## Child care has been safe during the pandemic. That could be a good sign for schools

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-04/child-care-has-been-safe-during-the-pandemic-that-could-be-a-good-sign-for-schools>



**ANNA ALMENDRALA**  
**AUG. 4, 2020**

Anna Almendrala, Correspondent, covers the business of health care and health care policy. She was born in Manila, Philippines, and grew up in Wellington, New Zealand, before moving to California. She previously worked at HuffPost for nine years, where she reported on health and lifestyle news and was the creator and host of a podcast about infertility called "IVFML." The podcast was a Webby finalist in 2019 and a Webby honoree in 2018. It also won a 2019 Excellence in Podcasts award from the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. Anna was a USC Center for Health Journalism Fellow in 2015. In addition to HuffPost, her work has appeared in The Guardian, The Daily Beast, Medium, Sojourners and on NBC and Univision. She attended UC Berkeley and double-majored in rhetoric and Spanish.

**Almendrala writes for [Kaiser Health News](#), a nonprofit news service covering health issues. It is an editorially independent program of the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) and is not affiliated with Kaiser Permanente.**

## ‘I don’t know what I’m supposed to do.’ Parents in distress over school opening online



<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-05/parents-school-reopening-online-distance-learning-worry>

**ANDREW J. CAMPA & HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 5, 2020**

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## **The new school year is starting, ready or not. Much of California is not**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-05/school-year-state-leadership-missing>

**THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD**

**AUG. 5, 2020**

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## **What will it take for schools to reopen safely in the midst of a pandemic?**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-06/what-will-it-take-for-schools-to-reopen-safely-in-the-midst-of-a-pandemic>



**DEBORAH NETBURN**

**AUG 6, 2020**

Deborah Netburn is a features writer at the Los Angeles Times. Endlessly curious, she's covered a wide variety of topics since starting at the paper in 2006, including entertainment, home and garden, national news, technology and science. She's hung out with Tibetan monks in the Pacific Palisades, seen seahorses at the bottom of Alamitos Bay and spent time with the working witches of Los Angeles. She is always looking for a good story.

## **How to improve distance learning for our youngest students**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-06/early-education-covid-distance-learning>



**BENJAMIN COTTINGHAM & H. ALIX GALLAGHER**

**AUG. 6, 2020**

Benjamin Cottingham is the Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships at PACE and focuses on the development of organizational conditions that support the continual improvement of student outcomes across California's education system. He leads work at

PACE examining how California's county offices of education support continuous improvement. He is also currently involved with several research partnerships, including the CORE-PACE partnership, studying the impact of networked improvement communities on at risk student populations.

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## **Facing a wave of evictions, California is about to make thousands of kids homeless**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-07/coronavirus-eviction-rent-housing-crisis-cliff-california-covid>



**ERIKA D. SMITH**  
**AUG 7, 2020**

Erika D. Smith is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times writing about the diversity of people and places across California. She joined The Times in 2018 as an assistant editor and helped expand coverage of the state's housing and homelessness crisis. She previously worked at the Sacramento Bee, where she was a columnist and editorial board member covering housing, homelessness and social justice issues. Before the Bee, Smith wrote for the Indianapolis Star and Akron Beacon Journal. She is a recipient of the Sigma Delta Chi award for column writing, a graduate of Ohio University and a native of the long-suffering sports town of Cleveland.

## **Eviction protections are expiring. What does this mean for struggling California tenants?**

<https://www.latimes.com/homeless-housing/story/2020-08-07/assessing-california-rent-relief-eviction-protections-end>



**LIAM DILLON**  
**AUG 7, 2020**

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**Times staff writers Melody Gutierrez, Phil Willon & Sarah D. Wire contributed to this report.**

## **This California school is open, 'learning as we go.' Is it a model or a mistake?**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-10/california-school-open-coronavirus>



**ANITA CHABRIA**  
**AUG 10, 2020**

Anita Chabria covers California state politics and policy for the Los Angeles Times and is based in Sacramento. Before joining The Times, she worked for the Sacramento Bee as a

member of its statewide investigative team, and previously covered criminal justice and City Hall.

## **The wrong way to reopen schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-10/editorial-the-wrong-way-to-reopen-schools>

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## **L.A. school board approves deal on remote learning; critics say it falls short on teaching**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-11/lausd-approves-teaching-agreement-over-critics-objections>



**HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 11, 2020**

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## **LAUSD Board approves deal with teachers to start new school year with distance learning**

<https://abc7.com/amp/lausd-los-angeles-unified-school-district-la-teachers-union-united/6366283/>



**SID GARCIA & MARC COTA-ROBLES**

**AUG 12, 2020**

Sid Garcia is a general assignment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News. Sid was raised in Southern California and is a graduate of California State University Long Beach with a degree in journalism. He started his broadcast career in 1983 at KBAK in Bakersfield as an anchor and reporter. In 1987, Sid went to WGN in Chicago. He returned to Los Angeles in 1994 to anchor and report at KFWB news radio. He then went to KFSN in Fresno as a reporter and anchor before returning home to join ABC7 in 1997. During his tenure at ABC7, Sid has also served as the Eyewitness News Orange County Bureau Chief. Sid is a long time member of the California Chicano News Media Association and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Sid is committed to the community, regularly participating in educational projects and other civic events.

Marc Cota-Robles is a general assignment reporter and fill-in anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News.

A native of Orange County, Marc is a graduate of Chapman University, where he received a bachelor's degree in broadcast television journalism.

While at ABC7, Marc has reported on countless breaking stories, including the Las Vegas mass shooting, the destructive Thomas Fire in Ventura and the mudslide aftermath in Montecito.



Marc joined ABC7 in June 2014 after spending nearly eight years at KION-TV, the CBS affiliate in Salinas, California. While at KION, Marc served in many roles, including evening news anchor, beginning in 2010. The station was honored with three consecutive regional Emmy awards for best newscast (small market) in Northern California. In 2012, Marc's anchor duties extended to KION's sister stations, KCOY 12 and KKFX FOX 11, based in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara, California. Marc began his career in 2006 as a morning news anchor at KVII-TV in Amarillo. Prior to jumping into the broadcast news industry, Marc drove open-wheel race cars, competing in the Pro Mazda National Championship. He continues to be an avid motorsports fan and has attended the Indianapolis 500 annually since 1993. He lives in Pasadena with his wife, son and rescue dog Hayley.

## 'Pandemic pods' becoming a popular alternative to distance learning

<https://komonews.com/amp/news/local/pandemic-pods-pondering-safety-over-convenience>



**DENISE WHITAKER**

**AUG 12, 2020**

Life is an adventure! That's the way KOMO 4 Weekend Morning Anchor, Denise Whitaker views her time here on earth. Denise and her husband Terron enjoy Adventure Racing, a multi-sport competition where you navigate your way through a secret course by mountain biking, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, with a little climbing or rappelling thrown in for good measure!

Professionally, Denise worked her way up through the ranks of television news, anchoring weekend weather, reporting and finally anchoring the news.

She grew up in and around Chicago, but called five states home, before she found her new home in Seattle. Denise loves doing what she can for others, serving in the past on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Susan G Komen Foundation, American Diabetes Association and various groups that promote health and physical fitness. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Denise to his Governor's Council on Fitness and awarded her the Arkansas Traveler Certificate.

When she's not outside running a trail, or mountain biking, you'll find Denise in the kitchen, creating gourmet, yet healthy recipes.

## Angelina Jolie: Why children suffer more violence amid COVID-19

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-12/child-abuse-coronavirus-pandemic-angelina-jolie>



**ANGELINA JOLIE**

**AUG. 12, 2020**

The following is a list of awards and nominations received by American actress and filmmaker Angelina Jolie. She has received three Golden Globe Awards, two Screen Actors Guild Awards, and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performances in the films *George Wallace* (1997), *Gia* (1998), and *Girl, Interrupted* (1999). Her later performances as Mariane Pearl in *A Mighty Heart* (2007) and Christine Collins in *Changeling* (2008) earned her additional nominations, including an Academy Award for Best Actress nomination for the latter. For her work in the action films *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* (2004), *Mr. & Mrs. Smith* (2005), *Wanted* (2008), and *The Tourist* (2010), Jolie received awards based on popular votes, including an MTV Movie Award, two People's Choice Awards, and four Teen Choice Awards. In 2013, she received the Academy Awards Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award. Special Envoy to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



# Back to school in a pandemic: The basics of remote learning

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/back-to-school-in-a-pandemic-the-basics-of-remote-learning>



**FAITH E. PINHO**

**AUG 13, 2020**

Faith E. Pinho reports on trending and breaking news stories. She came to the Los Angeles Times from the Daily Pilot, where she covered coastal Orange County cities since 2018. Before that, she reported for the Indianapolis Star, the Washington Times and public radio stations WBUR and WMRA. She studied journalism and politics at Washington and Lee University and King's College London. A Boston native, Pinho can now usually be found tending to her succulents, scarfing down carnitas tacos or scratching her head over her compost pile.

## What can parents who work outside the home do about remote schooling?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/parents-who-work-resources>



**LILA SEIDMAN**

**AUG 13, 2020**

Lila Seidman covers trending and breaking news for the Los Angeles Times. Over the years, she's reported for a variety of publications, including the Daily Journal, a statewide legal publication, and the UB Post, an English-language newspaper in Mongolia, and her work has appeared in L.A. Weekly, Gawker and Vice. Prior to landing at The Times, she served as city reporter for the Glendale News-Press. A native Angeleno raised on sun and smog, she briefly deflected up north to attend Reed College in Portland, Ore., where she earned a degree in Russian and psychology.

## A generation left behind? Online learning cheats poor students, Times survey finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-13/online-learning-fails-low-income-students-covid-19-left-behind-project>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & HOWARD BLUME & BEN POSTON & JULIA BARAJAS**

**AUG 13, 2020**

Paloma Esquivel writes about the Inland Empire. She was on the Los Angeles Times team that won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for public service for investigating corruption in the city of Bell and the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for coverage of the San Bernardino terror attack. Prior to joining The Times in 2007, she was a freelance writer, worked in Spanish-language radio and was an occasional substitute teacher. A Southern California native, she graduated from UC Berkeley and has a master's in journalism from Syracuse University.

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Ben Poston is an investigative reporter specializing in data at the Los Angeles Times. A three-time Livingston Award finalist, Poston has won several national awards, including a George Polk Award, a Gerald Loeb Award and Sigma Delta Chi's award for First

Amendment reporting. He worked on “[Behind the Badge](#),” a series that detailed the flawed hiring practices by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. He also co-wrote an investigation that found the Los Angeles Police Department routinely misclassified violent crime data. A native of Springfield, Ohio, he joined The Times in 2012. Prior to that, he was the data editor at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Julia Barajas is a Los Angeles Times reporter and a native Angeleno. Before joining The Times, she covered the impact of changing drug policies in California and Latin America for Cannabis Wire. Her work has also appeared in La Opinión, La Prensa Gráfica and the Columbia Journalism Review. After graduating from the University of Chicago, she earned a master’s in education from Cal State Long Beach, as well as a master’s in journalism from Columbia University.

**Times staff writers Nina Agrawal and Sonali Kohli contributed to this story.**

## **California schools allowed to open for small groups with ‘acute’ needs under new guidance**

<https://edsource.org/2020/california-schools-allowed-to-open-for-small-groups-with-acute-needs-under-new-guidance/638337/amp>



**JOHN FENSTERWALD**

**Aug 14, 2020**

John Fensterwald, staff writer, joined EdSource in 2012. Before that, he was editor and co-writer for The Educated Guess website, a leading source of California education policy reporting and opinion, which he founded in 2009. For 11 years before then, John wrote editorials for the Mercury News in San Jose, with a focus on education. He worked as a reporter, news editor and opinion editor for three newspapers in New Hampshire before receiving a Knight Fellowship at Stanford University in 1997. His wife is a retired elementary school teacher, and his daughter is a neurology resident at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine.

### **LAUSD**

## **Teachers Approve LAUSD's Plans For Fall Semester**

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/teachers-approve-lausds-plans-for-fall-semester/2413398/?amp>

**CITY NEWS SERVICE**

**AUG 15, 2020**

**The LAUSD school year will begin next week.**

## **L.A. schools announce massive COVID-19 testing, tracing initiative for all students, staff**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-16/l-a-schools-announce-massive-covid-19-testing-tracing-initiative-for-all-students-staff>



**LAURA NEWBERRY & HOWARD BLUME**

**AUG 16, 2020**

Laura Newberry is a Metro reporter at the Los Angeles Times. She previously worked as a staff reporter at both the Reading Eagle in Eastern Pennsylvania and MassLive in Western Massachusetts. Originally from Florida, she graduated from the University of Central Florida in 2013 and UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism in 2018.

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## **How we can get kids back to school safely during the pandemic**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-08-16/schools-covid-testing-coronavirus-pandemic-reopen>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
AUG 16, 2020

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 Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran for [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) in 2012. Beutner, the son of German immigrants, was born in New York and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His mother is a retired schoolteacher and his father is a retired manufacturing engineer.

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 decommission 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.

## [Churches, gyms, yoga studios applying to use county parks](#)

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/health/story/2020-08-16/churches-gyms-yoga-studios-applying-to-use-county-parks>



**GARY WARTH**  
AUG 16, 2020

Gary Warth has covered a variety of beats since 1989 and now covers public safety and homeless issues at The San Diego Union-Tribune. A San Diego resident since the 1970s, he earned a journalism degree from San Diego State University and has won numerous awards for his work.

## **Several county parks are available for specific use without fees** [LAUSD Launches Online But With Massive Testing, Tracing Push To Speed Return To Classrooms](#)

<https://deadline.com/2020/08/laUSD-launches-online-massive-testing-tracing-push-to-speed-return-classrooms-1203015598/amp/>

**JILL GOLDSMITH**  
Aug 17, 2020

## [As school starts, California districts try to improve virtual special education](#)

<https://edsources.org/2020/as-school-starts-california-districts-try-to-improve-virtual-special-education/638325/amp>



**CAROLYN JONES**  
AUG 17, 2020

Carolyn Jones is a senior reporter at EdSource. She was a reporter for 17 years at the San Francisco Chronicle, where she covered local government, the environment, breaking

news and other beats. She's also worked at the Oakland Tribune and Hayward Daily Review.

## **LA Meets Five Of State's Six Coronavirus Benchmarks For Reopening**

<https://patch.com/california/los-angeles/amp/28911933/la-meets-five-of-states-six-coronavirus-benchmarks-for-reopening>



**PAIGE AUSTIN**  
**Aug 17, 2020**

I learned how to be a reporter at the Orange County Register, where I covered, of all things, Los Alamitos and Seal Beach. After a couple years, however, I broke through the Orange County barrier, landing one county away at The Press-Enterprise in Riverside. I covered everything from cities, to the national forest, to courts and prisons. I do have some pretty colorful war stories from those beats. So if you see me around town, you tell me your stories, and I'll tell you about the time I met Gov. Schwarzenegger...in prison...while wearing a stab-proof vest. Or I can tell you about the time I watched a Manson girl give a talk on anger management.

I joke around. A lot. However, journalism might be the only thing I take seriously. It's a very humbling job. Everyday, people trust you with their voice on topics that matter to them, and you have to try to live up to the responsibility. If I ever fail, I need you to tell me about it, so that I can get it right. It's important.

I am insecure enough to tell you about some of the journalism awards I have won – the Associated Press Award for investigative reporting, California Newspapers Publishers Association awards for investigative reporting and best special section, the Price Child Health and Welfare Journalism award from the Children's Advocacy Institute as well as Society of Professional Journalists awards for best enterprise stories, beat reporting, feature writing, and best environmental story. I think I tried to collect awards in an effort to intimidate editors into letting me chase the kinds of stories I want to do. It doesn't really work.

Working for Patch.com, my office consists of the cities I cover, Starbucks, and my house where my co-workers include a lovely gent named D'Wayne and two pugs – Monkey and Maggie. If we ever talk on the phone, it's Maggie you might hear faintly snoring in the background. Sorry, she just can't help it.

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## **'Are we ready?' LAUSD's first day back to school, online and on Zoom, is anything but normal**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-18/laUSD-reopens-online-on-zoom-amid-anxiety>



**HOWARD BLUME & PALOMA ESQUIVEL & ANDREW J. CAMPA**  
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## **Domestic violence rose during lockdown — and injuries are dramatically more severe, study finds**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2020-08-18/intimate-partner-violence-spiked-80-after-pandemic-lockdown-began>



**MELISSA HEALY**  
**AUG 18, 2020**

Melissa Healy is a health and science reporter with the Los Angeles Times writing from the Washington, D.C., area. She covers prescription drugs, obesity, nutrition and exercise, and neuroscience, mental health and human behavior. She's been at The Times for more than 30 years, and has covered national security, environment, domestic social policy, Congress and the White House. As a baby boomer, she keenly follows trends in midlife weight gain, memory loss and the health benefits of red wine.

## **A scientific approach to education reform**

<https://news.mit.edu/2020/grasp-book-sanjay-sarma-0818>

**DAVID L. CHANDLER**  
**MIT NEWS OFFICE**  
**AUG 18, 2020**

## **I Am a Teacher. In-Person School Is Not Worth the Risk**

<https://www.newsweek.com/i-am-teacher-person-school-not-worth-risk-opinion-1526170?amp=1>



**LISA TOWNLEY**  
**AUG 18, 2020**

Lisa Townley is an elementary and middle school teacher in Massachusetts.

**The views expressed in this article are the author's own.**

## **Reopening elementary schools is risky — but so is keeping them closed**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-19/coronavirus-covid-19-reopen-elementary-schools>



**RONG-GONG LIN II**  
**AUG 19, 2020**

Rong-Gong Lin II is a metro reporter based in San Francisco who specializes in covering statewide earthquake safety issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. He won the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.'s Freedom of Information Award and the University of



Florida's Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Award. He was a finalist for the Ursula and Gilbert Farfel Prize for Excellence in Investigative Reporting and the Knight Award for Public Service. A San Francisco area native, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 2004.

## **Education cannot be paused for a pandemic**

<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/education/512806-education-cannot-be-paused-for-a-pandemic?amp>



**REP. MICHAEL C. BURGESS, M.D.**  
**(R-TEXAS)**  
**AUG 19, 2020**

Michael Burgess was born in Rochester, Minnesota, the son of Norma (née Crowhurst) and Harry Meredith Burgess; his paternal family immigrated from Nova Scotia, a province of Canada.<sup>[3]</sup> He graduated from North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas) in 1972 and graduated from the medical school at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in 1977.<sup>[4]</sup> He completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas.<sup>[5]</sup> Burgess is an Anglican.<sup>[6]</sup>

Burgess represents the 26th District of Texas and is ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health.

## **L.A. coronavirus cases dropping so low that officials could soon seek to reopen schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-20/los-angeles-coronavirus-cases-school-waiver>



**MAURA DOLAN & HOWARD BLUME**  
**AUG 20, 2020**

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## **'It's a frustrating period.' Yet LAUSD teachers muster smiles on the first day of school**

[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-21/its-a-frustrating-period-yet-lauid-teachers-muster-smiles-on-the-first-day-of-school?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-21/its-a-frustrating-period-yet-lauid-teachers-muster-smiles-on-the-first-day-of-school?_amp=true)



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## With less money and more risk, waves of child-care providers call it quits

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-22/coronavirus-dwindling-child-care-options-california>



**RIKHA SHARMA RANI**

**AUG 22, 2020**

Sharma Rani is a journalist with the Fuller Project, a global nonprofit journalism newsroom reporting on issues that affect women. Rikha is a senior writer for Fuller Project. She has reported extensively on immigration, domestic human trafficking, and criminal justice reform. She was on the US-Mexico border in the fall of 2017 providing first-hand accounts of the family separation crisis. In the lead up to the 2016 presidential election, she profiled five formerly incarcerated people who were casting their ballots for the first time. Her work has been published in The New York Times, The Atlantic, Politico Magazine, Montgomery Advertiser, and the Columbia Journalism Review. Rikha holds a Master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, where she studied economic and political development. She is also a former editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Affairs.

## Conservatives are blowing their opportunity to remake education

<https://thehill.com/opinion/education/513242-conservatives-are-blowing-their-opportunity-to-remake-education?amp>



**RYAN JAMES GIRDUSKY**

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## On or off? California schools weigh webcam concerns during distance learning

<https://edsources.org/2020/on-or-off-california-schools-weigh-webcam-concerns-during-distance-learning/638984/amp>



**SYDNEY JOHNSON**

**AUG 26, 2020**

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# Low-income parents turn to neighbors, family for help with distance learning

<https://edsources.org/author/zstavely>



**ZAIDEE STAVELY**

**AUG 28, 2020**

Zaidee Stavely is a bilingual print and radio reporter who has worked in Mexico and the U.S. She has covered education, immigration, environmental justice and traditional arts for KQED, Radio Bilingüe, and Public Radio International's "The World," among other outlets. Zaidee has won numerous awards for her journalism, including an Emmy, a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award, an Excellence in Journalism Award from SPJ Northern California, and the Rubén Salazar Award from CCCNMA: Latino Journalists of California. She grew up in rural Mendocino County, where both her parents taught in public one-room schoolhouses. She has a Master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and a B.A. in Latin American and Latino Studies and Community Studies from UC Santa Cruz. She lives in Oakland with her husband and two children.

## LAUSD's liberal student attendance policy raises eyebrows

[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-28/pandemic-school-attendance-rules-eased?\\_amp=true](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-28/pandemic-school-attendance-rules-eased?_amp=true)



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## When can schools reopen under new state rules? It's all about color-coded tiers and waivers

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-29/when-can-schools-reopen-under-new-state-rules-its-all-about-color-tiers-and-waivers>



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**Times staff writer Nina Agrawal contributed to this report.**

## **LAUSD enrollment decline continues during online learning, with unexpected drop of 6,000 kindergarteners**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-31/lausd-kindergarten-enrollment-drop>



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## **Child care providers struggle as need for services remain for many**

<https://www.msnbc.com/kasie-dc/watch/inside-the-shecession-childcare-workers-feel-squeeze-as-covid-costs-rise-enrollment-shrinks-90879045794>



**MOLLY ROECKER & ALI VITALI**

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Before moving to the nation's capital, she spent nearly two years covering Donald Trump's campaign for president as a campaign embed for NBC News, living every twist of the 2016 race in real time, reporting it for NBC News platforms online and on-air.

In July 2017, Ali was named one of Huffington Post's [Top 25 Millennial Broadcasters In American News and Politics](#).

Her past lives include producing for [Krystal Clear](#) (livestreamed on Shift by msnbc) and [The Cycle](#) on MSNBC. She has written on politics, feminism, millennial news, and pop culture with her words featured on msnbc.com and Sweet Lemon Magazine.

Ali is a Tulane alumni with a propensity for typing in ALL CAPS and a passion for live-tweeting press conferences. One of her favorite boasts is that she has memorized, and will perform on occasion, the full music video dance to Robyn's "Call Your Girlfriend."

Though she will never live up to [Taran Killam's excellence](#) in this endeavor, she probably won't stop trying. Head over to the side bar on your right for a taste of all her work.

## **Zoom overload, COVID-19 hardship: Thousands of kindergartners vanish from local schools**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-01/lausd-kindergarten-enrollment-drop-online-learning>



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Times staff writer Julia Barajas contributed to this report.

## California schools are off to a better start. But problems persist

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-02/new-school-year-california-instruction-improvements>

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## The challenges of homeschooling in a homeless shelter

<https://komonews.com/amp/news/back-to-school/homeschooling-in-a-homeless-shelter>



DENISE WHITAKER

Sep 4, 2020

Life is an adventure! That's the way KOMO 4 Weekend Morning Anchor, Denise Whitaker views her time here on earth. Denise and her husband Terron enjoy Adventure Racing, a multi-sport competition where you navigate your way through a secret course by mountain biking, hiking, canoeing or kayaking, with a little climbing or rappelling thrown in for good measure!

Professionally, Denise worked her way up through the ranks of television news, anchoring weekend weather, reporting and finally anchoring the news.

She grew up in and around Chicago, but called five states home, before she found her new home in Seattle. Denise loves doing what she can for others, serving in the past on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Susan G Komen Foundation, American Diabetes Association and various groups that promote health and physical fitness. Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee appointed Denise to his Governor's Council on Fitness and awarded her the Arkansas Traveler Certificate.

When she's not outside running a trail, or mountain biking, you'll find Denise in the kitchen, creating gourmet, yet healthy recipes.

## State warns homeschooling pods need to follow regulations and get the right permits

<https://kpic.com/amp/news/local/state-warns-homeschooling-pods-need-to-follow-regulations-and-get-the-right-permits>



MEGAN WILLGOOS  
SEP 4, 2020

Megan Willgoos comes to us all the way from the east coast. She was born and raised in Connecticut until she moved to Rhode Island two years ago. She joined the News 10 team as a reporter in May 2020.

Megan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. with a degree in Journalism and minor in Graphic Design. During her time at RWU, she interned with Boston's News Leader WCVB and ABC6 News in Providence, R.I.

Although she loves being on a beach by the ocean, the mountains in the Rogue Valley are growing on her. Outside of work, she can be found at the gym or outside on a hike soaking up the sun.

Megan is happiest when she is petting any animal or tasting food at a local restaurant. If you have a story idea, want to chat or have a dachshund up for adoption, you can reach her at [mewillgoos@ktvl.com](mailto:mewillgoos@ktvl.com)

## Registrations for Homeschooling Are Soaring

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/freedom-learn/202009/registrations-homeschooling-are-soaring?amp>



PETER GRAY  
SEP 7, 2020

Peter Gray, Ph.D., research professor at Boston College, is author of ***Free to Learn The roles of play and curiosity as foundations for learning*** (2015); and *Psychology* (Worth Publishers, a college textbook now in its 8th edition). He has conducted and published research in neuroendocrinology, developmental psychology, anthropology, and education. He did his undergraduate study at Columbia University and earned a Ph.D. in biological sciences at Rockefeller University. His current research and writing focus primarily on children's natural ways of learning and the life-long value of play. He is a founding member of the nonprofit Alliance for Self-Directed Education and a founding board member of the nonprofit Let Grow. His own play includes not only his research and writing, but also long distance bicycling, kayaking, back-woods skiing, and vegetable gardening.

## What's happening with COVID in schools? We don't know

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-08/covid-schools-data-transparency>

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## Students are creating free tutoring services to help during the pandemic

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-13/free-online-tutoring-resources-la-students>



**ADA TSENG**  
**OCT 13, 2020**

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## Parents are paying up to \$100 an hour for tutors, driving up demand and worsening inequities

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-13/covid-19-tutor-demand-cant-afford-one>



**LAURA NEWBERRY**  
**OCT 13, 2020**

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**Times staff writer Howard Blume contributed to this report.**

## California's homeless students could fill Dodger Stadium 5 times, study finds

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-10-21/homeless-students-in-california-ucla-report>



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## Getting kids back in classrooms should be a top pandemic priority, LAUSD superintendent says

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-11-17/op-ed-kids-classrooms-covid19-pandemic-priority>



**AUSTIN BEUTNER**  
**NOV 17, 2020**

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 Times](#) and the [San Diego Union-Tribune](#). He was the First Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles in 2011 and ran



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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 decommission 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.

## For a learning pod of homeless students, school days unfold in a motel carport

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-26/covid-19-homeless-students-form-learning-pod-carport>

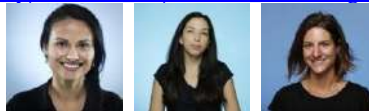


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## They know the pain of online learning. Here's what teachers, parents and students did about it

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-01/distance-learning-heroes-school-covid-19-teachers-parents>



**PALOMA ESQUIVEL & JULIA BARAJAS & LAURA NEWBERRY**  
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# Angry parents won't let officials slide over closed playgrounds, packed malls

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-03/covid-19-la-parents-anger-closed-playgrounds>



**HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS**

**DEC 3, 2020**

Hailey Branson-Potts is a Metro reporter who joined the Los Angeles Times in 2011. She has reported on a wide range of topics, including rural California and LGBTQ issues. Branson-Potts was part of the team that won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news for its coverage of the San Bernardino terrorist attack, as well as the team that was a 2020 Pulitzer finalist for its coverage of a boat fire that killed 34 people off the coast of Santa Barbara. She grew up in the tiny town of Perry, Okla., got her start at the Perry Daily Journal, and graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

# When schools reopen will you send your child back?

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-03/lausd-parents-debate-school-return-covid-19-surge>



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# Dangerous COVID-19 surge leads to hard shutdown of L.A. public schools

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-07/lausd-total-campus-shutdown-amid-pandemic-surge>



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# Schools are at least as important as shopping malls. Keep what's open, open

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-08/schools-covid19-lausd-closure>

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## Kids are hurting. Reopen California schools as soon as COVID rates drop

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-10/school-reopening-guidelines-coronavirus>

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## The push-and-pull drama over school reopenings reaches fever pitch in L.A. and Orange counties

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-12/lausd-parents-sue-to-reopen-oc-teachers-plead-to-shut-down>



HOWARD BLUME & MELISSA GOMEZ

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## L.A. Unified will not give Fs this semester and instead give students a second chance to pass

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-14/lausd-extend-no-fail-policy-january-covid-19>



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## **Kelly Gonez, 32, first in her family to attend college, is new L.A. school board president**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-15/kelly-gonez-is-new-l-a-school-board-president>



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## **Unions for teachers, nurses, grocery and hotel workers call for L.A. County shutdown in January**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-17/unions-call-emergency-la-county-covid-19-shutdown>



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## **L.A. teachers will spend more live time with students amid uncertainty over school reopening**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-18/la-teachers-increase-live-online-classes-students>



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## **L.A. Unified will not reopen campuses when the spring semester starts Jan. 11**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-21/covid-19-surge-keep-laUSD-closed-january>



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## Help the students COVID-19 has pushed through the cracks

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## Helping poor schools reopen

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-12-30/helping-poor-schools-reopen>

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## Facing a spike in Fs, winter break isn't a vacation for many teachers and students

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-12-30/teachers-students-covid-winter-break-challenges>



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## Coronavirus Today: The big school reopening debate

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-01-07/coronavirus-today-school-reopening-debate-coronavirus-today>



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## **Newsom's budget targets reopening, reviving public schools and universities**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-09/newsom-california-budget-prioritizes-reopening-k-12-schools>



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## **Stunned teachers and scared students: How the Capitol insurrection is overtaking lessons**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-11/teachers-handling-capitol-insurrection-in-class>



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## **These mentors see the 'collective trauma' of pandemic-hit teens. Here's how they help**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-12/city-year-the-mental-health-arm-of-ameriCorps-is-helping-scores-of-students-in-los-angeles-and-boyle-heights-to-help-them-through-pandemic-isolation>



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## **State tightens rules for reopening schools as high COVID-19 rates hold districts back**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-15/covid-cases-stop-southern-california-from-reopening-schools>



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## **I tried to start a pandemic pod for my 5-year-old. Here's how it went wrong**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-22/covid-19-rules-social-pod-daughter>



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## **Teachers need COVID-19 vaccine before L.A. schools can reopen, Beutner says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-25/vaccination-teachers-necessary-reopen-los-angeles-schools-beutner-says>



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# To get vaccine priority, teachers should agree to return to the classroom

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-01-26/covid-vaccine-teachers-return-school>

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## L.A.-area elementary schools could reach threshold for reopening in two to three weeks, Ferrer says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-27/los-angeles-area-schools-could-reach-threshold-for-reopening-in-2-to-3-weeks-ferrer-says>



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## When coronavirus invaded their tiny apartment, children desperately tried to protect dad

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-29/how-overcrowded-housing-led-to-covid-death-la-family>



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## Los Angeles schools to remain in hard shutdown for near future, Beutner says

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-01/la-schools-remain-shut-down-near-future-covid>



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## **Southern California pediatricians call for L.A.-area schools to immediately reopen**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-03/southern-california-pediatricians-call-schools-reopen>



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## **Schools can safely move to reopen even if teachers are not all vaccinated, Newsom says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-03/schools-can-reopen-before-all-teachers-get-covid-vaccine>



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## **San Francisco, amid school renaming flap, sues its school district to reopen during pandemic**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-03/sf-sues-its-schools-to-reopen-during-coronavirus-pandemic>



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## **We need to reopen schools, but only when it's safe**

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-03/california-school-reopening-campus-coronavirus-covid19>



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## **Coronavirus Today: The school-reopening battle**

<https://www.latimes.com/science/newsletter/2021-02-04/coronavirus-today-school-reopening-vaccinations-teachers-coronavirus-today>



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**FEB 4, 2021**

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## **Teachers face pressure to return even before COVID-19 vaccinations completed**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-04/california-debates-teacher-vaccines-reopening-schools>



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# Overlooked in Biden's COVID-19 proposal: A push to cut child poverty in half

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-02-05/biden-covid-plan-includes-major-anti-poverty-push>



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## Start reopening California schools. Now

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-05/editorial-start-reopening-california-schools-now>

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## Amid COVID-19 family hardships, high school students work double duty: jobs and school

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-05/la-students-take-on-jobs-help-families-amid-covid-19>



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## Kids are suffering. Follow the science and reopen schools now

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-06/schools-reopen-california-children-harm>



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## **With 25,000 vaccines, L.A. elementary schools could reopen as soon as possible, Beutner says**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-08/beutner-25000-covid-vaccines-reopen-elementary-schools>



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## **Union approves deal with Chicago schools to return to class**

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## **Biden wants to reopen schools. California could hold him back**

<https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2021-02-10/biden-faces-california-roadblock-in-school-reopening-push>



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## L.A. elementary schools rapidly approach reopening threshold, but teacher vaccines lacking

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## If you really believe kids are our most precious resource, say it with cash

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## About 60 Huntington Beach high school teachers take leave due to on-campus requirement

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-11/about-60-huntington-beach-high-school-teachers-take-leave-due-to-on-campus-requirement>



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## Biden is making a big push against child poverty. But for how long?

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-02-16/biden-covid-reconciliation-anti-poverty>

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# L.A. school board cuts its police force and diverts funds for Black student achievement

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# L.A. Unified is officially out of excuses for keeping elementary schools closed

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# L.A. elementary schools can finally reopen, but it will be complicated, uneven

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# Which way schools? America needs a straight answer

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## **Gov. Gavin Newsom, legislators at odds over \$6.6-billion plan to open California elementary schools in April**

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-02-18/gavin-newsom-sidelines-legislature-covid-19-school-plan>



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