



We engage children in an inspiring, challenging, and civically active educational experience that embraces learning through the arts.

Congratulations LFCSA Community!

Thank You & Next Steps

Our Middle School Petition was
unanimously approved!



It feels like Thanksgiving again!

Thanks to the many of you who
shared your messages and calls
with the LAUSD board members.

Thank you to those of you who
braved the weather and came out
to support.

A big thank you to parents, LFCSA board members, and

community members who
took the time to prepare to speak,
if it was needed:

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Thank you to the **LFCSA Board of Directors** for their oversight, guidance, and wisdom.

We also would like to express our thanks to
Dr. Ref Rodriguez and his team,
along with representatives from the
California Charter Schools Association,
for supporting us through the process and navigating the
charter landscape.

Finally, thank you to
everyone for your continual advocacy
of our arts-integrated, constructivist, student-centered,
educational program.

This was the first step on our journey to expand our innovative program and continue providing a quality education to as many students as possible.

Next Steps

The LAUSD approved our petition, but did not allow us to add the "feeder" preference. They allowed us to add language stating that we would return next school year

for a material revision to revisit the issue.

This stems from the fact that our elementary school is not yet meeting some subgroup demographics of LAUSD schools (e.g. Free and Reduced Lunch and English Learners), and they want us to further increase percentages in those populations. Their thinking is that having a lottery with out a feeder preference would help the middle school be more successful in matching the District's percentages.

This means that 5th grade families will need to apply through the lottery, to be held on March 6th. The good news is that we are projecting 75 spots, and we have about 60 students in the 5th grade. Please [click here](#) to fill out a Public Random Drawing Application.

Please join us on:

January 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

or January 24th at 8:30 a.m

to hear about the middle school program - how it is alike and different from the elementary program.

As you may know, also tied to our expansion is the addition of a co-located site to accommodate our lower elementary students. We will be hearing about the District's offer in February.

We have the next few months to get everything prepared, from facilities, to personnel, to outreach, to grant writing, and more. Nick and I look forward to meeting with folks to help answer your questions, get ideas, and work together to continue to make both schools great!

Sincerely,

Linda

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