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Dear Lynwood Unified Community,


Last week, I had the chance to visit with Lynwood High School senior Ivan Vega during a Facebook Live session. Ivan is a part of the Los Angeles County Office of Education's "The Risk is Still Real" Public Awareness Campaign that encourages the community to wear a mask, get tested, and get the COVID-19 vaccination. Our conversation spanned mental health, college preparation, and the effect of the pandemic on young people. It was a great discussion and a reminder of the importance of amplifying student voices. We are fortunate to be a District full of successful, thoughtful, and grounded students, and we have a responsibility to build up our student leaders and lean on their unique perspective to help shape Lynwood Unified's vision of success.

Our high school students celebrated their prom this past weekend during a pair of incredible events that rewarded them for their perseverance and patience. Seeing our young people join their friends in dresses and tuxedos to commemorate their high school experience was one of the great highlights of this school year. It also signified the long road we have traveled to restore everyday life for children in Lynwood. This was a great moment for all of us, and a well-deserved reward for students who have stayed the course throughout the unique challenges they've faced.

On May 25, we unveiled new modernized entrances at Wilson and Washington elementary schools during a pair of ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Both schools have added enhanced security systems that include a front lobby that serves as a buffer between visitors and the school, as well as a new camera and access control system. This was made possible thanks to the Lynwood community's support of Measure N, which has allowed us to upgrade campuses and create a better school experience. We are thankful for the support of our children, and we look forward to more updates throughout the District that raise the standard of excellence for all of us.

We are continuing to encourage the community to become vaccinated as Lynwood increases access throughout the city. Wesley Health Centers Vaccination Center is now offering its free service Monday through Friday for ages 12 and up, and provides yet another opportunity to safeguard you and your family. Let's continue to protect ourselves and each other.

Sincerely,


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Superintendent of Schools