



PUTTING KIDS FIRST 
NICKMELVOIN



IMPACT REPORT

2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

A MESSAGE FROM L.A. UNIFIED VICE PRESIDENT NICK MELVOIN

FRIENDS AND PARTNERS,

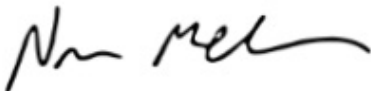
It has been two years since I was sworn in to serve on the LA Unified Board of Education and represent the families and schools of Board District 4.

Every day and every decision in our work starts with a promise to put kids first. We have made progress on our priorities by building new coalitions and soliciting community input. We have worked hard to ensure that we can hear from every stakeholder, no matter their viewpoint or disagreements. We have stayed true to our values in the face of opposition, opting always to do what is right over what is easy.

Last year, we heard from parents about the need for district transparency, stronger K-12 pathways, better safety measures, and more resources in schools. This year, we introduced an Open Data platform and catalog with publicly accessible datasets. We engaged the community to begin the process of opening new middle school options. And we funded nearly \$154M in projects to directly benefit schools in my district, including technology and security upgrades.

As I told thousands of graduates this year—change is hard, but possible. And it starts by showing up. So, as long as I'm in a position to make a positive impact on the students of LA Unified, I will show up every day to do just that. Take a look at what we've achieved this year, together.

Onward,



Nick Melvoin

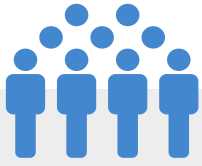


VICE PRESIDENT NICK MELVOIN of the
Los Angeles Unified School District
(LAUSD) Board of Education

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OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS



103

parent, school, and
community meetings



\$1.6M

awarded to schools through
BD4's Bond Grant Program



\$154M

funded projects for
BD4 schools



22

expansive datasets
available to the public on
Open Data



\$3.8B

saved in long-term
liabilities with innovative
healthcare reform



33,568

LAUSD juniors eligible
to take the SAT for free
during school



4,729

new email subscribers
this year



116,257

high schoolers
pre-registered to vote
across LA County



30

meetings with local, state,
and Federal legislators to
advocate for our students



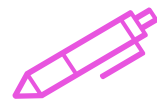
253

items Nick voted on
0 Absences, 0 Abstentions



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historic coalition formed
to support Measure EE
campaign



15

resolutions written or
co-sponsored

POLICY PROGRESS

SECURE THE FUTURE: ENSURE LA UNIFIED'S LONG-TERM FISCAL STABILITY FOR OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO THRIVE

2017-18

CHAMPIONING OPEN DATA

Our "Open Data" resolution passed to increase transparency and accountability with a public district data portal.

TACKLING LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

We made tackling the district's long-term liabilities a priority, advocating for pension reform at the state level. Nick [cast the lone vote against a deal](#) that he believed was bad for students and employees.

ADVOCATING FOR MORE FUNDING

We advocated for increased state and federal investments in public education, especially for our most vulnerable students.

LEAD BY LISTENING: ENGAGE OUR PARENTS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES AS PARTNERS TO SERVE THEIR DIVERSE NEEDS

SPEARHEADING MOBILE APP

Nick's resolution to create a districtwide mobile app that transforms district communications with parents unanimously passed.

IMPROVING SCHOOL FACILITIES

We visited every school in BD4, held several community forums, and launched a "Bond Grant" application program to hear from our school communities about the resources they most need.

CUTTING RED TAPE

We worked with the district to stop charging fees for parent volunteer groups to rent school spaces and solicited community feedback about the barriers we could reduce.

TRANSFORM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: PROTECT AND EXPAND ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR EVERY STUDENT

INCREASING COLLEGE READINESS

We pushed for a pilot program to give LA Unified juniors in one local district the SAT for free during school hours, and worked to expand this to all LA Unified juniors the following year.

SIMPLIFYING SCHOOL SEARCH

We co-sponsored a resolution to create an online system of school report cards with easy-to-understand information about all our schools.

STANDING UP FOR SCHOOL CHOICE

We began our work with a kids first agenda, promoting collaborative progress and leading efforts to include more schools of choice in our online enrollment platform.

“ Nick puts kids first and truly cares about their welfare and growth. He supports our school communities through effective communication and extensive community outreach.

KATHERINE CHOE

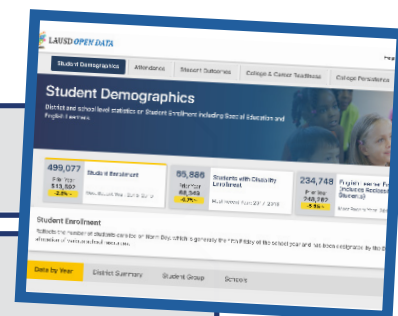
Principal, Mar Vista Elementary School

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POLICY PROGRESS

2018-19

Open Data launched with datasets on the budget, student demographics, attendance, college and career readiness, and more.



LA Unified worked with labor partners to initiate a Medicare reform that will save \$3.8B and the Governor's latest budget proposal included some state pension relief.

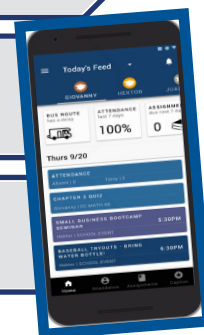
We continued our advocacy, and the Governor's latest budget includes an increase in state funding. Although Measure EE did not pass locally, we built a broad coalition of support and look forward to continuing the fight for more funding!

The first iteration of the mobile app officially launched, with an updated version coming shortly!



We have funded \$154M in projects for BD4 schools since taking office—including over \$1.6M in BD4 "Bond Grants"—to provide security, technology, renovations, and more.

We spearheaded a new district policy to waive fingerprinting fees and simplify the volunteer process for district parents and pushed the district to begin the process of digitizing burdensome paperwork.



We succeeded in offering all LA Unified juniors the SAT for free during school hours.

We held stakeholder working groups to develop the school report card platform—coming this fall!



We approved the latest phase of unified enrollment—which now includes more magnets, dual-immersion, affiliated charters and more. Nick [cast a lone vote against a charter moratorium](#) in LA Unified to protect families' access to school choice.

“ I so appreciate Mr. Melvoin and his staff's responsiveness to any and all concerns at school sites no matter how small or how big. One big win for Taft High School has been the inclusion of our track and field as part of Taft's comprehensive modernization project.

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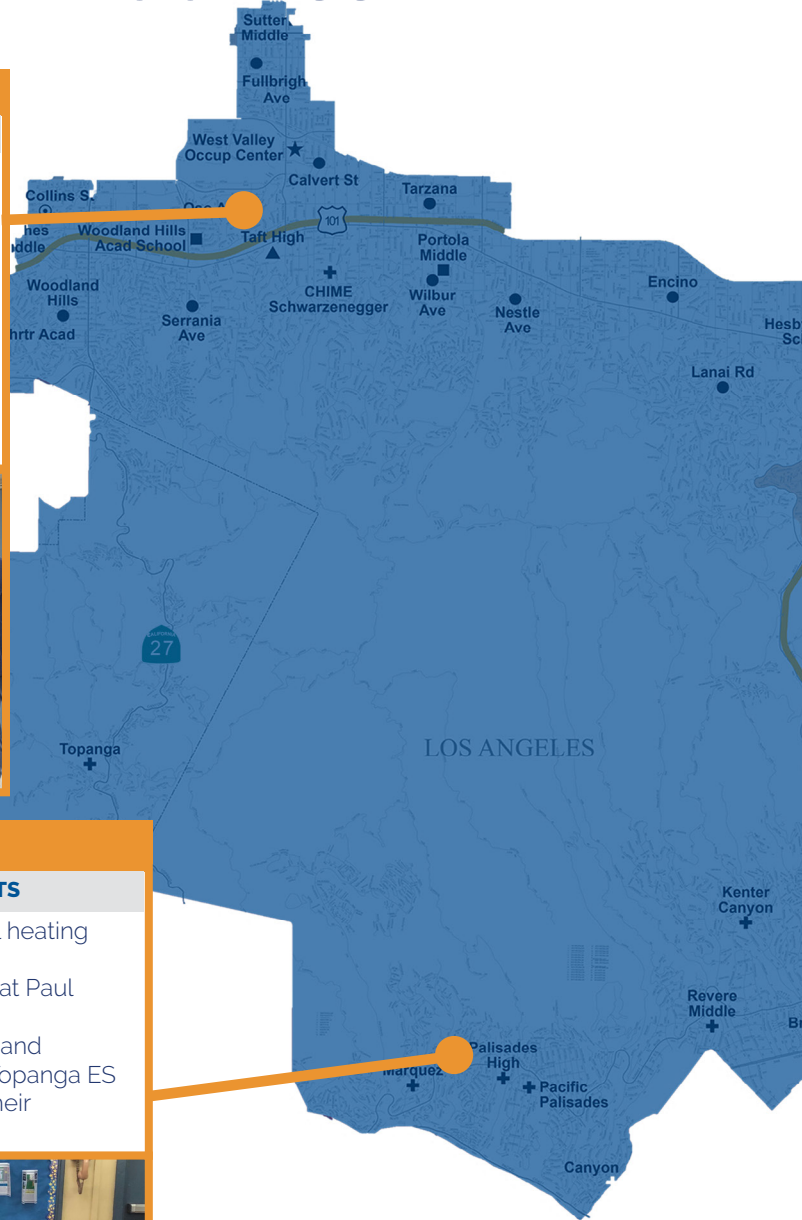
Parent, Taft Charter High School and Portola Middle School

COMMUNITY PROGRESS

NORTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

29 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 13,000 STUDENTS

- Classroom Champions visits Sutter MS with paralympic athlete to educate MS students about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle - one of the first partnerships BD4 facilitated
- Successfully advocated for the redevelopment of the track and field at Taft Charter High School
- Worked with NWSFV parents to facilitate meetings with Asm. Jesse Gabriel and other state legislators to discuss the underfunding of public education
- In light of concerns raised at several schools, passed a motion to make it easier for parents to volunteer while still meeting state legal requirements



PACIFIC PALISADES

9 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 7,000 STUDENTS

- Successfully advocated for the acceleration of a critical heating project at Palisades High School
- Ensured that magnet bus routes continued for families at Paul Revere Middle School
- Assisted in addressing safety concerns at Palisades ES and addressed facilities projects at Kenter Canyon ES and Topanga ES
- Worked to ensure local families have more access to their neighborhood schools



VENICE AND MAR VISTA

36 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 10,000 STUDENTS

- Successfully advocated for the completion of a K-12 Spanish and Mandarin language immersion pathway with the opening of Venice High School's Dual Language Program, starting Fall of 2019
- Worked with parents to facilitate meeting with Asm. Autumn Burke to discuss the underfunding of public education in California
- Funded chromebook carts for Grand View ES, Mar Vista ES, and Stoner Ave ES through BD4 bond grant program
- Assisted Mark Twain MS to secure new tennis courts and fund gym renovations including basketball backboards and volleyball court net
- Secured additional teacher at Walgrove ES to avoid split classes



COMMUNITY PROGRESS

HOLLYWOOD

26 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 12,000 STUDENTS



- Cut through red tape to ensure the mural was successfully completed at Hollywood HS in partnership with the Consulate of Israel
- Increased early education opportunities by opening a state preschool at Van Ness ES in partnership with YPI
- Funded chromebook cart at Cheremoya Avenue ES to support technology access for students
- Facilitated partnership at Bernstein HS with Good City Mentors to provide mentoring opportunities to HS students



WEST HOLLYWOOD

15 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 5,000 STUDENTS

- Successfully advocated to lower the college enrollment requirement to protect teacher assistants at Wonderland Ave ES, West Hollywood ES, and at schools across BD4
- Funded the installation of the iron rod fence around Hancock Park ES. In addition, facilitated meeting at school with district staff and City officials to support school safety
- Funded the purchase of flexible seating furniture at Rosewood Ave ES to support creating adaptive learning spaces
- Funded landscaping and irrigation upgrades at the Laurel Early Education Center

WEST LOS ANGELES

15 SCHOOLS SERVING NEARLY 8,000 STUDENTS

- Ensured the Institute of Chinese Culture and Language After-School Program at Brentwood Science ES remains
- Funded completion for new play structure at Brockton Ave. ES, audio visual equipment for Webster Middle School's auditorium, and a security gate for Warner Ave. ES through BD4 bond grant program
- Co-sponsored fire evacuation drill event with Councilmember Mike Bonin's Office for school communities in affected areas
- Secured long-term leases for community partners with the District to provide University High with more funding for school programs



WESTCHESTER AND PLAYA VISTA

21 SCHOOLS SERVING MORE THAN 6,500 STUDENTS

- Accelerated ADA ramp construction, funded security cameras to enhance security, and cultivated community partnerships at Westchester Enriched Science Magnets
- Funded technology and innovation upgrades at Katherine Johnson STEM Academy, Cowan ES, and Kentwood ES
- Secured funding for upcoming library renovations at Playa del Rey ES



HOW TO CONTACT US

“I have had a number of opportunities to interact with Nick. I can say without fail that he and his staff are always responsive and thoughtful in addressing concerns I raise. In particular, Nick's intelligence, his willingness to patiently listen, his sincere desire to resolve issues while also being honest and forthright, and his tirelessness in serving our students and families — those qualities and attributes make me extremely grateful to have Nick overseeing

JUSTIN ALVARADO-BROWN

Parent, West Hollywood Elementary School



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