

**Los Angeles Unified School District  
Board of Education**



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**Statement from School Board President Zimmer on L.A. Unified's  
commitment to its mission: Educating students**

The president-elect's choice of Betsy DeVos as the next Secretary of Education does not change the mission of the Los Angeles Unified School District. This nomination will not change our drive toward 100 percent graduation. We will double down on our collaborative approach to continual improvement at every level that recognizes teachers and school employees as essential partners in our educational equity mission. We will continue to embrace policies and investments at the federal, state and local level that include all children and promote equity. We will continue to resist policy, practice and investments that are about some students, but not all students.

L.A. Unified is more committed than ever to our mission of assuring that every child receives an outstanding public education and is on a trajectory toward the graduation stage and success in life. We understand that the foundation of public education is based on the ideal that our public schools serve every child that comes to our schoolhouse door. Here in Los Angeles, where 84 percent of our students live in conditions of poverty, and more than 40 percent of our students are English Learners, we understand how high the stakes are for our students. Our mission is to make sure that American Dreams come true through public education.

We expect to have the continued support of the U.S. Department of Education, as we advance the core mission of public education in Los Angeles.

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