

ALBEM
Questions/Answers from Meeting with Jill Baker
4/21/21

1. Do you believe the board members will support parity for admin with regard to the pay raise for teachers? **Yes, it is going to Board. CSEA is still negotiating.**
2. How will the district be involved with the children who are placed at the convention center? **This is being handled by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. Currently the children will receive all services at the Convention Center. The goal is to reunite them with family members, or place them in foster care. At this time, the district is not directly involved. This may change as they determine what the needs of the children are and how long the process will take. The Mayor has sent out information and links if organizations/individuals are interested in supporting the effort.**

Email from Mayor: Two weeks ago our City Council voted unanimously to provide temporary shelter to unaccompanied children arriving at our southern border. This humanitarian work is being undertaken by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and is first and foremost an effort to move children into a humane environment as they are quickly reunited with family or a sponsor. The Long Beach shelter is temporary until August 1, has no impact on conventions, and is paid for by the federal government.

Over the past weeks, we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of community support. So many of you have called, emailed or left messages asking how you can help. We are excited to announce that we have launched a new online city portal at longbeach.gov/migrantchildren to coordinate efforts for community involvement.

We've also been informed that the children will be arriving sometime this week. Let's show them a warm Long Beach welcome, and focus on being kind and compassionate.

Here's how you can help.

Donating

The easiest and quickest way folks can support this effort is to donate online via the new [Long Beach Migrant Children Support Fund](#) at the Long Beach Community Foundation.

The Long Beach Community Foundation, in partnership with the city and HHS, has launched the [Long Beach Migrant Children Support Fund](#) to accept monetary donations from community members, local organizations and businesses. All donations are designated specifically to provide assistance and supportive resources to migrant children at our Long Beach shelter.

Providing Services/Volunteering

Businesses and organizations interested in supporting the work at the shelter should complete

[this interest form](#). We will be sharing the information collected with HHS for review and consideration. Examples of services include:

- Food/meal services
- Education
- Recreation
- Mental health
- Entertainment
- Family reunification
- Child supervision
- Legal services
- Religious services
- Language translation
- Case management
- Facility set-up assistance
- Health care

If you are interested in volunteering in some way, please fill out this [volunteer form here](#). We plan to launch our first volunteer effort later this week.

All of this information can also be found at longbeach.gov/migrantchildren.

Thank you all and let's do the right thing. Mayor Robert Garcia

3. K-8 Principals are still being double booked. This Friday, middle school has a meeting from 8-4 and elementary has a meeting the same day- from 8-12. K-8 principals have been told that the elementary meetings are taped and they can just watch a video. K-8 principals say they need to be there so that they have an opportunity to ask questions. Also, as this has been happening since last year, there are still concerns from K-8 principals around getting the information they need. **Going forward this problem will be resolved as Executive Staff are working on building the calendar together to ensure there is no overlap. They are also working to mitigate any future concerns for the remaining school year. Chris Lund and Jill will meet with K-8 Principals to listen to other concerns and brainstorm potential solutions.**
4. Could you share a little bit about the plan for potential virtual instruction for students who have parents that do not want kids to return back to school next September? **The District is planning to offer virtual instruction to those families that do not want to return to in person instruction, for students that have been home schooled and for students that thrived virtually, etc. LBUSD will apply for a CDS code and a site will be determined to ensure families have a location should they need on-site resources. Child care options will be flushed out as the District determines need, and number of students. It is Jill's intent to purchase an already developed virtual curriculum. Specific details are still being worked out.**

5. Is there an update on counselors and school psychologists? Next steps will be turned over to the PERB Board. The District requested a re-vote to occur with a neutral third party. TALB declined the request. PERB will determine appropriate next steps. This process may take up to a year to resolve if Counselors and Psychologist are part of the union or not.
6. Is there a formalized procedure for one district department to clearly communicate with another district department before it gets disseminated to school sites? Jill was very interested in this conversation and shared they have already been looking at communication and are conducting an internal communication audit. Several options were shared and discussed how this might be improved for next year. Dr. Baker shared there are a number of planned improvements to ensure clear, consistent communication across all departments.
7. Thank you for the new Mac Books. There is some confusion around getting them to work that we want to share with you. Also, can you please give us a specific timeline as to the rest of the technology refresh? Jill is going to research this area to determine the process and glitches.
8. Leadership Long Beach Process: We want to share what the process has been in the past so that you can let us know if the current process works for you. Jill was in agreement to continue supporting LLB and was interested in joining forces with ALBEM, by having the District also sponsor a candidate. The ultimate decision will rest with the Executive Staff of LLB to determine if more than one LBUSD candidate could be selected.
9. Could you please talk to us about your goals for next year so that we can be in alignment with you and be a support to those goals? Jill shared that she is still in the process of developing her 21-22 goals. She did recommend that we look at her current goals (SEL, Academics, Infrastructure, etc.) and mapping around Excellence and Equity. She suggested we focus on first determining our "big buckets". Once we have decided what the major areas of focus are (for example: Advocacy, Students, Infrastructure) we can flush out the specifics. As an example, under advocacy how might our advocacy look different based on the various job classifications we support. As an organization we need to determine our buckets and then survey our members to help determine goals for next year.