



## **PRINCIPAL, STUDENTS, PARENTS TO LAUSD: SAVE OUR PACOIMA CAMPUS**

*Site with 95% of students on free & reduced lunch at risk;  
principal, parents and kids to appear at special hearing*

**WHAT:** LAUSD governing board considering iLEAD San Fernando Valley petition  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m.  
**WHERE:** LAUSD Board Room, 333 S. Beaudry Ave., Los Angeles

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**LOS ANGELES** – Students, parents and the principal of iLEAD Pacoima will appear at a special meeting of the LAUSD Governing Board on Tuesday morning, asking members to approve a petition from iLEAD San Fernando Valley and save a community campus that serves low-income Pacoima families.

Dave Trejo, who runs the tuition-free public charter campus in Pacoima, will speak to the LAUSD board alongside other iLEAD parents and students. The San Fernando petition, which includes iLEAD's Encino and North Hollywood campuses, is supported by hundreds of families and organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley. The club shares a campus with iLEAD Pacoima.

“Currently, Pacoima is the most underserved, immigrant rich, economically low-income area of the valley. One in five families lives below the Federal Poverty Level. Approximately two-thirds of Pacoima-area adults have less than a high-school education, with nearly 18 percent of households with children, are headed by single parents,” Boys and Girls Club leaders wrote in a letter to LAUSD. “For the past 2.5 years, iLEAD families have experienced a culture that has yielded academic success in developing students with critical analytical thinking skills, while addressing the whole child’s social and emotional needs. The expansion of resources with this new charter into a full site-based TK-12 inclusive with a comprehensive, site-based high-school



in the area will benefit the neediest of Pacoima families.”

iLEAD Pacoima also serves a large number of students with special education needs and Individualized Education Programs, as well as families for whom English is not their first language. There are more than 250 students currently enrolled at the campus.

**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA:** Trejo will be available for interviews immediately after the LAUSD meeting. For more information, please use the media contact info above and visit: <https://ileadsfv.org/>

**About iLEAD:**

iLEAD empowers learners to become conscientious, compassionate, and responsible citizens of the world. In this process we inspire them to become creative thinkers and leaders, with a lifelong love of learning. The iLEAD learning model promotes individualized instruction, active learning methods and opportunities for self-directed learning. We celebrate and foster each child’s individuality, and support them in discovering their highest potential in the environment which best suits their learning needs. We believe each child should be equipped with the skills and knowledge to achieve his or her fullest potential in preparation for college and the demands of the 21st century workplace.