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Lynwood's Washington Elementary Honored as Top Los Angeles School

Lynwood – Washington Elementary School was recognized on May 4 as one of LA's Top Public Schools for underserved students during the Top Schools LA: Leading the Way for Educational Equity conference at the University of Southern California.

Washington received the distinction for serving a significant number of low-income students and narrowing the achievement gap during the 2017-18 school year. Results from the 2017-18 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics were a component to the evaluation process. At Washington Elementary, 49.4 percent of students met or exceeded state ELA proficiency standards – up from 45.2 percent the previous year.

Washington was awarded a banner for its achievement that will hang at the school's campus.

"Receiving this award shows our community that Washington Elementary is committed to providing a quality education for all of our students," Principal Sandra Verduzco said. "At our school, students are exposed to a safe, respectful and nurturing learning environment that supports them in achieving academic success."

To receive the honor, schools must meet statewide enrollment averages of at least 4 percent low-income African American students and/or at least 43 percent low-income Latino students. Additionally, schools must meet or exceed statewide proficiency rates in English and/or math.

"It is an honor to have Washington Elementary represent our District as a Los Angeles Top School," Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. "We are proud of the academic success our students have shown, and will continue to support our students as they reach their personal and academic goals."

PHOTO CAPTION

05.13.19_LUSD_TOPLASCHOOL: Washington Elementary School students present projects during a College Fair in March. Washington was recognized as one of LA's Top Public Schools for serving a significant number of low-income students and narrowing the achievement gap during the 2017-18 school year.

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