



# Press Release

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## Lynwood Unified Schools Celebrated for Positive Campus Environments

*Ten campuses to be recognized at state PBIS conference*

**Lynwood** – The California PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Coalition has awarded 10 Lynwood Unified schools with silver and bronze certifications for promoting safe, positive learning environments and campus cultures.

Abbott Elementary School has been honored with a silver certification while Lynwood High School, Hosler Middle School and Lindbergh, Helen Keller, Lincoln, Marshall, Rosa Parks, Will Rogers and Wilson elementary schools received the bronze recognition. About 500 schools were recognized with the certifications for effectively implementing the PBIS program, which supports and teaches appropriate student behaviors to create a positive educational environment for all students.

“Our PBIS implementation has helped make our campuses feel even more inviting and safe for our students and staff,” Superintendent Paul Gothold said. “Creating a positive learning environment where everyone feels at ease is of utmost importance in ensuring our students receive a high-quality education that is free of any worry or distraction.”

The District began phasing in PBIS strategies three years ago. PBIS has supported the efforts the District has made since 2011, lowering suspension rates by nearly 60 percent, eradicating expulsions and rerouting students through intervention paths that help guide them back toward educational success. At the same time, graduation rates rose 8 percentage points since 2014-15.

The schools will be acknowledged at the California PBIS Coalition Conference on Sept. 22 in Sacramento.

The Sacramento conference will also provide training to schools that will allow them to grow in the program and exceed expectations of producing academic achievements, bully prevention, classroom management and cultural responsiveness.

“I am incredibly proud of our teachers and staff for their commitment in transcending the safety and all-around environment of our campuses,” Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. “Our schools truly are welcoming to everyone and allow our students to grow and explore every possibility life has to offer them – we want them all to take advantage of that.”

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