

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026

333 South Beaudry Avenue, Board Room, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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AGENDA

I. Welcome and Opening RemarksKarla Griego Chairperson

II. Presentations

1. Building Relevant Curriculum and Instruction: Environmental Issues
In this moment of heightened insecurity and repression, how can assessments be part of building school and classroom climates that honor students' whole selves?

Maia Ruiz, Educator
Malabar Elementary School

Thalia Catano, Educator
Roosevelt High School

Maywood Center for Enriched Studies (MaCES) Staff

2. District Resources and Support:
What are existing resources around ecoliteracy, teaching topically around environmental issues? How are the Division of Instruction and the Eco-Sustainability Office supporting curriculum and instruction around these issues?

Jerry Song, STEM Coordinator: Climate Literacy
Division of Instruction

Evangelina Larob, Multilingual Multicultural Academic Language Coach
Loren Miller Elementary School

III. Committee Discussion

What are challenges facing educators to teach relevant and topical materials on environmental issues? What are the benefits of this kind of curriculum and instruction? What can LAUSD do support this scaling up?

**IV. Appreciations, Recommendations, and Next StepsKarla Griego
Chairperson**

V. Public Comment

VI. Closing Remarks

VII. Adjournment

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