

# Vision for the Schools L.A. Students Deserve

Youth, families, educators and community members are coming together to build a new vision of education and schooling. We are working together because we know our communities have the power to transform our schools and our society. Our voices matter and they need to be heard. We want students in L.A. to attain skills, literacy in all subjects and become self-motivated, critical thinkers and participants in their schools and communities. Students need to be able to build skills in a nourishing environment and be prepared for their lives when they leave school.

Unfortunately, we see that schools have historically not done this and that the current trends in education are still moving our schools in the wrong direction. Reforms that focus on testing, school closures, reconstitutions, pushing out more students, corporate charter companies running more schools, and cuts to vitals areas like arts, music, ethnic studies, libraries, counseling services, adult education, and early childhood education need to be stopped now. In addition, we need to change the culture and practices of our schools so that they truly support every young person. For example, we don't want to see the branding some students as "good kids" and others as "bad kids." We don't want students to be pushed out of schools because they are low on credits, are gang affiliated, have Special Education needs, are facing homophobia, or have recently immigrated here.

We have a very different vision for the Schools L.A. Students Deserve, and we are working together all across the city to make this vision a reality.

## The Schools L.A. Students Deserve...

1. Educate and care for the whole child
2. Ensure equity and access
3. Provide full funding for services and resources
4. Focus on student needs, not only on test scores
5. Prioritize the community
6. Make real decisions for ourselves
7. Develop safe, clean and green spaces
8. Promote economic and community health