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Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

## Principal's Message

After eight years, five school administrations, and two postponements, we have now completed our WASC accreditation review. The process involved participation from everyone in the school community. I wish to extend my gratitude for helping make this entire process—from self-study to WASC visit—such a thoughtful and meaningful one. Now the real work begins!

Although we will not learn the length of the accreditation term until mid-June, I want to report that the findings from the visiting team were very positive and encouraging. The committee noted school-wide strengths, including passionate and dedicated students, enthusiastic faculty and staff, and parent support, as well as school-wide areas for improvement. These areas for improvement should come as no surprise to those of us familiar with LACHSA including the implementation of a system for data-driven decision making and the need to examine student workload, among others.

As soon as the final report is delivered to the school, I will make it available to everyone in our community. In addition please watch your e-mail for information regarding a follow-up townhall meeting for parents and families. At this meeting, I will review the specific finding from the WASC visit and outline our plans for the future.

I am deeply committed to preserving and strengthening the areas of our school that are successful and equally committed to focusing on areas that need improvement. The visiting team reminded us that every school has areas of growth and we, at LACHSA, have much to celebrate!

*George Simpson*

### Upcoming Events

Audition Day	3/15
CAHSEE (10 <sup>th</sup> Graders) 8:00 – 12:35 p.m.	3/17-18
Freshman Townhall Period 2	3/23
Sophomore Townhall Period 3	3/23
Junior Townhall Period 4	3/25
Senior Townhall Period 5	3/25
March Madness	3/26
NO SCHOOL Cesar Chavez Day	3/31

### Important Announcements

#### Aeries Browser Interface (PARENT PORTAL) Update

There is a new URL address to access the PARENT PORTAL:

<https://lachsa.lacoe.edu/pabi>

The link on the <artshigh.org> website is accurate. In addition, e-mail verification for account access has been resolved. The system has been reset; if you experience problems you may need to sign up as a new account. Please contact David Chun <[chun\\_david@lacoe.edu](mailto:chun_david@lacoe.edu)> or Ginger Merritt if you experience further problems.

#### Save the Date:

LACHSA Graduation

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. (Please note the time change from years past)

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion