Like so many of you, L.A. Compact staff have spent the past few weeks in deep discussion and reflection with our colleagues and partners on the unjust murder of George Floyd and the call for justice for countless others whose lives and livelihoods have been taken by deep-rooted systemic, anti-Black racism. Read our full statement here.

Charting Progress for L.A. Unified Community Schools

On June 18, L.A. Unified’s Committee of the Whole heard presentations from six schools participating in the district’s Community School pilot, as well as from several members of the Community School Steering Committee who reported back on progress from the first year of the pilot. A comprehensive community school model - one that effectively implements four pillars of integrated student supports, expanded and enriched learning time, active parent and community engagement and collaborative leadership and practice - has been effective in districts across the country in improving student achievement and well-being. The Committee of the Whole, chaired by 5th District Board Member Jackie Goldberg, will report back to the full Board on July 7 with recommendations to the district to improve, evaluate and plan for expansion. Download the full presentation here or watch the full recorded committee meeting online.

Collective Impact in Action
Study takes a closer look at how college transfer pathways are working for students

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) is a degree awarded by the California Community Colleges, which provides a guaranteed pathway for students to transfer to a four-year university, in a specific major. The L.A. Compact Student Success Workgroup, wanting to understand how effective this transfer pathway is for L.A. area students, commissioned a Regional ADT study in 2018. On Wednesday, June 24, the L.A. Compact convened a special meeting to discuss progress made on the study. Read more.

COVID College Connect evolves into Summer of Success Campaign

The recently launched COVID College Connect has broadened into a newly formed Summer of Success Campaign. The L.A. Compact Institutions of Higher Education Collaborative, along with Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti, California Community Foundation, L.A. Unified Division of Instruction, and the USC College Advising Corps, have partnered together to help college bound students get answers to questions and access information related to their college plans. Summer of Success will provide students with new resources throughout the summer and promote the use of a recently launched college advising hotline available to Los Angeles students and parents or legal guardians in multiple languages. Students without college plans can also call to explore their options and opportunities. Read more.

OYC Young Leader testifies in Sacramento for High-Roads Training Partnership

Eustolia Farias, a member of the Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) Young Leaders program, provided testimony at a Senate hearing in support of SB 1103, which would provide unemployed and underemployed individuals and young adults with additional opportunities to access and complete High-Roads Training Programs to secure a quality, living wage job. The OYC Young Leaders program Workforce System partners develop outreach campaign for Unemployment Assistance

L.A. Workforce Systems Collaborative partners -- UNITE-LA, the City of L.A. Economic & Workforce Development Department and Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti -- worked together to develop outreach materials on how to access traditional unemployment insurance, unemployment assistance for gig-workers, free-lancers, and the self-employed, and California disaster relief assistance for
trains young adults who have experienced foster care or extended foster care (ages 18-26) to become impactful change agents in Los Angeles and across the state. Read more.

immigrants who otherwise do not qualify for unemployment insurance or federal CARES Act stimulus payments. Read more.

Partner Highlights

**UNITE-LA holds virtual roundtable on impact of COVID-19 on cradle-to-career systems**

On May 15, UNITE-LA convened a virtual roundtable with 17 regional corporate responsibility leaders on how COVID-19 is impacting our education and workforce systems and the ability of corporations to remain involved in preparing the next generation of employees. Participants represented a diverse range of industries and corporations, including The Boeing Company, City National Bank, Dolby, Majestic Realty, Paramount Pictures, Riot Games, The Walt Disney Company and Wells Fargo. Read more.

**UNITE-LA launches virtual platform to help youth build skills in the middle of pandemic**

As many businesses and organizations adapt to the "new normal," UNITE-LA is similarly reimagining some of its work to ensure youth are able to become successful, productive, future members of the workforce. UNITE-LA has partnered with Cornerstone OnDemand Foundation (CSOD Foundation) to enhance virtual workforce development and programming through their new online learning initiative called WorkforceReady. Read more.

**Mayor Garcetti’s emergency child care program expands to include emergency responders**

Measuring child well-being in the middle of a pandemic
Back in April, L.A. City Mayor Eric Garcetti launched the L.A. Emergency Child Care Connection program to help essential employees at participating hospitals find child care. With many child care centers still closed because of the pandemic, Garcetti expanded the program in May to include other essential employees in the City of L.A. Read more.

Several school districts in L.A. County have adopted the Early Development Instrument (EDI) as a tool to measure early childhood well-being and readiness for kindergarten. But as schools have shifted their focus to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the county’s planned EDI collection efforts are at risk of being seriously disrupted, and some are in danger of being eliminated. With growing concerns over what the future will look like for young children, having data, like the EDI, may prove to be more valuable than ever. Read more.

What We're Reading

The Pipeline for Black Children Needs to be Fixed, Too
[Newsweek]

CA Lawmakers Vote Today on Expanded Paid Family Leave as Part of Budget
[Public News Service]

Pandemic Piles New Pressures on Foster Children, Caretakers
[Associated Press]

First in the Nation, California State University to Close Campuses for In-person Instruction this Fall
[EdSource]

In California budget deal, no cuts for K-12 but billions in late payments to schools
[EdSource]

A New “New Deal” For Education: Top 10 Policy Moves for States In the COVID 2.0 Era
[Forbes]

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