

# Family of Schools



## Upcoming Events

### Rally for Change

Parents, teachers, and community supporters of Westchester and Crenshaw High School Rally for Change!

Sponsored by Parents of Westchester with Orville Wright (POWWOW). Join LMU Family of Schools, parents from Westchester and Crenshaw, and many others for an hour of power!

Windsor Hills Magnet School;  
7:00-8:00 PM  
Tuesday January 22nd

[5215 Overdale Dr.,  
Los Angeles, CA  
90043](#)

### Autonomy Vote

Westchester High School Parents and Teachers vote on local control.

1/23: Parents/  
Guardians vote from  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

1/23 & 1/24:  
Teachers vote

## LMU Family of Schools Update

### Westchester High School Votes on LMU/iDivision Partnership

On January 23rd and 24th, parents and teachers at Westchester High School have the opportunity to vote for change at the high school. As many already know, Westchester High School has been given the opportunity to vote for local decision-making authority and responsibility by entering LAUSD's new innovation division (iDivision). A vote in favor of this change would give teachers, staff, and parents the authority and responsibility (often referred to as autonomy) to make decisions about instruction, budget choices, governance structure, staffing and hiring, and training for staff based on the needs of the community, rather than based on mandates from the District.

As part of this new structure, LMU would provide resources, expertise, staff, and support as the school makes data-driven and research-based decisions about how best to increase student achievement for ALL students.

[Click here for more details about this possible partnership.](#)

### Voting Procedure for Westchester High School Parents

Parent/Guardian voting on the LMU/iDivision Partnership will take place on Wednesday January 23, 2008 from 7AM to 8PM. A roster of all enrolled students will be used to confirm enrollment. Parents must provide their name, their child's name, and their address in order to vote. If a person claims to be the parent or guardian of a student and the student's name is not on the available roster list, then this person must fill out a provisional ballot. When the polls close, the child's enrollment at the school will be verified with the school.

throughout the day

For more information on voting, see the article to the right or [click here](#).

If a parent or guardian has more than one child at the school, they will be provided with additional ballots (one child = one ballot). Only one parent/guardian per student is allowed to cast a vote. Parents/Guardians of students at Westchester High School may vote at either Westchester High School or arrangements have been made to allow Westchester parents/guardians to drop off their ballot at Crenshaw High School if this is more convenient. The voting processes and times at both sites are the same.

[Click here for more information on the Voting Process.](#)

### **Parents, Teachers and Community Supporting the LMU/iDivision Partnership**

#### *Parents and Teachers*

In the December 2007 vote at Kentwood Elementary School, Orville Wright Middle School, and Orville Wright Magnet School, the LMU/iDivision Partnership won support from over 95% of the parents who voted. The majority of teachers at these schools have also voted in favor of the partnership. As a direct result, these schools have voted to join the Innovation Division as part of the Loyola Marymount University Family of Schools partnership.

Kentwood and Orville Wright parents were surveyed about Westchester High School and over 95% filled out surveys stating that they wanted the high school to join the iDivision.

Westchester High School will vote on the LMU/iDivision later this week (Parents on the 23rd and Teachers on the 23rd and 24th). Additional schools may vote in the weeks ahead.

#### *Community Support*

Hundreds of people throughout the Westchester, Playa Del Rey, Windsor Hills, community and beyond community have signed petitions supporting the Loyola Marymount University - iDivision partnership with the seven public schools in the LMU Family of Schools.

### **Update on Orville Wright Middle School, Orville Wright Magnet School, and Kentwood Elementary School**

Orville Wright Middle School and Kentwood Elementary School have begun research and data collection, with LMU and the iDivision, to help shape planning for their transition into autonomous school communities. Part of this process is examining current programs to see what needs to be built upon and to develop priorities for action. LMU Family of Schools and the iDivision are working in support roles for

these processes.

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