



**Inglewood Unified
School District**

A MESSAGE FROM

County Administrator Dr. Erika Torres

April 9, 2021

Dear Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) Staff, Students, Families and Community:

In our continued commitment to serving our community and providing current information, we have some important updates in this week's message.



Recent Tragic Events

With heavy hearts, we honor the victims who were lost to senseless acts of violence that have recently taken place in our nation. Our thoughts go out to the families of the victims who lost their loved ones, the survivors who endured these tragedies, and the heroes who responded. The recent mass shootings and hate crimes remind us that we must come together as a community to combat violence, racism, and hate, while advocating for stronger mental health support. IUSD condemns and denounces these hateful crimes because there is never a justification for such violence.

We will continue to ensure that our District is a place where all people are welcome and diversity is celebrated. We are committed to building an anti-racist and inclusive society through our efforts focused on social justice, equity, access, and well-being. We understand that these events may evoke a range of emotions. We are available to provide support, resources or referrals:

- For students and families, please feel free to contact your school's counselor or IUSD Student Support Services department at (310) 419-2798.
- For staff, please contact IUSD Human Resources at (310) 419-2760 or the Employee Assistance Services for Education (EASE) hotline at (800) 882-1341.

IUSD School Reopening Updates

Phased Reopening In-Person Instruction for Students beginning April 26, 2021

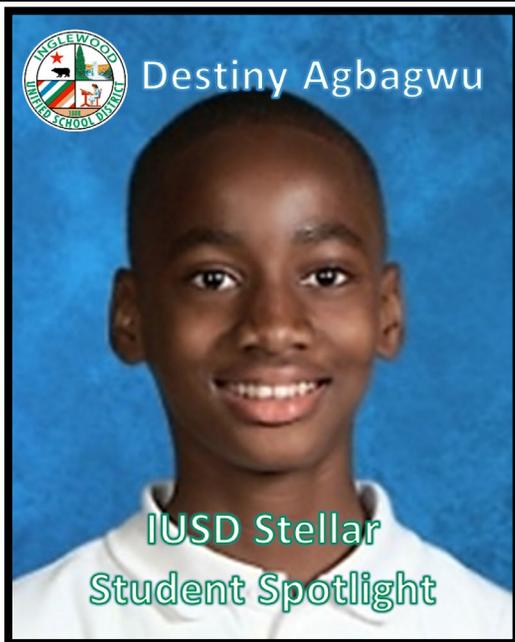
Our phased reopening plan will begin on April 26, 2021, with the reopening of specific grade levels for students whose parents have selected the hybrid instructional model in the following grade levels:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development Center (CDC) • Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) • Transitional Kindergarten (TK) • Kindergarten • First Grade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Grade • Third grade students only enrolled in a combination class with second grade • Students enrolled in Special Day Class (SDC) for Pre-K to Grade 2 |
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Students in grade levels not listed above will be offered the opportunity to participate in the District's in-person Summer School/Extended School Year in mid-June.

Students in grade levels 3-12 will remain in the full-time distance learning model due to their participation in state assessments beginning on April 12, 2021. To learn additional information regarding reopening, including health and safety protocols, support and resources, and access to the instructional model schedule, please click [here](#).



IUSD Stellar Student Spotlight

By Maygan Orr

Destiny Agbagwu is not only at the top of his game but also at the top of his 8th grade class at Crozier Middle School with a 4.0 GPA! Destiny and his family moved to the U.S. from Nigeria in 2016, in search of a better life and greater opportunities. Destiny shared that his father is his greatest role model, because he has shown him all the rewards that hard work can bring. According to Destiny, his father has exemplified the balance of work and family.

Education is of the utmost importance to Destiny, and his favorite subject is math. He would like to attend UCLA, Brown, or Howard University for college and major in computer science. He is interested in becoming a lawyer one day to effectively argue for causes that he believes in, such as social justice and civil rights. Destiny believes that he has been called to serve. He has a heart to give back and provide service to others. He is a regular volunteer at his church, and a primary Bible reader in his youth Bible study classes.

Destiny has received numerous awards, including honor roll, the IUSD Academic Excellence award, and the Youth Leadership award from his church. His hobbies include playing video games, soccer, and conducting youth Bible studies.

Destiny has this advice to share with his fellow IUSD students: “There is only failure when there isn’t an attempt.”

To nominate a stellar IUSD student to be spotlighted next month, email maygan.orr@inglewoodusd.com.

PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of African American Girls in Schools

In collaboration with the Inglewood Teachers Association (ITA), Instructional Leadership Corps and the California Teachers Association (CTA), IUSD is hosting an African American Initiative event to raise awareness about the criminalization of African American girls in schools. PUSHOUT, a feature length documentary, takes a deep dive into the lives of African American girls and the practices, cultural beliefs and policies that disrupts one of the most important factors in girls’ lives – education. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from Inglewood staff, students, alumni and celebrity stylist and entrepreneur, Kim Kimble. This free event is on Saturday, April 10, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. To register, please click [here](#). To access the event flyer and additional details please click [here](#).

LA County Wellbeing Line and Chat

The Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) launched a free Wellbeing Line and Chat to provide emotional support and mental health services to professionals working through the pandemic. This resource of support helps to combat some of the unique challenges frontline staff, first responders and other County employees are experiencing as they selflessly continue to serve LA County’s residents during these unprecedented and unpredictable times. To connect with a mental health specialist via chat, please click [here](#). The chat is available 7 days a week from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you would prefer to speak with a specialist over the phone, please call (833) 307-0509 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., 7 days a week. To learn more about LACDMH and any additional resources they offer, please click [here](#).

Community Financial Assistance

The Social Justice Learning Institute (SJLI), a community-based organization in Inglewood, is offering assistance to South Los Angeles and Inglewood residents to sign up for programs that will help cover the cost of rent, utilities and more! In addition to providing information on eligible programs, they will also help residents fill out applications and provide information on the application process. Please call (323) 316-6114 on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or email Ashley Loville at aloville@sjli.org for additional information. For Spanish speakers, you may contact Rafael Sanchez at (323) 404-2765 or via email at rsanchez@sjli.org. To learn more about the Social Justice Learning Institute and the additional resources they provide, please click [here](#).

Thank you staff, parents, students, and community members for your ongoing support and commitment to the success of our district.

#WeAreInglewoodUnified

Sincerely,

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County Administrator