



Lowell Joint School District

Potential Transfer to Orange County Department of Education

Lowell Joint School District (LJSD) provides local students with a well-balanced and comprehensive education that prepares them for success in high school, college and beyond. LJSD schools feature innovative academic programs to enhance learning in safe, modern learning environments.

ONE DISTRICT, TWO COUNTIES

Lowell Joint provides a strong TK-8 education to students living in La Habra, La Habra Heights, Whittier and unincorporated Whittier, with three schools in Orange County and three in Los Angeles County. Currently, about 99% of students go on to attend schools in Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD), located entirely in Orange County. Most PTAs in both districts are members of the North Orange County PTA Council, fostering a sense of community through programs and support within Orange County.



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Despite the clear connection to Orange County, LJSD has been under the oversight and jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), as the District Office physically resides in that County. During that same time, the District has also received significant support from the Orange County Department of Education (OCDOE) at **little or no cost**. The District has a strong partnership with the OCDOE, which helps provide our families with a consistent educational experience as their children move on to the High School District. Moving the District fully under OCDE would save the District \$250,000 **annually** and this money could be redistributed for other purposes and help assure ongoing continuity of curriculum and instruction for our students.

LOCAL MEASURE ON UPCOMING BALLOT

Over the past 15 years, the LJSD Board of Trustees has considered the impacts of moving the District under the oversight of Orange County. With these discussions in mind, the LJSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously on December 2, 2019 to place Measure O on the March 3, 2020 ballot. At no cost to taxpayers and **no impact to local citizens**, Measure O would permanently move LJSD under the complete oversight of the Orange County Department of Education. If approved by 50% of local voters, the measure would support:

- Assure permanent annual savings of \$250,000 in services through Orange County Department of Education
- Curriculum development and program continuity with Fullerton Joint Union High School District
- Continued streamlined special education support services
- Coordinated social/emotional services with Fullerton Joint Union High School District
- Career-training education and opportunities continue in alignment with Fullerton Joint Union High School District
- \$850,000 STEM grant in coordination with La Habra High School and Fullerton Community College
- Joint professional development for Lowell Joint School District teachers



KEY DATES

Election Day: March 3, 2020

Look for Your Ballot: Week of February 3, 2020

Last Day to Register to Vote: February 17, 2020



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To provide comments or learn more about Measure O, please contact the office of Superintendent Jim Coombs at (562) 902-4203.

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