

Enrichment Staff Report - May 18, 2010
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Thank you to all the Board members for approving the Memorandum of Understanding with East Bay Center for the Performing Arts for the 2010-11 school year. With the approval of the MOU, AUSD will continue to work in partnership with the East Bay Center in order to move forward with the next phases of Enrichment in our district.

The purpose of this annual staff report is twofold:

- First is to outline the District's goals for Enrichment and where we are in the process of meeting those goals.
- Second is to congratulate all those individuals who worked so diligently to take the Staggered Reading Enrichment program from a vision to a full functioning program for our students.

The District goals for Enrichment programs include creating a full complement of quality before and after school programs for students in 1st-5th grades, put into place in a well-planned and organized manner by the 2011-12 school year.

For 2010-11, the highly successful current staggered reading enrichment program is expanding to include a 1st-3rd grade Wednesday after-school program at all sites and a 4th-5th grade after-school enrichment program pilot at sites with available space. I will continue to work East Bay Center and each school to secure available on-site spaces that will house the enrichment programs for 2010-11.

These intermediary steps for the 2010-11 will bring AUSD to the goal of implementing a more comprehensive 1st-5th grade enrichment program in 2011-12. This program will include a 5-day per week staggered reading program for 1st-3rd grades and an after-school program for 4th and 5th grades.

Educational research supports the implementation of enrichment programs for students. Enrichment provides new opportunities for students to expand their knowledge base to areas outside of the core academic program and coincides with the goals AUSD's strategic plan and mission of educating the "whole child".

I want to personally extend a thank you to the Albany Enrichment Committee, Jen Gripman, program coordinator from the East Bay Center, our site's office, teaching and administrative staffs for their support of the program, along with all the families who utilized the program and provided constructive feedback on their child's enrichment experiences this year.

Jen Gripman, our enrichment program coordinator from East Bay Center will present additional information of the current staggered reading enrichment program.