What Matters Now: College Access and Success in the Age of Obama
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To support the personal and intellectual success of every student, every day.
Our Goal: To ensure that all students will graduate from high school prepared for post-secondary and career options.

Our Focus: We must close the achievement gap.
The Seamless Education Partnership

- This partnership involves Long Beach City College (LBCC) and California State University Long Beach (CSULB).
- It was developed in the 1990s to improve student achievement and teacher quality.

Three Main Enhancements to the Partnership

- Inform students and parents of the A-G Requirements and college and career preparation beginning in sixth grade.
- Establish student benchmarks for guaranteed college admission.
- Align these higher education efforts with Career Technical Education programs.
The Long Beach College Promise

- A joint commitment to make college an attainable goal for all students.
  - Memorialized the Seamless Education Partnership.
  - Represented a major step in implementing the Initiative.

- Educational benefits and services include:
  - A tuition free semester at LBCC starting in 2011.
  - Guaranteed college admission to CSULB for students who complete minimum college preparatory or transfer requirements.
  - Early and continued outreach to students and parents beginning in the sixth grade and continuing through college.
  - Support for the various pathways to higher education that students may choose to take.

“A standard of K-12 / college collaboration that will serve as a model for many other districts nationwide.”

– Eli Broad, Founder of The Broad Foundation
Academic and Career Success Initiative

- **An Effort to Increase College and Career Readiness**
  - It seeks to open multiple pathways for all students.
  - It aligns district programs and involves higher education partners.
  - It sets districtwide academic goals and a system to report progress.

- **The Board Initiative**
  - It was unanimously approved by the Board of Education in 2007.
  - It was based on a series of policy recommendations made by a diverse group of stakeholders.

- **A Part of the Larger Strategic Plan**
  - It is intended to help ensure that all students graduate from high school with as many options as possible.

*We hope to turn the current crisis into an opportunity to enhance student achievement.*

Strategic Plan 2006-2011

**Board Initiative**

The goal of the Academic and Career Success for All Students Initiative is to provide all students with as many post-secondary options as possible.
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