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## Principal's Message

All schools of quality operate with a clear understanding of their purpose. In preparation for our upcoming accreditation process through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), we have had the opportunity to examine our school's purpose and focus our work. This purpose, as evidenced by our Expected School-wide Learning Results (ESLR's)--pronounced *esslers*--are a set of core principles and beliefs that drive the work of our school. These core principles should be embedded in every assignment, in every performance and exhibition, in every class and embodied by each student and teacher. We have crafted our ESLR's to form ASPIRE. The next few weeks at LACHSA will feature a school-wide push to engage all stakeholders in the purpose and meaning of ASPIRE. It is our hope that ASPIRE and the underlying principles are embedded within the fabric of school community and become a living ideal to which we all ASPIRE.

*George Simpson*

## ASPIRE

### ACADEMIC AND ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

- All students will be given an academic foundation that can adequately prepare them for a higher level of education
- All students will become self-sufficient and be able to determine realistic and vocational choices

### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- All students will develop skills and professionalism in their chosen art form and an understanding and respect for other areas of art

### PREPARATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- All students will develop respect and tolerance for diversity and will demonstrate appropriate methods of conflict resolution
- All students will develop technological proficiency and an understanding of the application of technology to their academic and artistic endeavors

### INTEGRITY

- All students will make informed choices and will accept responsibility for their actions

### RIGOR

- All students will meet or exceed the statewide standards in their academic classes

### EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- All students will effectively communicate through traditional means of oral and written expressions and through their art

### Upcoming Events

School Holiday NO SCHOOL	1/26
Second Semester Begins	1/27
Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival	1/28-31

## Important Announcements

Please check [www.artshigh.org](http://www.artshigh.org) (News and Updates tab) next week for more important scholarship!