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### **The State of the District: Igniting Unlimited Possibilities**

(Los Alamitos, CA) – Over 150 people joined Los Alamitos Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp and LAEF for the State of the District breakfast on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. “It was an honor and a privilege for me to share our District highlights with the broader community,” stated Dr. Kropp. This year’s presentation partially focused on the partnership between Los Alamitos Unified and local law enforcement. Los Alamitos Police Chief Todd Mattern spoke of the School Resource Officer (Corporal Dan Brandt) who serves on campus at Los Alamitos High School and the many ways he has supported student safety. OC Sheriff Captain Bob Peterson focused on the partnership with the four Rossmoor elementary schools. Seal Beach Police Chief Joe Stilinovich spoke of their partnership with McGaugh Elementary, Seal Beach’s support in funding the School Resource Officer, and the necessity of monitoring our children on social media. The audience also heard from the District's Teacher of the Year, Gina Marie Decker, the California School Employees Association (CSEA) President, Mitch Banales, and PTA Council President, Andrea Hitzke.

In addition to district parents, a strong showing from the PTA groups, staff, administration, school board members and LAEF’s board of directors, prominent community members such as

Los Alamitos Mayor Richard Murphy, Seal Beach Mayor Pro Tem David Sloan, Los Al City Manager Bret Plumlee, and representatives from Congressman Alan Lowenthal's office, Assemblyman Travis Allen's office, and the cities of Los Alamitos and Seal Beach, and Rossmoor Community Services Division were also in attendance as a strong show of support for education in our community.

"We are delighted to work with Dr. Kropp to provide the community with this opportunity to come together and celebrate our district's accomplishments. I am so proud of our district and truly enjoy learning about plans for future educational growth and excellence," said LAEF Executive Director Carrie Logue. LAEF is extremely grateful to the Title Sponsor, Alamitos Eye Care, and Valedictorian Sponsors, BNSF Railway and mac-fusion, for their generosity, which ensured the success of the event.

LAEF is the non-profit partner of Los Al Unified and provides after-school and summer enrichment programs to enhance educational excellence in our community. For additional information on LAEF, please call (562) 277-6876 or visit [www.LAEF4Kids.org](http://www.LAEF4Kids.org).



Left to right: Captain Bob Peterson, Superintendent Dr. Sherry Kropp, Chief Todd Mattern, Chief Joe Stilinovich.