

## **Attachment E**

### **Federal Review Praises Accountability**

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Federal auditors liked what they saw during a recent visit to the Long Beach Unified School District, praising the district's fiscal practices, instruction, public accessibility, accountability and parental involvement.

Reviewers from the U.S. Department of Education visited McKinley Elementary School, Hamilton Middle School and LBUSD's central offices, thoroughly examining everything from record-keeping practices to parental involvement and the level of central office support for principals and their schools.

Reviewer Julia Keleher, now in her third year on the job, described LBUSD as the best school district she had ever seen.

She and other reviewers were impressed with the training, or staff development, that the district provides to principals and teachers, said Carol Pratt, an administrative assistant with LBUSD who helped coordinate the reviewers' visit. The visitors also were impressed with parental involvement in various school committees, school site councils and training sessions.

"The reviewers were blown away by our parent involvement," Pratt said. "They just couldn't get over how excited the parents were about all the opportunities they have to learn, and how our parents raved about our superintendent being accessible and easy to talk to."