## AB104

## Dear Students and Parents,

State <u>Assembly Bill (AB) 104</u> provides options for students and parents/guardians to address learning recovery needs. The new law, passed in July of 2021, is described below. The CA Department of Education continues to provide updated information regarding this new law, and we will share updates with parents and students as new information becomes available.

## Opportunity to Change Grades to Pass No/Pass

Students who were enrolled in high school during the 2020-21 school year may apply to have one or more letter grades replaced with a Pass/No Pass grade.

For the requesting form a grade change, please see **Attachment A**. The form must be completed and sent to the school Registrar Mrs. Ortiz (<u>gortiz@laleadership.org</u>) or the Counselor Jeffery Chipix (<u>jchipix@laleadership.org</u>)

Prior to submitting the form, parents should review the guidance document (Attachment B), which discusses the benefits and risks of changing grades to Pass/No Pass as well as a list of post secondary educational institutions accepting grades of Pass/No Pass instead of letter grades. After submitting the form, the parent and student will be contacted to discuss the grade change request. Grade change requests, by law, cannot be accepted more than 15 days after this notice is issued. Grade change requests received after August 27th will not be accepted.

The California State University system must accept Pass/No Pass Grades without prejudice for an applicant who was enrolled in a high school in the state during any school year from 2020-21 to 2023-24. Some higher education institutions, including those from other states, may not accept Pass/No Pass Grades. More information on college advising related to grade change requests can be found in the guidance document (**Attachment C**).

## Student Retention for 2021-2022

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in kindergarten through 11th grade during the 2020-21 school year who received deficient grades for at least one-half of their coursework in 2020-21 may provide a written request to the school for a meeting to discuss student retention for the 2021-22 school year.

Staff will meet with the parent/guardian and student to discuss learning recovery options, research regarding retention, and data regarding student progress. The District has the final decision in terms of retention. If you are interested in a discussion regarding retention, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you, Sonia Del Pino Principal, Los Angeles Leadership Academy -High School