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The Los Angeles County Office of Education is the largest regional education agency in the nation, serving the County’s 80 school districts and 2 million preschool and school-age children.

As a partner with the Probation Department, we also operate 13 fully accredited high schools in the juvenile halls and camps that serve at least 1,800 incarcerated and at-risk youth daily and about 11,000 throughout the year.

In 2013, we made big strides in our wide-ranging school reform effort to boost the quality of education in our juvenile court schools.

We saw dramatic gains in test scores as we successfully implemented programs to enhance instruction, motivate and engage our students, and give them the skills to succeed.

One of our programs, the “Road to Success Academy” at Camp Scott and Camp Scudder, received the prestigious Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association. This award validates our approach as a promising model of instruction and intervention for our students.

In partnership with the Children’s Defense Fund, we also piloted Freedom Schools, a summer literacy program designed to engage students in reading using projects aligned with themes from the Civil Rights Movement.

At the same time, we successfully met the special educational needs of more than 4,800 young people with disabilities and operated 215 classes on 109 public school campuses to educate students with severe disabilities.

We also continued to effectively oversee the state’s largest Head Start grantee program, serving more than 22,000 preschool children and their families.

On the business side, we monitored and helped ensure the fiscal solvency of County school districts and reviewed annual budgets worth \$22.6 billion.

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