

Judy Burton
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Good morning, everyone, and thank you so much for the opportunity to make a few brief

About Judy Burton

Judy Ivie Burton is president and chief executive officer of the Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools, a non-profit, charter management organization aimed at promoting high achievement and college enrollment among children from disadvantaged communities. Based in Los Angeles, the Alliance currently includes 18 small, public high schools and middle schools, with approximately 6,000 students, more than 90 percent of whom are Latina/o or African American and are from low-income families. Prior to her current position, Burton served as superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) largest local district, serving more than 80,000 students. She previously served as the assistant superintendent, heading the LAUSD's Office of School Reform. She began her career in education as a teacher and principal, and is a nationally-recognized speaker and advocate on school reform. In 2010, she received a James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award as well as the Excellence in Education Award from the Harvard University Club of Southern California.