

THE LAUSD WASTE BASKET



\$1.2 million for a new security system at Beaudry?

**Wait until you hear the reasons they had to have it.
(Hint: It involves a stolen box of staplers)**

In the middle of a state budget crisis and severe economic recession, LAUSD spent more than \$1.2 million on a state-of-the-art security system at its downtown headquarters.

UTLA demanded details on the project—how much it cost, why it was needed—and in response we received some mind-boggling information.

To justify the argument that Beaudry required increased security, the report by security contractor DMJM H&N Security Assessment Services contained 49 incidents of so-called criminal activity and threats over a five-year period. Included in the incidents are:

- the theft of a box of staplers and pens
- a car left in drive that rolled into another car
- a person who tripped over a wall in the parking lot
- an individual who repeatedly called LAUSD to ask why he was not hired
- a letter sent to the District legal office
- a privacy screen removed from an employee's computer
- an employee who lost her District issued hand-held device while on vacation



In all fairness, there were a few serious security incidents cited, but why pad the report with the above incidents, *most of which would not have been prevented by the new system*? Is it to justify buying the top-of-the-line system instead of a more reasonably priced one?

Once again, the bureaucrats get the best, while our schools go without.

LAUSD: Get your priorities straight.