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Dear Los Alamitos Unified Families,

Thank you to our families for responding to our surveys as we continue to plan the reopening of school for the 2020-21 School Year. We received over 2,700 responses from families on the calendar survey. Our teachers association also surveyed their members to help guide the decision on the school calendar for the upcoming year. Below is a brief summary of the calendar survey results:

2020-21 Calendar Survey Results		
	Aug 31 Start Date (all Schools)	Aug. 5 Start Date (July 29 for Weaver)
Family Survey	63.4%	36.6%
Teacher Survey	75%	25%

Moving forward, continued efforts to keep students, staff and families safe while providing a high-quality education for our 9,700 students will be our priority. The **first day of school** for all Los Al USD students is **Monday, August 31**, which is nearly 12 weeks away. We strive to have multiple years of school calendars posted on our website to assist families and staff with long-term planning. Our 2021-22 school calendar previously negotiated with our employees remains unchanged. The 2020-21 Student Calendars along with the 2021-22 Calendar- Important Dates can be found on our website: [School Calendars Web Link](#)

We presented the results of the two surveys sent to families this past Tuesday during our Board Workshop on Contingency Planning for the 2020-21 School Year. We will provide a Board Workshop on our contingency planning for reopening schools at every Board meeting over the summer until the plans have been finalized and communicated to all stakeholders. You can access Tuesday's [Board Workshop here](#) to view the survey results. Our next Board Meeting and Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020, and will be live-streamed via YouTube. The workshop portions of the meeting usually start between 4:00 PM and 4:30 PM (depending on the posted agenda).

Because the COVID-19 pandemic and related health orders continue to change, what next year will look like is also subject to change, based upon new information. The reopening of schools will depend on several factors coming together successfully, including: implementing state and county public health agencies' restrictions and recommendations for public schools, along with the Governor's [multi-phased Resilience Roadmap](#). Additionally, the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) and the [California Department of Education \(CDE\)](#) have both provided guidance documents to school districts across the state this week. We have also been informed that these restrictions and guiding documents may change over the next several weeks as more data and other factors evolve.

Next Steps

We anticipate receiving further clarity and guidance from the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) and the Orange County Department of Education on how the CDPH and CDE's guidance to schools will be contextualized and applicable for Orange County. Our reopening plan will be in alignment with any OCHCA restrictions in place at the time.

At this time, our goal is to have students return to traditional classrooms with their teachers every day; however, this may or may not be possible. Therefore, we must prepare for alternative instructional models that seek to reduce the number of students on campuses at one time. For example, in a hybrid model, students could physically attend school for a portion of instruction, while participating in virtual/remote learning for another portion of the day/week. Additionally, some parents have indicated they prefer a full-time virtual/remote learning option. Our team is working to provide this option as well for families who feel it is best for their child(ren).

To help coordinate and guide the Los Al USD plan, we have formed a robust committee of over 50 teachers and administrators from every school and department to help explore what teaching and learning will look like next year. The committee is meeting regularly throughout the summer to engage in this purposeful planning. Please know that we will provide ongoing and regular updates through July and August to keep you informed of our progress and final plans.

Stay safe and healthy, take care of your loved ones and know that we are — and will continue to be — *Better Together*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Pulver".

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