



LOMPOC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Superintendent's Community Transmittal

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Dear LUSD Community,

Below are some items that may be of interest to the LUSD Community:

CSEA/LFT

We met with both bargaining units this week to discuss any areas of concern. Being able to work so collaboratively with our labor partners is something we continue to pride ourselves on. Our collegial, productive conversations make for a much better work environment for all. Concerns are raised and we are able to brainstorm solutions. It is important to have such great working relationships. During a recent LFT meeting, we created a joint communique that was sent out to all LUSD staff. See below:

This is a joint communique between LUSD Management & Lompoc Federation of Teachers

The District and the Lompoc Federation of Teachers continue to work collaboratively to ensure the safety of staff and students while also providing a robust learning experience amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It was recently announced that Santa Barbara County reverted back to the Purple Tier effective Tuesday. Both LUSD and LFT recognize that staff have been focusing on the logistics of a January reopening. We also recognize the vast amount of work this takes and resultantly pulling attention away from the classroom.

Therefore, LUSD and LFT will recommend to the LUSD School Board:

- *Continue with distance learning for the duration of the school year for secondary unless we reach the orange tier. Then revisit reopening plans at the quarter.*
- *Reopen elementary schools, with a phased in approach, once Santa Barbara County is in the orange tier, but no sooner than March 1st, the start of the next grading period.*
 - *The phased approach will begin with TK-1 & SDC cohorts, 2-3 & elementary special education students, 4-6 & secondary special education.*
 - *Elementary students attending in-person would do so from approximately 8 am- 12 pm. The afternoons would be distance learning for all students.*

We believe that in-person instruction is best. Our elementary and special education students are the most at-risk for learning loss. Secondary students are better equipped to navigate distance learning. This was one of the major factors we considered when formulating our recommendations.

Minimizing Exposure

With the movement back into the purple tier, it is especially important that we minimize staff to staff contact. We have asked all sites, including the District Office, to reduce the amount of staff members on campuses/sites. We will continue to have staff available to answer calls and assist families. SBCPH encouraged us yet again to take every precaution since one of the main contributors to the spread of COVID-19 has been office space interactions. We have communicated to our administrators that we wish to ensure all staff understand the importance of these precautionary measures.

Below is an excerpt from Governor Newsom's most recent mandate:

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/11/16/governor-newsom-announces-new-immediate-actions-to-curb-covid-19-transmission/>

The [expanded order](#) announced Monday means Californians must mask up unless they are alone in a car or only with those in their household; working alone in an office or room; outdoors and staying at least six feet away from others not in their household; are obtaining a service involving their nose or face; or are actively eating or drinking, so long as they maintain physical distance.

We also re-shared our District protocols for office spaces, workrooms, classrooms, etc. You may access it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EgNecyPkCojskLaK6fFPuZqvlUvd7btp/view?usp=sharing>

Resources

A link to our District Protocols is here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/15oGNQKho_wGuX4vzHGwQ8xovxZpct5Zwej5nk04_Kd8/edit?usp=sharing

A link to our FAQs is here: <https://bit.ly/LUSDFAQs>

The above two documents have been emailed to all staff, posted on social media and our website since July 17 when the Governor presented his mandates for schools.

A link to our planning documents, which we have been working on since March, are here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IiALJbvpuUeBu4Ja7-TBm7LZjE0dtFIYUlyvzK2zqHs/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10AYr6gEVh-U2YGhwE9yElbAG3H1AzYTpKgocDUOYsNI/edit?usp=sharing>

Starbase Academy at VAFB

With the recent surge in cases in Santa Barbara County, the Starbase is considering other ways of providing STEM lessons to our students in case students will not be able to attend the Starbase

classes in person. Starbase is working with our ASES programs to provide lessons to students as soon as December by traveling to the ASES sites. Also, Starbase is working on virtual lessons for the fifth graders in our District.

Special Education Plan

On November 17, the LUSD Special Education administrators and SELPA Executive Director Ray Avila met with CDE representative Lisa Boje to discuss LUSD's implementation of distance learning for special education students and other issues related to special education. This was an introductory meeting prior to the intensive file review that will be conducted in the Fall. The CDE was impressed by the overall design of distance learning in our District. The area of concern is how LUSD will be addressing learning loss, particularly with students in special education.

3rd LUSD Community Collaboration

On Tuesday, November 17, Pupil Support Services and District nursing staff hosted the third meeting with community agencies, including LVMC, local pediatricians, FSA, law enforcement, CALM, North County Rape Crisis, CADA, CAC, local clinics, and Behavioral Wellness. During the meeting, LUSD updated the agencies on how the District is addressing some of the health related needs of students and staff during this time, including staff testing and reopening plans. Each agency shared information about their efforts.

TSPs

The TSPs visited 70 teacher classrooms this week. They also attended nine staff meetings and seven professional developments. In addition, they assisted with the professional development during the common minimum day as well. The TSPs are also creating resources for staff to assist them with their pacing. The teachers had said they were struggling with pacing in a distance learning environment. So, the TSPs took it on and provided pacing resources. Also, they are creating a document with various testing resources for staff to access as they prepare students for the Spring state testing.

Please see the below link to access the first edition of the Teacher Support Provider newsletter!

<https://www.smores.com/vam9q>

Attendance

Congratulations goes out to the following schools for increasing their attendance percentages from month 2 to month 3!! Keep up the good work!

Buena Vista
Fillmore
La Cañada
La Honda
Los Berros
Miguelito
Clarence Ruth
LVMS
VMS
LHS
Maple

Foster Youth/Homeless

LUSD continues to work with this wonderful community to support our families in need. Thanksgiving Baskets will once again be provided to some of these families through Forum Enterprises. Liaisons at each site provided names, letters were sent to families, and then these families will go to Vons to pick up their Thanksgiving Baskets. Roughly 40 families will receive these baskets. Also, our thanks go out to the families who work at our local prison. They continue to provide about 20-25 students with gifts through the recommendations from the school liaisons. Once again, this is an amazing example of our giving community wanting our students to succeed.

The process has also begun on a homeless grant through the state to better support the homeless in our community.

Safety

At this week's safety meeting we had North County Rape Crisis report out about human trafficking and the signs we can look for. As much as we want to say that it does not happen here, it does. Pamphlets with warning signs and resources to get help for staff and parents are available on request.


Lompoc Adult School and Career Center (LASCC)

LASCC is working with the Lompoc Community Education Foundation to apply for a grant through the Santa Barbara Foundation to serve adult second language learners. The grant would be used for publicity, staffing, materials and other costs to assist language learners in our community. LASCC will receive notification by the end of December if they receive the \$25,000 award.

Library Partnership


LUSD Child Nutrition Services and the Lompoc Public Library are hosting another "Books and Breakfast, Lunch and the Library" event. During the summer months, the Library and Child Nutrition Services teamed up to distribute free meals and free books. Beginning this month, the library will be back on the road, traveling to each food distribution site to hand out a variety of materials to keep kids engaged and learning at home. For elementary school students, we will offer board books, early readers and chapter books. For middle school students, we will offer middle grade and young adult books and for high school, we will offer young adult and teen books. There will even be STEM kits with science experiments! Meals are free for all kids 18 and under for the rest of the school year. Stop by and get your books and brain food!

Lompoc Unified School District + Lompoc Public Library Presents



Get your BRAIN FOOD and stop by the following locations for FREE FOOD, LIBRARY BOOKS and STEM Kits!



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Dates & Locations 

11:00am-1:00pm

All kids 18 & under eat free!

- NOV 16: La Honda STEAM Academy
- NOV 18: Fillmore Elementary
- NOV 20: Hapgood Elementary
- NOV 30: La Canada Elementary
- DEC 2: Lompoc High
- DEC 4: Lompoc Valley Middle
- DEC 7: Miguelito Elementary
- DEC 9: Clarence Ruth Elementary
- DEC 11: Buena Vista Elementary
- DEC 14: Cabrillo High
- DEC 16: Los Berros Elementary
- DEC 18: Maple High

Home Meal Delivery

Nutrition Services is launching a home delivery service for students who are unable to pick up meals from school sites. Nature Track and the Transportation Department will be delivering meals. Principals, Liaisons, and Outreach Consultants have been notified of the opportunity and asked to help us identify families in need of this service. A consent form is required prior to meal delivery. We have also requested that all District partners assist us in connecting with children in need of our resources, so that no child loses access to meals during the school closure.

Holidays

Unfortunately, hunger does not take a break during the holidays. During the Thanksgiving Break, we will be providing meals to the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club branch locations that have childcare on site Monday, November 23 through Wednesday, November 25. We will be “kicking it up a notch” during the Winter Break with our Holiday Grocery Baskets which will be distributed at all LUSD feeding sites.

Thank you for your support.

Trevor McDonald
Superintendent of Schools