



Community Transmittal

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Dear Lompoc Community, Families, Students, and Staff:

[San Francisco Chronicle: Proposed legislation would require California public schools to reopen in March if case counts are low](#)

California’s public schools would be forced to reopen when case counts dip and county officials give the go-ahead under proposed state legislation by San Francisco Democratic Assemblyman Phil Ting. The bill would require schools to resume in-person learning within two weeks of their county moving into red, orange or yellow tiers. Most counties have recently returned to the most stringent purple tier due to the new surge. The bill, if passed, would go into effect March 1. The legislation allows districts to choose whether to use a hybrid model — a combination of distance learning and in-person classes — or all in-person learning.

So far, reopening public schools is a local decision, with each of the state’s 1,000 school boards deciding when and how to reopen. Most, including San Francisco, Oakland and other large districts, have not returned to in-person instruction even when case counts pushed many communities into the yellow tier, which allows for the immediate reopening of schools with county approval. The legislation, [AB 10](#), could push local district and public charter schools that have been unable or unwilling to reopen to be ready to bring students back into classrooms when case counts drop again. Yet it’s unclear how the state could force schools to reopen. The public school system relies on local control, and reopening requires labor buy-in as well as pandemic-ready facilities as well as protocols to mitigate outbreaks.

Wi-Fi

The first installation of our Wi-Fi mesh net was completed on Monday. Primmo/Lokket is working with our electricians to show them how to install the bridges at our various campuses. Once these are installed, then there will be a “net” over Lompoc that will allow students to access the free Wi-Fi services. The process is currently paused while we await some additional construction by Comcast.

LFT

We met with LFT on Thursday to discuss the reopening MOU. We weren’t able to come to agreement on many of the topics, but will continue to work to get students back in schools.

CSEA

We meet with CSEA to review the reopening MOU. We continue this week with CSEA to modify the MOU with the changes to COVID-leaves and more.

ACSA Awards

We are sharing the link to the [2020 ACSA AOY Awards Video](#) (click on the blue font) where you can see Bree Valla’s recognition. If you would like to skip to the recognition, go to minute

4:08 on the recording. Bree was able to donate \$100 to a charity of her choice and she selected the Lompoc YMCA.

Parent Advisory Committee Update

On Monday, December 7 the Parent Advisory Committee met to review the Budget Overview for Parents. The PAC is composed of parents, teachers, and staff who come together once a month to discuss the District's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan and Local Control and Accountability Plan. This week the committee reviewed the budget overview for parents and updates to the Learning Continuity Plan, specifically addressing how funds are allocated to meet the needs of high need student populations. Beginning in January, the Parent Advisory Committee will provide input on the development of LUSD's three-year 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan. The next meeting is on Monday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. All PAC information can be found here: <https://www.lusd.org/departments/curriculumandinstruction>

GROW Classes Staff and Parent Meetings

GROW stands for Growth Mindset, Resilience, Other-Centered, Work-Ethic. The GROW program is a therapeutic learning program special day class that serves students with IEPs that qualify based on Emotional Disturbance and have not been able to be served educationally in a less restrictive environment. The GROW model has been created by the Santa Barbara SELPA based on research, visitations with other programs, and the needs of the students in our County. SELPA supports district GROW programs to a limited extent by meeting with our GROW staff and occasional visits. LUSD has applied to transition GROW to a Regional program that will continue to be run by LUSD. This will entail two changes: increased support from SELPA and opening the program to referrals from other school districts.

In-person Assessments

After consulting with Santa Barbara County Public Health, LUSD determined that in-person assessments that are essential would be able to continue the week of December 7 using all appropriate PPE and procedures. This includes in-person assessments by school psychologists, Case Managers, speech therapists, and occupational therapists. LUSD will continue to consult with Santa Barbara County Public Health with any future changes to County protocols.

Social-Emotional Support

LUSD continues to support students in various ways to address social-emotional needs during distance learning. Up to this point, students have been more reluctant to engage in individual counseling because of concerns with confidentiality at home, discomfort with counseling over Zoom or the phone, and outside factors related to distance learning. The LUSD District Office and schools continue to work together to provide layers of support in this area, which include social emotional supports during distance learning, social emotional curriculum for students, and monitoring waiting lists to determine additional counseling needs. LUSD has increased counseling services at some sites, hired a school psychologist for elementary support, and hired a secondary counselor.

Attendance

SBCEO is recommending LEAs look at the enrollment forms to ensure we are asking for the correct information as well as changing items such as father and mother to parent/guardian. These items will be looked at for our forms and adjusted if necessary.

A2A had a refresher training for all attendance clerks going over the truancy letters process, conferences, and upcoming ways to contact parents about meetings. Data thus far was also discussed.

CTE

Allan Hancock College delivered a great professional development to all interested districts showing us their programs they offer to students and to recommend the collaboration between site CTE teachers and AHC departments. Many LUSD CTE teachers are currently collaborating with their AHC counterparts.

Safety

Behavior Wellness has offered a training LUSD in the area of human trafficking similar to the one that was provided to all admin a few weeks ago. Site liaisons, outreach consultants, and counselors were invited to attend.

Resources

A link to our District Protocols is

here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/15oGNQKho_wGuX4vzHGWO8xovxZpct5Zwej5nk04_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 websites 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>

Reopening

Sites continue to work on their reopening videos. The plan is to have them completed before break so they are accessible to our families.

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

[s://docs.google.com/document/d/10AYr6gEVh-U2YGhwE9yElbAG3H1AzYTpKgocDUOYsNI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10AYr6gEVh-U2YGhwE9yElbAG3H1AzYTpKgocDUOYsNI/edit?usp=sharing)

M&O Update

This morning, the Maintenance Direct platform lists a total of 314 open work orders amongst all of our sites. Since last Friday, LUSD in-house staff closed out a total of 44 completed work orders.

Below is an update on the progress of some of the construction projects that are in progress or soon to commence in the District:

- B2-21, the gas line replacement project at Clarence Ruth, will reach substantial completion today with the initial construction of all services and underground pipe being complete. On Monday, we will complete the punch inspection with our Engineer of Record. Yesterday, the lines were pressurized with air so that today the Inspector of Record could certify the underground work and send his release to So Cal Gas. Once received, So Cal Gas will schedule the installation of a new meter.
- The B3-21 Concrete Pad project outside of Cabrillo High's weight room is poured and has reached 90% completion. The crew is currently working on patch backs, bumper installations, and painting the lines and curbs. Fencing and gates will follow shortly.
- The installation of a gate and 80' of black chain-link fencing at Huyck Stadium began Monday as planned. This morning the project is 80% complete and should wrap up this afternoon or early next week.
- Next week we will be conducting a progress review meeting for the 2021 solar array projects at Cabrillo High and Buena Vista. Once complete, details will be provided.
- In addition to completing some punch list items, the toilet, urinal, and sink-aerator replacement crew finished up installations at LHS, LVMS, Hapgood, and El Camino this week, and we plan to begin working our last two sites, Crestview and Manzanita, next week.
- Now that La Honda's gas system is up and running to the main campus, the new furnaces at rooms 1-8 have been fired up and balanced. The delayed units for the remaining classrooms at La Honda have now shipped, and so we expect to begin the demolition and subsequent installation of those 96% efficiency units within the next ten days. At Lompoc High, the existing furnace supplying heat to the Cafeteria has been removed, and we expect to begin installing the new unit on December 17th. Also at LHS, demolition of the locker room boilers is scheduled to begin next week. We are expecting the plans for the replacement of Cabrillo High's pool furnaces next week. Once received from our Engineer of Record, the normal submittal review process will begin, and this project will be starting soon. Plans for the replacement of several other CHS 80% efficiency furnaces supplying classrooms are still being processed by our Engineer of Record. As those details become transparent, they will be shared with all.
- With Maple High wrapped up this past Saturday, the irrigation sub-metering project is substantially complete.
- Exterior LED fixture installations at Miguelito, VMS, and LVMS are substantially complete and the work at the Education Center and surrounding complex is approximately 50%. During our punch walk of several sites, we determined that a few of the fixtures, located at most sites, did not fulfill our expectations and specifications. Submittals and a sample replacement fixture have been reviewed and

approved, and we expect to see the lighting crew replacing these in the upcoming weeks.

- The Rainbird irrigation smart-controller project has had another delay, this one Covid related, and so our planned start for December 14 at LVMS has been pushed back. Once workers are available, and an updated schedule is provided, details will be shared with all.

Mobile Meals from Nature Track and LUSD

Nature Track is helping LUSD make sure that no child is without a meal during the school day. The nonprofit from Los Olivos typically provides outdoor field trips for school-age children, including those at Lompoc Unified Schools. Unfortunately, with school closures, there are no field trips operating and Nature Track still wanted to be involved in giving back to the kids. With the help of school liaisons, we were able to identify children and parents who are unable to travel to a food distribution site during the day. The colorful, fun, Nature Track van provides door-step delivery three days a week. They also include a nature activity, such as journals with weather activities, a leaf rubbing activity, sound maps and various other educational nature resources. We are grateful for our community partners and hope to grow this wonderful program for our families.



Winter Break Grocery Basket

On Friday, December 18 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at all LUSD food distribution sites, we will be offering a Winter Break grocery basket for kids 18 and under. This basket looks a bit different from our typical meals, because it is bulk food for the Winter Break. The basket will

consist of our in-house roasted turkey, rice, whole-grain cereals for breakfast, milk, and fresh fruits and vegetables. As a special holiday treat, we are including a student-favorite: fresh kiwi! The team at the Central Kitchen and the school sites are working hard these next two weeks to roast and slice over 1,500 pounds of turkey and bag 167 pounds of fresh produce. Our rock star team will be distributing 22,000 meals worth of food in just one day. We thank Albertson's for their kind donation of brown paper grocery bags.

Thank you for your support.

Trevor McDonald
Superintendent of Schools