



**LOMPOC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Superintendent's Community Transmittal**

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Dear Lompoc Community:

**North County Panel**

We have been invited to participate in a panel hosted by EconAlliance, the tri-county broadband consortium's liaison to Santa Barbara County, to discuss broadband, and its importance to education, digital literacy, social equity, etc. We will be part of the North County panel to discuss these critical topics.

**Secondary Scheduling Committee**

Work has begun on developing the Secondary Scheduling Committee to look at how we can better align the two comprehensive high schools, and possibly even aligning the middle schools, so that students can access more courses. We shared our plans with LFT as well so they can also address unit members' concerns, should they arise. Below is the legislation that is requiring that we delay the start times of secondary schools:

Late School Start Time Law to Take Effect July 2022

**BY KYLE HYLAND**

*posted February 2, 2021 by School Services of CA*

*In October 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 328 (Chapter 868/2019) into law. This is the bill that requires the school day for middle schools and high schools (including charter schools) to begin no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively.*

*We have fielded a number of questions inquiring whether the bill's provisions are still going into effect July 2022, and barring legislative action that delays implementation or suspends the law, the late school start time provisions will go into effect for your local educational agency either July 1, 2022, or upon the expiration of your collective bargaining agreement that was operative on January 1, 2020, whichever is later.*

**Reopening Update**

The timeline below was shared with all elementary staff this week. We will follow this timeline so we are ready to return to in-person instruction when we reach the threshold and the Board agrees that it is time to do so. Even if we have not met the metrics before these dates, we will continue with the plan so that when it is safe to return we can do so.

- February 12 - Staff will be notified of their class assignments- grade levels and form of instruction
- February 19 - Parents will be notified of their child's class assignment, teacher, and form of instruction

- Classes will not be changed until we have a firm reopening date.

### **Superintendent's Equity Committee**

I am currently seeking interested parents, students, and community members to apply to serve on the LUSD Superintendent's Equity Committee. We are accepting applications through February 12 for those that would like to be considered. Please fill out the application using the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/Orna7drC3mxRj37r5>. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 1, 2021 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Target size of the committee: 14-18

Composition: Students, Certificated Staff, Classified Staff, Site Administrators, Parents, Community Members, District Administration

Objectives:

- 1) Review recommendations from LUSD Equity Study
- 2) Create an action plan based on the recommendations and oversee implementation of the plan
- 3) Review and analyze data on a quarterly basis to follow up on the study and explore additional areas of concern

Outcomes:

- 1) Recommended Action Plan to Superintendent
- 2) Annual report of progress
- 3) Quarterly progress with updates to plan

Spring 2021 agenda items:

- 1) Recruit classified, certificated, parent, community members through application process
- 2) Establish committee norms
- 3) Equity training for committee
- 4) Data training for committee

Ongoing implementation:

- 1) Committee will be supported by principal collaboration at monthly Admin Council meetings
- 2) EAB will be utilized for research on best practices for equity work as needed

### **Principal of the Year**

Congratulations to Carmen Chavez who was recently named ACSA Region 13's Elementary Principal of the Year. Region 13 is comprised of Ventura, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties. Carmen will now represent the region at the state-level competition.

## **Special Education Administrator of the Year**

Brian Jaramillo was also named ACSA Region 13's Special Education Administrator of the Year. As stated above, these area is comprised of the tri-counties. Brian has put in countless hours helping create systems in our Special Education department so that we can better serve our students and provide them access to general education content as much as possible.

[https://www.noozhawk.com/article/lompoc\\_educator\\_brian\\_jaramillo\\_wins\\_top\\_regional\\_awar\\_d?fbclid=IwAR22hsCMSOqaCiA07fqMJDogILT9Kj17\\_aJn4spiGe4BpOz46MJjmln3MmE](https://www.noozhawk.com/article/lompoc_educator_brian_jaramillo_wins_top_regional_awar_d?fbclid=IwAR22hsCMSOqaCiA07fqMJDogILT9Kj17_aJn4spiGe4BpOz46MJjmln3MmE)

## **Code of Ethics**

At Tuesday's workshop, the Code of Ethics for LUSD was discussed. I had stated it was a policy and I wanted to provide it to you here:

[https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1586999810/lusdorg/d9pgyoesbvblkqmqa4z/411921\\_E\\_Professional\\_Standards.pdf](https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1586999810/lusdorg/d9pgyoesbvblkqmqa4z/411921_E_Professional_Standards.pdf)

You will also see the poster that our printing department has developed and will be posted at the Ed Center, Board Room, and distributed to all sites for easy reference.

## **Masked and Mighty**

We were asked by Dos Pueblos High students to join a Masked and Mighty Coalition to create a county-wide pledge to do just that - wear our masks to protect our community. Their goal is to get every district, private school, and charter school in Santa Barbara County to participate and do a roll out in March. LUSD enthusiastically is joining this group. The fact that this is a grass roots movement started by students makes it all the more inspiring.

## **United Way**

We are working with United Way to get N95 and disposable medical masks. We have signed an agreement with them and will be going to Santa Maria at the end of the month to pick them up. We will then distribute them to the various sites so staff members have access to this PPE. We will continue to also offer the cloth masks that the District purchased for students and staff at the start of the pandemic.

## **Boys & Girls Club**

We attended the annual Boys & Girls Club meeting this last week. The meeting was held via Zoom and included the Clubs from across the entire county. Lompoc Unified was specifically mentioned for our quick response to COVID and our willingness to roll up our sleeves and get things set up for first responders and their children.

## **C-19 Meeting**

As mentioned previously, a group of organizations across Lompoc get together monthly to identify ways to better support the community during the COVID crisis. We attended the latest meeting where masks, vaccine, and care-kits for COVID positive families were discussed.

## **Saturday Assistance**

We are partnering with the Boys & Girls Club to identify students who are struggling with their school work and provide them tutoring on Saturdays. The program is scheduled to begin in March. LUSD students will be assisted by high school and college students with their work provided by classroom teachers. We are excited to once again partner with dedicated organizations in our community to provide this support.

## **LUSD Organizational Chart**

The LUSD organizational chart has been updated with names of the current staff members who hold each position. It has been updated on the LUSD website.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Furniture for Elementary Schools**

The new furniture for fifth and sixth grade classes were delivered in December. The furniture is now being assembled and placed in the classrooms. Six sites have been completed: Los Berros, Clarence Ruth, La Honda, Buena Vista, Hapgood, and Crestview. The remaining sites will be completed by Friday, February 12.



## **Special Education Plan**

The Special Education Plan Monitoring Committee met on February 2 to review the actions that have been completed and plan for future activities. During the month of February, all special education staff are invited to attend voluntary Wednesday presentations on Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Inclusion, which will include a review of a District calculator to

determine LRE percentage for each student. The presentation will be recorded for those that are unable to attend.

### **Secondary Counselor Meeting**

Pupil Support Services met with secondary counselors on Friday, January 29. Topics for discussion included summer school, academic tutoring, master schedule building, and social-emotional support for students. Individual schools are busy creating virtual calming centers for students, scheduling students for the 2021-2022 school year, having conferences with students through Zoom, helping with material pick-ups, having counselor chats in classes, and acknowledging student achievement.

### **LCAP Update**

LUSD administrators held a Parent Advisory Committee meeting on February 1. The committee reviewed the Local Control Funding Formula model, state priority areas, purpose and background behind the Local Control Accountability Plan, the previous LUSD 2019-2020 LCAP, and the plan for developing the 2021-24 LCAP, including the stakeholder engagement timeline. Fifteen members of the PAC attended along with Curriculum & Instruction administrators, and several members of the public. Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish is available at these public meetings. PAC agendas and minutes can be found here:

<https://www.lusd.org/departments/curriculumandinstruction>.

LCAP Resources are on the same webpage under the “LCAP Resources” dropdown. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 15. The District is currently reviewing goals, actions, and expenditures from the 2019-2020 LCAP and the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity Plan to inform the revised 2021-2022 plan and will continue to seek input on the three-year LCAP by attending upcoming teacher/staff, student, and parent leadership meetings along with sending a survey to all stakeholders.

### **Think Tank**

LUSD held its first Expanded Learning/Think Tank on Tuesday. I had started developing this Think Tank over a month ago. Twenty-five teachers and counselors representing elementary, middle school, high school and special education came together with a positive mindset for a common purpose on Tuesday, February 2. Collaborative and creative thinking led to productive conversation around how to best meet the needs of all students in Lompoc Unified School District through expanded learning opportunities. The conversation will continue on Tuesday, February 9.

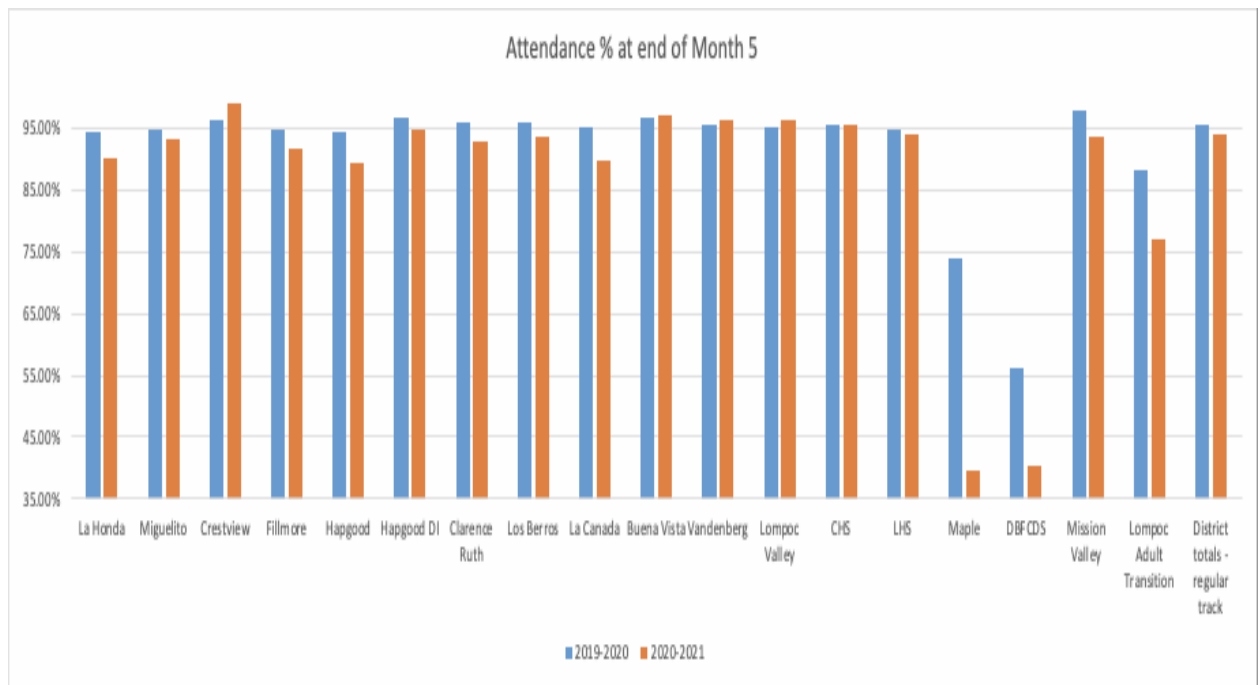


**Attendance**

Below are a few of the charts that will included in the Board Presentation at Tuesday’s meeting:

Attendance % at end of Month 5		
	2019-2020	2020-2021
La Honda	94.43%	89.88%
Miguelito	94.81%	92.94%
Crestview	96.33%	98.87%
Fillmore	94.80%	91.58%
Hapgood	94.14%	89.10%
Hapgood DI	96.64%	94.82%
Clarence Ruth	95.78%	92.62%

Los Berros	95.79%	93.46%
La Canada	95.18%	89.59%
Buena Vista	96.65%	96.89%
Vandenberg	95.59%	96.24%
Lompoc Valley	95.09%	96.09%
CHS	95.49%	95.28%
LHS	94.58%	93.73%
Maple	73.93%	39.69%
DBFCDS	56.29%	40.25%
Mission Valley	97.84%	93.45%
Lompoc Adult Transition	87.98%	77.09%
District totals - regular track	95.33%	93.92%



### CTE

San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties CTE teachers met on Wednesday. They had breakout rooms according to the sectors they teach and discussed what has been working during distance learning. Many instructional strategies were reviewed and shared along with a variety of successful online curriculum. Needless to say, it was beneficial to who participated.

### Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the California Department of Education (CDE) are excited to announce that Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) has been extended through September 2021. Lompoc Unified School District does not manage or operate the P-EBT program, but will do our best to assist families by providing information and maintaining updated student information needed for the P-EBT.

### **P-EBT: August 2020–September 2020**

Cards were sent to students who previously received P-EBT benefits in 2019–20 based on enrollment in a school participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program.

Many students eligible for free or reduced-price (F/RP) meals did not receive benefits because their enrollments had not yet been updated by local educational agencies (LEA) in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) when the data was used to determine benefits.



**The CDE will identify any students that were missed in the first distribution and include those benefits in subsequent distributions.**

**P-EBT: October 2020-June 2021**

Anticipated to be distributed beginning in mid-March 2021 through mid-June 2021.

In order to be eligible for this round of P-EBT benefits, a student must be enrolled at a school participating in the National School Lunch or Breakfast Program and be eligible during SY 2020-2021 for free or reduced price meals based on:

An approved free/reduced meal application or [Alternative Household Income Form \(Spanish Version\)](#)

Participation in a benefits program (CalFresh, CalWORKS, Medi-Cal), or A status of homeless, migrant or foster

**P-EBT cards will be mailed to the address the school district has on file. So, if you have moved and have not updated your address with the district you will need to do so through your child's school office.**

**If you did not complete a meal application for the 2020-2021 school year, please click the link to [Alternative Household Income Form](#). Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible to:**

Lompoc Unified School  
District Attn: Child Nutrition  
Services  
P.O. Box 8000  
Lompoc, CA 93438-8000

**OR Scan to:** [childnutrition@lusd.org](mailto:childnutrition@lusd.org)

**Families that require assistance with existing P-EBT cards can call the P-EBT Customer Service Center at 877-328-9677.** For more information about P-EBT, you may visit the CDSS P-EBT web page at <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/home/pandemic-ebt>.

## **Frequently Asked Questions & Answers**

### **What is the P-EBT?**

P-EBT is part of the U.S. government response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was established by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). P-EBT provides benefits – very similar to SNAP benefits -- to children that would have received free or reduced price school meals, if not for COVID-related school closures and/or COVID-related reductions in school hours or attendance.

### **What are some possible reasons that my child did not receive the card?**

Child is not enrolled in school.

A meal application or household income survey was not submitted this year.

The child does not participate in government benefits, such as CalFresh, CalWorks, or Medi-Cal. The district does not have an updated address on file

### **Why did one child in my household get a card and the other did not?**

First consider that all children must be enrolled in school. If you filled out a meal application, ensure that all children in the household were included on the form. Also verify that their addresses are correct. Meal application information can be retrieved from Child Nutrition Services. Address information can be accessed on Q Parent Portal or through the school office.

### **I received a letter from LUSD that my child is eligible for free meals. Where do I take this letter to get a P-EBT card?**

You do not need to take the letter anywhere to receive the card. The Department of Social Services gathers the necessary information from the California Department of Education so that families do not need to apply for the P-EBT card. If you received a letter for free or reduced meals, then your child is eligible for the P-EBT card and the district has the correct address with the school. Please refer to the P-EBT timeline to see when cards will be mailed.

### **Who can I call if I have questions about my card?**

Families that require assistance with existing P-EBT cards can call the P-EBT Customer Service Center at 877-328-9677.

### **I have moved and I need to change my address to receive the card.**

Please contact your child's school office to have your address changed in the system. You may verify your address on the Q Parent Portal. [Click here for directions on how to log in.](#)

### **Can the district check the status of my P-EBT card and when it will arrive to my house?**

No, the district does not mail out the cards. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) uses information from the district to send the cards and manages the program. LUSD can only verify student meal eligibility and addresses.

Thank you for your support.

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