



## *Community Transmittal*

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Dear Lompoc Community,

### **Superintendents Meeting**

At this week's meeting, we received a presentation update on COVID-19 in our county from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. We also discussed vaccine equity metrics, vaccine distribution and school plans for reopening schools in Santa Barbara County. I continue to advocate for our LUSD staff members to be prioritized for vaccines.

### **Legal Trainings**

We attended various legal trainings this week held by Lozano Smith, AALRR, and DWK that addressed Vaccines, Leaves, and Liability as well as the new AB 86. We spent a lot of time on AB86. This will really impact our District in a positive manner.

### **Vaccine Update**

So far we have had over 576 staff vaccinated with approximately 825 staff left to vaccinate. It has been a tremendous amount of work to schedule vaccines, keep track of those who scheduled appointments elsewhere, and to provide information to staff who are anxiously awaiting vaccines.

### **Interventions**

This week we started discussions on various ways we can intervene and minimize learning loss. It is a starting point and we look forward to providing you additional details as we create a District-wide plan for addressing student needs. We need to plan for an ongoing support for students who fell even further behind during this pandemic.

### **Board Calendar**

We have had numerous meetings this week with the various departments to work on finalizing a Board Calendar for board members to use as a reference for the monthly calendar. We are grateful for the amount of time, thought, and effort all staff put into developing this easy to use reference. We will be sending the Board Calendars to you shortly.

### **March 26 PD**

We continue to plan for the March 26 professional development day. We have created a four-year District Plan for PLCs that we will share with staff so they can see the progression from where we are to where we want to be. This will also show staff our commitment to steady, strategic improvements in our PLC practices.

### **Orenda**

Orenda presented their third Administrator Power Clinic this week to our administrators. This one focused on data and peeling back the layers of "wallpaper" to uncover some of the systematic processes that may be causing inequities. It was a great opportunity for staff to have candid

conversations and look at the systems not only in public schools, but in society that have caused inequities to manifest themselves. It was great to be given tools and ways to address these in a non-threatening manner.

### **Teacher of the Year**

Alisyn Blanton is a FINALIST for Santa Barbara County Teacher of the Year (SBCTOY)! The next and final step in selecting the 2022 SBCTOY is for the five-member Selection Committee to interview each finalist. The interview will consist of two elements, conducted via a Zoom conference: A 30-minute Q&A, followed by 20 minutes for her to share a “Personal Artifact” that will help the Selection Committee get a sense of who she is as a person, teacher, and potential TOY. We know she is committed to students and goes above and beyond to help them reach their potential! Fingers crossed for Alisyn!

### **Upper Elementary SDC classes**

With second and third grades returning to in-person instruction this week, LUSD also began in-person instruction for upper elementary SDC classes across the District (3-6, 4-6 Special Day Classes for students with Mild/Moderate or Moderate/Severe disabilities). Classes at Crestview, Fillmore, Hapgood, La Cañada, La Honda, Los Berros, and Clarence Ruth began a transition period to accustom students to the new safety procedures at school. The Transportation Department has been very flexible in scheduling these students into cohorts and flexible days of classes.

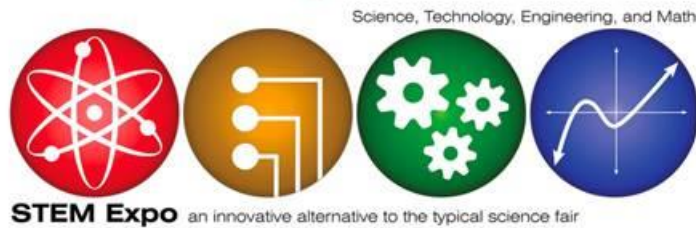
### **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**

On Monday, March 15 the Parent Advisory Committee met to continue the collaboration around LUSD’s Local Control Accountability Plan. Leaders from the Think Tank group shared a presentation with PAC to inform our families of the District’s plans for expanded summer learning. The District shared a data update with PAC including a review of the most recent STAR benchmark assessment information. Parents, teachers, and staff provided input on successes and challenges from this school year related to distance learning, technology, professional development, and support for students. This information will be used to inform the 2021-2024 LCAP. All stakeholders can expect to receive the LCAP survey next week.

### **Central Coast STEM Exposition**

The 36th Annual Central Coast STEM Exposition will be held virtually on May 14-15, 2021. Please visit [www.CCSTEMExpo.org](http://www.CCSTEMExpo.org) for all of the details including the Expo schedule, rules and requirements, parent forms, a link to register, and resources for students and teachers. Registration deadline is April 23. We are encouraging all LUSD 3rd-12th graders to participate in this year’s virtual STEM Expo. Thank you to VAFB staff for your continued partnership!

## 36th Anniversary Central Coast 2021



**What:** Scientific Inquiry and Engineering Demonstration Competition  
Grades: 3rd - High School Senior

**When:** Friday, May 14, 5 - 8 PM & Saturday, May 15, 8 AM - 12 Noon

**Where:** Virtual Zoom Scheduling--compliant w/ COVID-19 guidelines  
Registration information: [www.CCSTEMExpo.org](http://www.CCSTEMExpo.org)

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### **Attendance**

The School Attendance Review Board held additional meetings this week with families of students who have been chronically absent from school. The SARB board worked with four students and found that all four were very excited to be returning to in-person next week and we truly believe that their attendance will improve when they return to in-person learning. Other resources will be supporting the families/students such as Behavior Wellness, openings in the ASES program for families, and most importantly showing the families that LUSD school staff is there to support them when they communicate with the school about their concerns. Again, a huge thank you to just a few community partnerships that support our students including the District Attorney's office, Behavior Wellness, Family Service Agency, Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA), Child Welfare Service, North County Rape Crisis Center, SB County Probation, and Grizzly Youth Academy.

### **DELAC**

The March DELAC meeting was very insightful. Parents and representatives from nearly every school in LUSD came and shared successes and areas they would like to see LUSD start to incorporate as students return to school. The Road to Success was shared and The LCAP was presented to all who were in attendance. The Starting Smarter resource, along with ELPAC information was given to parents and representatives as a resource to share among schools and the community. The next DELAC meeting will be held in May and will cover Special Education, Information on Dual Language Immersion and community resources. LUSD is fortunate to have an active, involved DELAC who represent their schools with pride.



### **Business Services Update**

Fiscal Services has begun their process of the 2021-2022 budget.

On Tuesday, we held a preliminary planning discussion with our representative from KBZ regarding the 2018 Crestview PSMI Facility Condition Assessment Report. The PSMI report lists several site system deficiencies needing to be modernized - roofing, electrical, finishes, doors, and windows, to name a few. The report also calls for new construction of a 5,800 square foot Gymnasium, seven new classrooms, and a new art room/information center.

The 2018 construction (not including soft) costs for the above spatial improvements and functional modernization was calculated by PSMI at approximately \$17M, a figure that is probably north of \$20M today. As you know, the PSMI Grant is contingent on a 20% match from the District, however, LUSD's most recent State eligibility funding for Crestview is only about \$250K. Before our next orientation meeting with PSMI, scheduled for April 14 and 15, we are reaching out to the State to determine if there are any other funding mechanisms that the District is unaware of, and we are also reaching out to PSMI to determine if downsizing the project to include only those modernization items (\$5.3M - 2018 construction costs) would be something that PSMI would consider. As more information becomes available, we will keep you posted.

This week, Doug attended the annual NAFIS/CAFIS Impact Aid Conference which included Congressional Senate meetings on Wednesday. In general, Impact Aid is the Federal Government's reimbursement to school districts for the presence of nontaxable Federal property. The funding, which is appropriated annually by Congress goes directly to school districts and can be used for any general fund purpose, including materials, technology, and staff. This year, LUSD has 448 military dependent students enrolled within the District, and, as noted in the District's 2020-2021 Second Interim report, Federal Impact Aid revenues total about \$1.2 million.

### **Meal Service Updates for Secondary Reopening**

Meal service times and locations will be changing on Monday, March 22. All school sites, except for Maple High School and El Camino will only serve students who are on site. Maple and El Camino are the designated pick-up location for students who are continuing 100% distance learning. The sites will distribute meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Secondary students will be offered lunch on site and breakfast to-go at dismissal. Students will also be offered meals to take home for distance learning days. Students who attend Maple High School will be offered breakfast at school and lunch to-go at dismissal.

LUSD Child Nutrition Services will continue to provide food for the YMCA Branch, the Boys and Girls Club Branch, students who need home delivery, and local daycares.



For additional details, visit <https://www.lusd.org/departments/food-services>

### **USDA Extends School Meals Flexibilities through Summer 2021**

In response to COVID-19, school nutrition programs have been operating under various waivers to increase safety and food access for children. USDA recently announced the extension of various crucial waivers through the Summer of 2021, set to expire September 30, 2021. Meals would have been free this summer regardless, but many features of our current service are not allowable during a normal summer or school year. The extension of the waivers will allow us to serve bulk meals and allows for parent pick up. The extension will also allow ineligible sites to continue to serve free meals. We continue to stay hopeful and advocate for further extension of free meals, past September 30, 2021.

### **M&O Update**

We have one open position in the maintenance area and one open due to a staff member working out of class. We also are in the process of recruiting for our turf and pest control position.

The Maintenance Direct online work order system lists a total of 430 open work orders. Our team is busy catching up and getting ready for schools to re-open. Our custodial teams are making final adjustments for our reopening. Among a variety of issue, here are some of the problems our M&O team have been solving:

- Many roof leaks after our last storm - District-wide
- Multiple key and lock issues - District-wide
- HVAC issues - District-wide
- Installing new soap dispensers to replace what is broken or missing
- The maintenance crew is constructing bleachers for the LHS softball field
- HS grounds crews are preparing fields for outdoor sports to return (see picture)
- LVMS exterior canopy replacement project is 90% complete (see picture)

### **Construction**

- Furnace, boiler, and pool heater replacement projects at LHS, La Honda, and CHS - ongoing
- Irrigation Smart-Controller installations - complete and are awaiting IP addresses



- CHS solar array has mobilized and started. Solar panels have been installed and now they will need to wire everything together. (See pictures)
- Ed Center complex asphalt project is underway. Attached pictures and please see ATTACHMENT #3 (the look ahead)
- El Camino licensed server and installation of seven security cameras will begin in the third week of March.
- The IEEEEP portable classroom move has been approved and is awaiting DSA





















### **Purchasing Services**



March is National Procurement Month, and Purchasing Services invites you to celebrate this occasion and the reopening of schools!

Purchasing Manager Angelica Hernandez and her team has focused on the reopening of schools since last summer through collaboration with the Administrators at LUSD, neighboring districts, and our various suppliers. The team worked diligently to secure Personal Protection Equipment, instructional supplies, internet services, equipment, technology software and hardware, printing solutions, buses and vehicles, food products, and Public Works contracts for our staff and students. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Department has processed and safely delivered 3,473 Purchase Orders totaling \$47,949,922. See photos.

The team's mission is to implement a consistent, open, and fair procurement process, select responsible and responsive vendors, award contract with the lowest price available, communicate their resources such as printing and streamlined purchasing, and save funds for the District.

**THANK YOU** to the clerical staff, administrators, Accounting, Purchasing/Warehouse teams and additional help from IT, Transportation and Maintenance/Grounds for making this possible, especially to the students (our customers) for keeping the department in business!











Thank you for your support.

Trevor McDonald  
Superintendent of Schools