



## *Community Transmittal*

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Dear Lompoc Community,

### **School Reopenings**

This week we successfully reopened all schools for in-person instruction. It has been one year since our students attended classes at their school sites. There was much excitement and also trepidation, but I believe excitement won out as it was clearly evident on the faces of students and staff members. Sites had red (or blue, in the case of LHS) carpets, balloons and posters to celebrate our students' arrival on campus. Additionally, we had District staff at each site to welcome students and cheer them on as they entered campuses.

### **Superintendents Meeting**

At this week's meeting, we discussed vaccine roll out, school reopenings and AB86 funding.

### **COVID-19 Webinar**

This week I attended a webinar entitled "Let's Talk COVID-19 Vaccine and Response". The presenters shared community-friendly information on the vaccines, explained California's distribution plan, and helped dismantle myths and concerns. We will share developments specifically for families and caregivers and when vaccines will be administered to children.

### **Orenda**

We met with Orenda this week and reviewed some overall initial survey information from our staff. You received this information earlier this week. We will soon have their findings and recommendations and be able to generate our Action Plan for using their work as a launching point to improve equity in our District.

### **Equity Power Clinics for Administrators**

At the Administrative Council on Thursday, March 18, Orenda led the third Power Clinic for administrators exploring the topic of equity, including how to be an equity leader. Among other things, administrators explored some of the phrases that are often used about students that show limited expectations and can institutionalize inequitable practices.

### **United Boys and Girls Club**

We met with the UB&G Club this week to look at various ways to partner to in order to help mitigate the learning loss that our students have experienced. We are looking at Saturday learning and athletic opportunities, after/before school assistance for when cohorts are not physically at school, and Extended Learning opportunities using Camp Whittier.

### **Allan Hancock Roundtable**

We attended the Allan Hancock Roundtable this week to discuss concurrent enrollment, how high schools can partner with AHC, the AHC Promise, and more. Lompoc is working with AHC on

bringing courses to our eighth grade students as well to getting them exposed to college and generate excitement regarding attending high institutes for learning.

### **Vaccine Update**

So far we have had over 700 staff vaccinated with approximately 700 staff left to vaccinate. (Although we believe the number left to vaccinate is dramatically lower than this number as many people have got appointments on their own.) This has been a tremendous amount of work to schedule vaccines, keep track of those who scheduled vaccines elsewhere, and to provide information to staff who are anxiously awaiting vaccines.

### **Recruitment**

We attended CSU Chico Recruiting Fair this week. We discussed our open positions with various interested candidates. One credential candidate is a former LUSD student who is looking to return to teach in our schools. It is always rewarding to hear about our students going out, being successful, and then returning to contribute to our youth.

### **March 26 Professional Development**

Our Friday PD day was a huge success. It was the launching point for our four-year PLC plan-that is linked [HERE](#). We are soliciting input from staff on our plan and will build a foundational understanding the rest of this year and begin our roll out next year.

### **Gateway Education**

Gateway Education continues to help our African American elementary students and their families. They have been working with students since January and are already seeing significant academic gains in those students!

### **HR Newsletter**

The HR Newsletter for March is attached for your reading pleasure. ATTACHMENT #1

### **School Safety**

LUSD Pupil Support Services administrators met with Lompoc Police Department Chief Mariani on March 24 to discuss the safety of school campuses and the ability of LPD to support schools this year and next year. Chief Mariani shared that LPD continues to have difficulty hiring new officers, but that they have some candidates in training. LPD will not be able to provide an SRO this school year, but hope to be able to place an officer at LHS beginning in the Fall. LUSD and LPD will be entering into a tentative contract for next year that will be pending based upon the availability of staff. We have contacted the Santa Barbara Sheriff's office to inquire if they would be able to provide this service for our downtown schools for the remainder of this school year, but they have staffing shortages as well. LUSD continues to communicate frequently with local law enforcement to ensure the safety of students and staff at all times.

### **Lompoc Adult School and Career Center**

LASCC met with the Santa Barbara agency Computers for Families to identify an agency contact for Lompoc adults to request a free, refurbished computer.

LASCC and Workforce Development have created a banner to be placed on El Camino to promote their May 2021 Career Certification initiative.

### **PBIS Training Day 3**

On Friday, March 19, John and Jessica Hannigan presented Day 3 of this year's PBIS training for school sites. Through Zoom, the Hannigans led multiple schools (Buena Vista, Crestview, Fillmore, La Honda, Miguelito, LVMS, and Forinash CDS) through the next set of markers of a Tier 2 PBIS system. Tier 1 PBIS are the strategies that teach behavior to all students in the school. Tier 2 targets the students that need intervention in addition to the Tier 1 strategies and should correspond to approximately 15% of the students. This year, schools are learning about best practices and markers for the Tier 2 PBIS team, data collection and monitoring, structures for effective interventions, and other markers.

### **Support for Early Literacy**

This week administrators, teachers, and literacy specialists met with and trained on a new program to support our primary students in developing strong phonemic awareness skills. About 50 teachers are participating in a pilot program where they will engage whole class or small groups of TK-3rd grade students in daily, systematic and explicit phonemic awareness instruction using the [Heggerty](#) program. The team is excited about helping students to hear the sounds in words and see growth in their reading, writing, and spelling.

### **LCAP Update**

The District presented a LCAP update at about 22 stakeholder meetings across LUSD including PAC, staff, Site Council, ELAC, DELAC, PTA and with community partners. If you have not viewed the update, please watch the videos or review the slides below. Be on the lookout for the LCAP survey coming soon!

LCAP slides in Spanish [HERE](#)

15 minute video in Spanish [HERE](#). Password: j@V@M2rH

LCAP slides in English [HERE](#)

11 minute LCAP video in English [HERE](#)

### **Online 24/7 Tutoring Support for 5th-12th Graders**

LUSD is partnering with <https://paper.co/> to provide online tutoring support for all 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students can access tutoring support by opening Clever and clicking on the Paper icon. Students can access the platform in Spanish and speak to a bilingual tutor for help in any subject area. Students can [change their preferred language](#) using the dropdown menu in the top right-hand corner of their screen. Parents can use the same preferred language tool to be able to work with a bilingual tutor. The next parent information session in Spanish is on April 14 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. PST. Please click on the links below to learn more about free parent webinars.

English: <https://pages.paper.co/webinars-for-parents-and-guardians>

Spanish: <https://pages.paper.co/es-us/presentaciones-para-padres-o-representantes>

### **Meal Time Extension on Wednesdays for 100% Distance Learner Meal Pick-Up**

To align with student schedules on Wednesdays, we are extending meal distribution for distance learners at El Camino and Maple High. Meal service will now be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

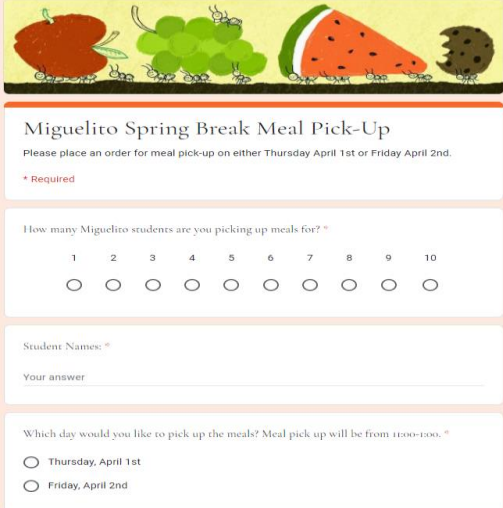
### **Meal Service during Spring Break**

Next week, meal packages will include extra food for the week of Spring Break.

### **Meal Service during Parent Teacher Conferences**

Clarence Ruth, Los Berros, Crestview, and Miguelito will be holding parent teacher conferences next Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2. We will send students home with food for those days on Tuesday. On Thursday and Friday, we will be open for Spring Break meal pick-up for the families of these schools. Parents will be sent a meal order form to pick up meals on either Thursday or Friday.

Buena Vista, Fillmore, Hapgood, and La Honda will hold parent teacher conferences on April 12 and 13. These sites will be open from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on both days to serve the students.



The form is titled "Miguelito Spring Break Meal Pick-Up" and includes a header with illustrations of a tomato, grapes, a watermelon slice, and a cookie. The instructions state: "Please place an order for meal pick-up on either Thursday April 1st or Friday April 2nd." A red asterisk indicates required fields. The first question is "How many Miguelito students are you picking up meals for? \*", with radio button options numbered 1 through 10. The second question is "Student Names: \*", with a text input field labeled "Your answer". The third question is "Which day would you like to pick up the meals? Meal pick up will be from 11:00-1:00. \*", with radio button options for "Thursday, April 1st" and "Friday, April 2nd".

### **Garden Soil Donation from Engel and Grey**

The Central Kitchen received nine (9) yards of donated soil from Engel and Grey to bring the rest of our gardens back to life. Soon we will be receiving seedlings for romaine, green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, collard greens, broccoli, cauliflower, and rainbow Swiss chard from UC Cal Fresh and Route One Farmer's Market.



### **M&O Update**

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

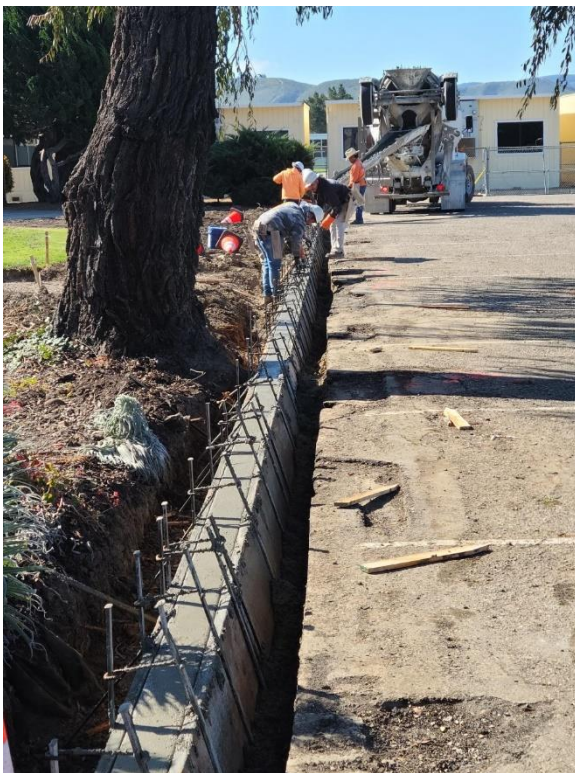
The Maintenance Direct online work order system lists a total of 460 open work orders. Our maintenance team is busy taking care of the many work orders received in order to reopen schools.t school. Our custodial teams have made final adjustments and are now supporting teachers with students back in the classroom. Among a variety of issues, here are some of the problems our M&O team continue to solve:

- Many roof leaks after our last storm - District-wide
- Multiple key and lock issues - District-wide
- HVAC issues - District-wide
- The maintenance crew is constructing bleachers for the LHS softball field
- High School grounds crews are maintaining sports fields now that sports have returned

### **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.
- Ed Center complex asphalt project is underway. Please see pictures below
- El Camino licensed server and installation of seven security cameras will roll out next week
- The IEEEEP portable classroom move has been approved and we are awaiting DSA approval







Thank you for your support.

Trevor McDonald  
Superintendent of Schools